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## Arapahoe Road Trailhead opens after six years of construction

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After six years of construction, the Arapahoe Road Trailhead is open for public use.

"We are really thrilled that the city has this gem located in it," Mayor Cathy Noon said. "We are happy with the partners that came together ... All the parks, all the trails, all the open space we have within the city and the county have certainly benefited."

On Nov. 17, Noon cut the ribbon at the trailhead alongside Nancy Sharpe, Arapahoe County Commissioner for District 2, and Bill Lambertson, board president of the

12.2.16 Parker Jordan Metropolitan District.

The occasion marks a six-year effort to fill a gap in Arapahoe County's trail network, according to the city. The trailhead, at 15200 E. Arapahoe Road, provides a safe crossing under Arapahoe Road, restrooms, a playground, bicycle racks, covered picnic shelters and landscaping.

In 2010, the Open Spaces program purchased the space for \$750,000. An additional \$1.3 million has since been invested in constructing the amenities.

The trail connects to Cherry Creek State Park and Cherry Creek Regional Trail, which sees 4,000 to 6,000 users per month during the peak season, Sharpe said.