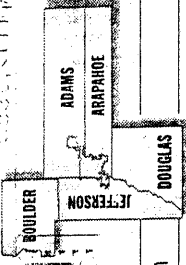


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## Cities mul Northwest Parkway plan

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**GOLDEN** — A proposed agreement that could pave the way for the Northwest Parkway has landed in the hands of five city councils.

The agreement brokered by Jefferson County and put together by the city managers of the five municipalities moves the

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proposal from a larger steering committee to a six-member management committee, and stresses the need for public involvement.

"We have all agreed to come together, we are all on the same page, and we all are willing to work around those little things that tend to disrupt," County Commissioner Pat

Holloway said last week. "Maybe now something can happen."

Officials hope to have a final agreement approved by all cities by May 26.

But just arriving at a deadline on the often contentious plans for the thoroughfare took more than 45 minutes, and some city representatives said they expect changes to arise during the councils' approval processes.

"This conversation scares me a lot," said Lakewood Mayor Linda Morton, urging acceptance of the document without alteration. "We have to accept what our (city) managers have put together or we won't have what it takes to take this project forward."

The proposed Northwest Parkway has been a source of

contention for more than a decade.

In 1989, voters rejected a plan to tax vehicle owners an extra \$10 a year to help finance what was called W-470, then a proposed 32-mile toll road linking Golden and Adams County. The plan was defeated by a 4-1 ratio.

The road would — with C-470 and E-470 — complete a beltway around the metro area. But first, a route linking the two end points of the thoroughfare must be determined.

Work on the C-470 extension to West Sixth Avenue is under way. The extension will provide the route's southern terminus, linking the new road with C-470.

To the north, Broomfield is working on its link from West

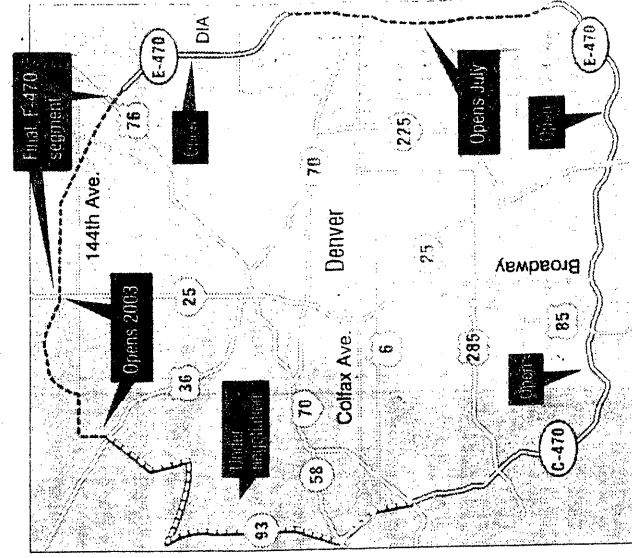
120th Avenue to the E-470 Authority's proposed route.

The proposed Northwest Parkway would end at the Broomfield segment.

Arvada, Westminster and Broomfield want the proposed parkway to alleviate commuter congestion.

Wheat Ridge has lobbied to have existing north-south routes in the county improved to meet its needs, but is part of the management committee that will result from the pending agreement.

Golden is concerned the increased traffic would diminish the area's sense of community and its impressive views of the high country, and increase pressure to accommodate demands for growth, but also is part of the management committee.



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