



COMMUNITY LEADERS COORDINATION MEETING SUMMARY

Date/Time: April 15, 2015/4:30-6:30 P.M.

Location: Swansea Elementary School

Attendees*:

Wes Adkins	Bettie Cram	Norberta Dominguez	LaVonne Griffie
Maxine Ichikawa	Armando Payan	Bertha Portales	John Prosser
John Riecke	Loretta Ruiz	Ray Ruppert	Roberta Lopez
Dennis Weber	Don Wagner	Mark	Angelina Sandoval
Albus Brooks	Zerafin	Laura Rinker	AE
Jeff Anker	Marion Combs	Dave Mares	Joshua Solis
Daniel Roacho	Jeff Edson		

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 April 15, 2015 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 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:

A resident of Commerce City stated that he likes to keep tabs on the project's progress because he drives through the area frequently (work and personal reasons). He thinks it'll be a good thing in the end, but it will be really hard during the construction period.

A local business employee was concerned about access to their business. The business has surveyors, construction crews, etc. The business is located in the southeast quadrant of I-25 and I-70. They were advised that there isn't much work planned for that area, but they will likely be impacted by congestion, etc during construction.

A citizen, who is located outside of the corridor, was concerned that the figures for the school/cover showed the school playground right by the highway. He thought CDOT had committed to moving the playground further away.

Employees of the Pilot Truck Stop wondered when Pilot would be contacted about acquisition and timing. They were given the overall NEPA/Construction schedule, and then directed to the ROW table for information about Pilot.

A grandson of a resident in the neighborhood stated that his grandmother is elderly and doesn't speak English. She isn't comfortable attending public meetings even though they know there are translators there. He said that they didn't really know about the project and he was there to find out about the project. He was provided information about the project's background, where we've been, where we're going, etc. He was sent to the ROW table to find out if his grandmother's home will be directly impacted.

A group of people talked about how the cover was a waste of Denver taxpayer dollars and that nobody will use it.

III. COMMENT FORMS RECEIVED

No comment forms were received during the meeting.