



COMMUNITY LEADERS COORDINATION MEETING SUMMARY

Date/Time: Oct. 21, 2015, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Location: Swansea Elementary School

Attendees*:

Jerome Lovato	Melissa (illegible)	Nakita Dammory	Zerafi Cabral
Diana Thompson	Bettie Cram	Kim Mailowfer	Justin L Brady
Rumualdo	Frances Ramirez	Ezequiel Ramirez	Sal Cervente
Renee Felan	Maxine Schikawa	Larry Lovato	Yolanda Castorena
R James Reyes	Norman Lane	Mary Santa Cruz	Anne Elizabeth
Veronica Baiamontz	Robb Baiamontz	Illegible first and last name	Marcos Diaz
Jonathon Baiamontz	Thad Tecza		

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

I. INTRODUCTION

The I-70 East Project team conducted a community leaders coordination meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 21, as part of the on-going community outreach process. The primary purpose of the meeting was to allow the public to talk to the project team members, ask questions, express concerns and provide comments. The focus of this month’s meeting was the aesthetics process, and how you can get involved in what the highway, walls and community gateways will look like when the project is complete, as well as the proposed mitigation commitments.

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 discussing their thoughts and concerns with a project team member. Boards were available to let the public view the progress on the project and the proposed aesthetics for the cover.

Each display was manned by a project team member, allowing 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, childcare and light refreshments were available at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

II. SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

The following questions and concerns were discussed:

Many individuals that received flyers and did not have a chance to talk to us during our one-

on-one outreach came to find out more about the mitigations.

Several people had moved into the neighborhood over the past 8 months to one year who didn't know much about the project. They received the flyers or had spoken to people during the door-to-door flyer distribution conducted the week of Oct. 12. They had general project questions about timing, what the project was, and how long construction would last.

Several questions about air quality and noise concerns. Concern that it would be noisy or smelly/polluted near the entrance/exit of the covered section. CDOT staff described the airflow on the map and explained noise impacts.

One gentleman was very upset that nothing was happening to the mousetrap. He wanted CDOT to consider that more because he was sure that was the problem on I-70 and until that was fixed, I-70 would never be congestion-free. Staff explained that improvements to the mousetrap were taken into account in the traffic modeling, but attendee was not convinced.

One gentleman just moved to Globeville and also bought a property in Swansea. He wanted general project information and was very supportive. He asked for a printout of the Preferred Alternative graphic we had so that he could take it around and explain the project benefits to different groups.

A couple people wanted additional information on interior storm windows. Upon explanation, people seemed excited about the benefits of reduced noise and insulation.

Couple residents said they already had good windows and AC, so they wanted to know if they had to get those things. Explained that they did not, but would likely have to sign something waiving those when the time came, which they were okay with. Also received a question about how the utility credit would work and staff explained that it is something that is still being looked at, but CDOT would likely pay Xcel and it would just be a credit on people's bills. He was happy with that because it was less trouble than if we sent a check to people every month or needed people to fill something out with their personal information.

Spoke with a family who lived on Clayton Street who had a comment about parking for the cover park and that the residents rely heavily on on-street parking. Was able to show them where some of the on-street parking was with the cover design but was told that most of these spaces are for loading/unloading and not parking. Also told them to keep in mind that the project will be doing some restriping near side road intersections that will eliminate some on-street parking. The public process to eliminate parking is something intended to be added as a Developer responsibility (draft #2), working with City & County of Denver.

Same family was concerned that Clayton Street will have a large amount of traffic, and they currently have this problem. They asked what Denver was doing for stop signs and signals to keep "traffic calm." They were directed to the City staff.

Spoke with a resident on Josephine Street about the very high traffic volume today that turns left on 47th Avenue and then north on York Street. Liked that 46th Avenue can also be used for traffic to get to York Street.

Spoke with a family that is currently an interior lot and will now be a corner lot after the cover is constructed. Discussion involved privacy fence along 46th Avenue. How would we implement? Should we add something to Developer's responsibilities?

Talked to at least two residents in Elyria that supported the noise walls, although midblock.

Had some residents inquiring about the mitigations that did not qualify because they lived outside of the perimeter considered for the air conditioning units and storm windows. They

heard about it from some friends.

Answered the following questions from those residents:

- If they had many outside windows (eight to 11) would they be entitled to get interior storm windows for all of them?
- Is CDOT paying for the additional energy costs that the air conditioning units will generate? And for how long?
- When will construction begin?
- When will residents receive the AC units and the storm windows?
- Do residents have to sign paperwork when they receive the AC units and storm windows?
- Can CDOT get rid of a dead tree in my back yard that might fall down on my neighbor's property? (Staff followed up with a list of nonprofit organizations that may be able to help).
- Who do I contact if there is equipment and construction materials blocking my driveway during construction?
- When is the ROW third phase starting?

There were a number of questions about window replacement versus storm windows and how the storm windows would work with existing windows.

A man came to represent his mother whose home is just on the other side of the boundary where window replacement and AC unit distribution will occur and had questions about mitigation efforts. He also volunteered to participate in the CDAC for the Aesthetic Guidelines.

One community member indicated he preferred the "From the Plains to the Rocky Mountains" theme concept over the "Welcome to the Neighborhood Concept."

Family had questions about how traffic will be accommodated during events at the park.