

Abstract

This Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Section 4(f) Evaluation documents changes to the effects associated with transportation improvements planned along the I-70 corridor between I-25 and Tower Road since the release of the 2008 Draft EIS.

At the Draft EIS public hearings in December 2008, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) committed to selecting a preferred alternative by using a collaborative decision-making process with corridor community representatives and stakeholders. As a result, the Preferred Alternative Collaborative Team (PACT) was formed in early 2010. After approximately one year of collaboration and additional analysis, the PACT members were not able to reach consensus on a preferred alternative. Consequently, CDOT and FHWA decided to review prior decisions in the process, including the previously eliminated alternatives. As a result, a new alternative was developed that addressed the public and stakeholder concerns while satisfying the project's purpose and need.

This Supplemental Draft EIS updates information on the previously analyzed alternatives while also providing detailed analysis of a new alternative. The following alternatives and options are considered in this Supplemental Draft EIS:

Alternative		Expansion Options	Connectivity Options	Operational Options
No-Action		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North • South 	N/A	N/A
Build Alternatives	Revised Viaduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North • South 	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General-Purpose Lanes • Managed Lanes
	Partial Cover Lowered	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic • Modified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General-Purpose Lanes • Managed Lanes

Any changes to direct, indirect, cumulative, and construction effects of the revised alternatives are identified in a broad range of categories, including social and economic conditions, environmental justice, land use, relocations and displacements,

historic preservation, paleontological resources, visual resources and aesthetic qualities, parks and recreation, air quality, energy, noise, biological resources, floodplains and drainage/hydrology, wetlands and other waters of the U.S., water quality, geology and soils, hazardous materials, utilities, and Section 4(f) resources. Mitigation measures are identified to address impacts to all resources.

Comments on this document may be submitted through the project website at www.i-70east.com, at public hearings, by mail, or by e-mail. Written comments should be submitted to the Colorado Department of Transportation, in care of Peter Kozinski, at 2000 South Holly Street, Denver, CO 80222 by October 14, 2014.

Three public hearings will be held during the review-and-comment period from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

September 23, 2014

Sable Elementary School
2601 Sable Boulevard
Aurora, CO

September 24, 2014

Kearney Middle School
6160 Kearney Street
Commerce City, CO

September 25, 2014

Bruce Randolph Middle School
3955 Steele Street
Denver, CO

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