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NEWS RELEASE

Construction to Begin on Narrow Gauge Sidewalk and Meter Relocation Project

Durango, CO: The City of Durango has partnered with The Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad (D&SNGRR) and BP America – Lower 48 (BP) to relocate the parking meters and construct a fence along the back of the sidewalk along Narrow Gauge Avenue. This reconfiguration will greatly improve the sidewalk accessibility, opening the full width to pedestrian traffic.

Creating an accessible sidewalk along Narrow Gauge Ave was identified in the Multimodal Transportation Plan as a high priority project to improve safety, usability and ADA access. Both D&SNGRR and BP will be donating materials for the project. Retired train track will be used for the fence posts and retired drill pipe will be used for the railings of the fence. Moving the meters to the fence will clear the sidewalk for everyone's use and enjoyment.

There will be periodic closures block by block of the parking along Narrow Gauge Avenue to allow for construction work and equipment. It is expected that no more than two blocks will be closed at any one time. The project is slated to start the week of April 10th and complete the week of May 8th. Businesses and residents along Narrow Gauge Avenue should see no impact to their private access. Trash and recycling service will remain on its standard schedule. The project will generally move from south to north.

Questions? Contact Wade Moore, Parking Operations Manager, at 970-375-4960, parking@durangogov.org for more information or for parking inquiries. For media inquiries, please contact Amber Blake, Assistant City Manager at 970-375-4949, amber.blake@durangogov.org.

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