



## COMMUNITY LEADERS COORDINATION MEETING SUMMARY

**Date/Time:** October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013/4:30-6:30 P.M.

**Location:** Focus Points Family Resource Center

**Attendees\*:**

Wes Adkins	Sal Arrieta	Ramualdo Chavez	Mike Fritts
Antonia Montoya	Armando Perez	Veronica Rivera	Alex Ringsby
Juan E. Veloz	Ivana Penth	Oscar Santos	Elizabeth Poole
John Riecke	Bettie Cram	Maxine Ichikawa	LaVonne Griffie
Roberta Waggoner	Harold Waggoner	Darcy Wilson	Anthony Fusco
Chelsey Berg	Diane Fleck	Rob Mann	

*\*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 October 16, 2013 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 in 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**

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

- One couple that lives southwest of the Steele Street/Vasquez Boulevard interchange liked the removal of the interchange because it will eliminate the loud deceleration noise from the trucks getting off the highway.
- One business owner came to inquire about how the I-70 improvements will affect his properties along York Street and at the southwest corner of the Colorado Boulevard interchange. He liked the idea of converting York Street to a two-way street. He also asked about the relocation/acquisition schedule. They have a tenant that is nervous about relocation.

- One resident living on the north side of the highway was concerned about the pollution and environmental impacts of the highway. He wanted his property to be taken.
- One resident asked about the status of the right-of-way acquisition process.
- A property owner of an industrial building located in the southwest quadrant of the Colorado Boulevard interchange
- One Globeville resident had questions about the what mitigation measures will be implemented to alleviate the project impacts for the community members. To address this concern, a memorandum will be prepared and published explaining CDOT commitments for environmental justice mitigation measures

### **III. SUMMARY OF COMMENT SHEETS**

There was one comment sheet received at the meeting. The following section details the comment received. This comment was translated from Spanish.

Q. What is most important to you in terms of connectivity?

A. East / West connectivity through the neighborhood

47<sup>th</sup> Avenue should be able to go through all the way to Colorado. If you eliminate Vasquez/Steel, it would be easier to take 47<sup>th</sup> from Colorado to Josephine.