

COMMUNITY LEADERS COORDINATION MEETING SUMMARY

Date/Time: September 19th, 2012/4:30-6:30 P.M.

Location: Focus Points Family Resource Center

Attendees*:

Sal Arrieta	Tom Anthony	Leo Branstetter	Paul Brown
Rumualdo Chavez	Veronica Rivera	Bettie Cram	Maxine Ichikawa
Dorothy Martin	Fred McPeck	Nola Miguel	Tricia Stevens
Thomas Sundheim	Thad Tecza	Gilbert Vasquez	Harold Waggoner
Roberta Waggoner	Chris Nording	Margret Hachstaff	Mike Fritts
Shaver Brandon	Riley LaMie	A.H. Villalobos	Steve Nalley
Mario Koeblek			

**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 September 19th, 2012 as part of the on-going community outreach process. The primary purpose of the meeting was to inform the public of how Swansea Elementary School could look next to the proposed highway alternatives and the location of the cover for the lowered alternative and what should be on it.

The meeting started at 4:30 pm 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 current alternatives and progress.

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 details. A Spanish translator was present for members of the Spanish speaking public.

II. SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

The meeting included three discussion tables facilitated by project team members. The discussion tables were open for all topics; however, the main focus was on the Swansea Elementary School site plan and the use and placement of the highway cover. Below is a summary of the discussions at the meeting:

- Four residents preferred the Partial Covered Lowered
- Two residents preferred the Revised Viaduct-North
- A question was asked about being able to put vines on highway noise walls
- Question was asked regarding Colorado Blvd interchange options

- More information was requested regarding noise wall options between Josephine Street and York Street
- Concerns about more traffic on 46th
- Concerns regarding the grade change coming in/out of the lowered section
- Concern about the ventilation system of the lid working during an emergency and how that would affect the air quality at the elementary school
- I like the idea of having the Partial Cover Lowered option and have the cover placed starting on York
- I prefer the Partial Cover option and it should cover from York to Clayton so the neighborhood will look much better and be safer for the children.