



COMMUNITY LEADERS COORDINATION MEETING SUMMARY

Date/Time: February 19th, 2014/4:30-6:30 P.M.

Location: Swansea Elementary School

Attendees*:

Pete Rickershauser	Maria Elena Espino	Enrique Espino	Mark Wonder
Donn Schaible	Michelle Guterrez	Bertha Portales	Bettie Cram
Demita Bailey	Mauro Ramirez	Rumaldo	Ralph Romero
Sal Zapien	Sal Arrieta	Dileep Redily	Christian Baha
Tom Wambolt	April Nowak	Paul Bott	Mark & Rachel Williams
Linda Wambolt	M. Ayala	Luis Castillo	Vicki Gonzales
Carol Anderson	John Kalvelage	Josh Kauer	Lauri Keener
Maxine Ichikawa	J Tammam	Renee Felan	Dan Schneider
Laura Brudzynski	Bob May	Adriane Sanford	Benjamin Roldan
Judy Elliott	Saul Villarrea	Fernando Abbud	Judy Vassar
Cindy Everett	Celia Gonzalez	Don O'Brien	Gesomoro Lobotos
Joe Vaccarelli	J Lynn Lopez	Anita Bear	Michelle Segarru
Juan E. Veloz	Rene Bullock	Olga Castorena	Armondo Peru
LaVonne Griffie	Oscar Soltero	Ermila Rodriguez	Maria Rodriguez
Bill LaCrue	Karl CdeBaca	Tom Anthony	Judy Montero
Rachel Cleaves			

**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 February 19, 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 property purchase and relocation and ways to reduce impacts to the neighborhood.

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:

- Some attendees were concerned about elimination of highway access at the Steele Street /Vasquez Boulevard interchange.
- There was some property owners were asking questions regarding ROW impacts to their properties.
- A few questions were asked regarding the north/south connectivity.
- Some attendees had questions regarding drainage.
- Some people had questions regarding project schedule and funding.
- A resident whose home would be acquired with the Basic Option, but not the Modified, and prefers the Basic, so that he will be acquired; he's tired of the noise and dust.
- Discussions on traffic modeling and project schedule.
- Residents are concerned about the realtors trying to drum up business in the corridor.
- Questions about schedule and coordination, and the connectivity across the highway.
- A resident from Elyria had concerns about noise and wanted to be certain that noise barriers will be built to protect them when the new highway is built.
- Some residents who were confused about a March 1st meeting, and whether it was being sponsored by CDOT. It was believed that the meeting was being put on by UCAN,.
- A resident going thru the relocation process stated that the CDOT ROW staff has been very helpful.
- Questions about the commitments in the mitigation memo sent to the community.

The following comments were provided in Spanish to a translator.

- CDOT's map is more convenient for us because it is better for us to keep Vasquez the way it is. We also want a splash park on the cover.
- I like CDOT's option so Vasquez will stay the way it is, because it is more convenient for the community. Please keep the little hill at the playground so the kids can slide down during winter when there is snow.
- I like CDOT's option because it keeps the entrance and exit ramps on Vasquez. I want t to keep the little hill that is at the playground for the children to slide down when we have snow. We want a splash park, a picnic area and restrooms.

- Our concern is when construction starts, the equipment and the construction will affect our windows or it may cause cracks in the walls or affect the wall in some way. Would CDOT come to our properties and check the condition of our properties before construction? This is important because the properties are old.
- The basic option that the state proposes seems to be the best even though it will take my home. Otherwise my home will end up at the border of the highway with 5 years of construction work and then with the same things smelling Purina and all the fumes coming from the highway.