



COMMUNITY LEADERS COORDINATION MEETING SUMMARY

Date/Time: August 20, 2014/4:30-6:30 P.M.

Location: Swansea Elementary School

Attendees*:

Tom Anthony	Bettie Cram	Norberta Dominguez	LaVonne Griffie
Esther Gross	Michelle Gutierrez	Margot Hackstaff	Joe Huff
Maxine Ichikawa	Jane LaCrue	Erika Martinez	Armando Perez
Tricia Stevens	Juan Veloz	Jo-Ann Herrick	Ruth Offerman
Elida Rubio	Daniel Day	Don Foiani	Ray Ruppert
Luis Fundora	Jose Casillas	Rosael Casillas	C Munson

Due to the informal nature of the meeting, attendees may have participated in the meeting without signing in.

I. INTRODUCTION

The I-70 East environmental impact statement (EIS) project team conducted a community leaders coordination meeting on August 20, 2014 as part of the on-going community outreach process. The primary purpose of the meeting was to allow members of the public to speak with project team members, ask questions, express their concerns, and provide comments. The focus of this meeting was to discuss how to provide comments on the Supplemental Draft EIS that is scheduled to be released for public comment on or before August 29, 2014.

The meeting started at 4:30 p.m. as an informal meeting with no presentation. The informal style let people arrive at their convenience, get information that interests them, and provide feedback at any time during the meeting by completing a comment sheet or discussing their thoughts and concerns with a project team member. Boards and plots were available to let the public view the progress on the project.

The meeting included discussion tables facilitated by project team members. The discussion tables allowed individuals to interact with each other, share their thoughts and opinions, and give them an opportunity to discuss their concerns with a project team member in more detail. Spanish translation and light refreshments were available at this meeting.

II. SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

The following questions and concerns were discussed:

The owner-occupant of Parcel 73 inquired about the ROW acquisition process. It was explained that the property will be included in a future phase. The acquisition and relocation processes, including the special provision for payment of housing of last resort which was of special interest to the owner, were also explained.

One resident inquired about a Veteran's Administration building that was under construction in the neighborhood. The resident was concerned that a new building would be constructed that could be impacted by the project. The resident could not pinpoint the site where this facility is purportedly under construction. In searching Google, I have not found anything that refers to a new Veteran's Administration facility in the area.

One person had concerns about construction dust and soil contaminants.

Some property owners in the SE quadrant of the Steele/Vasquez interchange were concerned about property acquisition. They would like to remain in place and could be interested in acquiring excess property from CDOT at the end of the project.

One resident was concerned about the loss of jobs with acquisition of Pilot and Wendy's.

One person, who does not live in the study area, was concerned with health effects and air quality.

One resident was concerned with construction impacts close to the highway.

A resident was concerned about the hazardous material in the soil and asked if proper mitigation measures will be taken to clean up the toxins in the soil

One attendee asked about early acquisition and the process for eligible historic properties in respect to early acquisition.

One person mentioned that a discontinued 46th Avenue in front of the school was not a good idea and that it will impact traffic in the neighborhood.

III. COMMENT FORMS RECEIVED

No comment forms were received during the meeting.