**This new snow plow/tow plow combination will be seen on Interstate 76 when the weather turns bad.**
**The new plow can effectively clear both lanes of traffic with one pass.**

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) recently unveiled its new snow plow that will be used to help maintenance crews clear snow and ice from Interstate 76 between Wiggins and Atwood and ultimately farther east, possibly up to Julesburg. The plow is a trailer pulled by the plow truck that swings out to the side and can plow snow and apply de-icer.

The machine will effectively plow the entire interstate's width at one time and will be escorted by a Colorado State Patrol car or CDOT truck at all times.

Quick facts:

—When the tow plow is in use, both lanes of I-76 will be blocked and the snow plow will be

traveling at 35 m.p.h., so motorists should be prepared for slower travel speeds.

—Both the snow plow and tow plow will be equipped with flashing lights.

—Motorists should stay far behind the plow, as it is the safest spot with a clear roadway and increased traction.

—The snow plow/tow plow combination can plow and/or de-ice 24 feet, or two lanes of the interstate, with one snow plow truck and one employee with a second truck clearing the shoulders.

—The tow plow increases coverage and improves safety.

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