



COMMUNITY LEADERS COORDINATION MEETING SUMMARY

Date/Time: June 19th, 2013/4:30-6:30 P.M.

Location: Focus Points Family Resource Center

Attendees*:

Wes Adkins	Paul Brown	Hugh Burns	Rumualdo Chavez
Bettie Cram	Sean DeGroat	Dody Erickson	Darlene Espinoza
Veronica Rivera	Todd Stanley	Tricia Stevens	Bradley Zeig
Dan Schneider	Gene Levy	Ryan Saunders	Esiquia Rocha
Larry Kowalis	Norberta Domingz	Bertha Portales	Nora Stultz
Curt Stultz	Efrain Valles	Frances Frainaguirre	Frank Wertman
Karl	LaVonne Griffie	Jeff Slaplotn	Roberta Waggoner
Harold Waggoner	Kim Kucera	Bill Lang	Tom Anthony

**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 June 19th, 2013 as part of the on-going community outreach process. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the highway cover's design process, goals, and guidelines.

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 in the project. Interactive boards were also available at this meeting to solicit the public's opinion on the amenities they want incorporated in the design of the cover.

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

Below is a summary of the discussions and comments at the meeting:

- A business owner gets lots of large semi truck deliveries that back into the front of his building on Columbine Street. Once the new 46th Avenue is in place he is concerned that his operation should move to the back of the building off an abandoned alley. He is considering modifying the building for back delivery access. Another issue is that having the alley connect through to 45th Avenue is likely preferred but requires agreement with his neighbor.

- Residents mentioned a meeting was held by a lawyer/property advocate regarding the acquisition process. The noted property advocate is not part of the project team and had provided incorrect information.
- Questions were asked about when right-of-way acquisitions and construction would occur.
- There were minimal discussions about the reroute of I-70 to I-76/I-270. Project team members informed the residents that the I-76/I-270 reroute is not a reasonable alternative.
- Questions were asked about acquisition of certain properties and first right of refusal.
- Opposition was expressed to the Partial Cover Lowered claiming it would be full of pedophiles.

III. SUMMARY OF COMMENT SHEETS

The following section details the comments received to date from the comment sheets distributed at the meeting.

1. Do you agree with the recommendation of the Partial Cover Lowered Option as the Preferred Alternative?

- No (3)

2. Do you have any comments or suggestions concerning the Partial Cover Lowered Option that you would like the project team to consider?

- Get the highway out of here
- There will be a lot of pollution from the highway, so it will be hard to play or enjoy the cover.
- Too much fumes in neighborhood as is, all will be in my block.
- The cover gives people headed west or east a sunset or sunrise the sun directly in their eyes before entry and exiting creating a blind driver enough so it will create accident and traffic backup much like the mousetrap of eighties, seventies etc. Eliminate the cover and tear down viaduct and build a new sounder viaduct.

3. Do you have any comments about the other alternative that are being analyzed?

- Yes, we need to reroute over to I-270 and I-76
- Moving and widening I-70 viaduct to the North side is more efficient as it will do little impact on moving business to the south of I-70

4. Would you like to be a community leader to be more involved with the project by attending meetings and providing input to CDOT? If yes, what is the best way to contact you?

- No, flyer I don't have a computer.
- Yes

5. Do you have any questions or comments about future community outreach?

- Yes, use Spanish speaking
- Will the pigeons under I-70 be relocated or killed?

6. What are the most important community resources for you?

- Computer outreach, flyers
- 7-11 on Brighton Josephine and York Street each in both ways.

7. Any additional comments or questions?

- Reroute I-70 to I-76 – I-270
- Why build a below ground when ground level is good enough and streets bridge over highway or tunneled under I-70? There should be no toll bridge collection places. Toll gate represent private investors not tax payer monies.

8. IV. HIGHWAY COVER FEEDBACK

The exhibits below display the feedback received by meeting attendees when asked their opinion on what should be placed on the cover and how they want to be involved in the design process. Attendees were asked to place dots in the space provided to the right of the option they support.

Cover Design Guidelines

Place a sticky dot on your preferred choice.

Is the highway cover a good location to display public art?	
Yes	<input type="radio"/>
No	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

How do you prefer to be involved in the design of the highway cover?	
Small group workshops	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Community meetings	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Polling via internet	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Picking from available options proposed by landscape architects	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Starting from scratch	<input type="radio"/>
Do not want to be involved at all	<input type="radio"/>

Which type of recreational amenities would you prefer to have on the highway cover?	
Active recreation (basketball, tennis, etc.)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Passive recreation (walking path, plaza, picnic tables, etc.)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>

Where would you prefer to see parking located?	
Lot on the highway cover	<input type="radio"/>
Parallel parking along 46th	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Shared parking with Swansea Elementary School	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Cover Design Guidelines

Place a sticky dot on your preferred choice.

Please select an active recreation amenity for the highway cover.



Basketball



Horseshoe courts



Tennis



Bocce courts



Climbing wall



Tot lots



Programmable turf



Fitness trail

Cover Design Guidelines

Place a sticky dot on your preferred choice.

Please select a passive recreation amenity for the highway cover.



Plaza/flexible space



Amphitheater



Outdoor classroom



Labyrinth



Community garden



Walking path



Picnic areas



Volleyball court:

