



## CORRIDOR-WIDE PUBLIC MEETING FOLLOW-UP MEETING SUMMARY

**Date/Time:** January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013/5:30-7:00 P.M.

**Location:** Swansea Elementary School

### **Attendees:**

Alicia Alejandro	Inocercio Campos	Rumualdo Chavez	Manuel Flores
Amparo Flores	Eulalio Juarez	Alicia Juarez	Kathy Jones
Malcom Whitman	Ismael Villegas	Sandra Villegas	Diana Fleck
Enrique Espino	Jorge Diosdado	Luis Fundora	Chad Sheridan
Bettie Cram	J Lynn Lopez	Matt Christenson	Maxine Ichikawa
Skip Spensley	Roberta Waggoner	Harold Waggoner	Tim Watkins
Grisell Aguilera			

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

The I-70 East environmental impact statement (EIS) project team conducted a meeting to reach out to parents of Swansea Elementary School students as a follow up on the corridor-wide public meeting. This meeting was held on January 17, 2013 in lieu of the community leaders monthly meeting. The primary purpose of the meeting was to provide updates on the I-70 project, describe the alternatives that are being considered, and explain changes to the school with each of the proposed alternatives.

The meeting started at 5:30 pm at Swansea Elementary School and included a formal presentation by Kirk Webb, CDOT's project manager. The presentation included a history of the I-70 highway, work done to date, the purpose of the project, alternatives under consideration, changes to the school, and the next steps. Project exhibits and visual simulations were available for a preview and the community members were given the opportunity to ask questions and interact with project team members and get additional information after the presentation. Comment sheets were also available to solicit feedback.

Certified childcare, food, and drinks were available at this meeting. Spanish translators were present for members of the Spanish speaking public. Special needs assistance was available by request.

### **II. SUMMARY OF COMMENT SHEETS**

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

#### **1. What Comments do you have on the alternatives presented?**

- Current Alignment North Shift
  - I like this with a mixture of No-Action- I don't think we need 10 lanes of traffic. When we join in with the 4 lanes now in the area of the Coliseum.
  - We believe this is the best.

- No-Action
  - Combine with North Shift, just less lanes needed and a good mixture of traffic.

**2. Which proposed alternative do you think best meets the needs of Swansea Elementary School?**

- Because of the pollution rising up an underground highway would be more harmful to the school.
- The viaduct hasn't bothered the school. Move the playground east of the school where they park cars.

**3. What do you think should be on the covered section of the Partial Cover Lowered Alternative?**

- Please don't tear up Elyria

**5. In the Revised Viaduct Options, what do you think should be under the viaduct adjacent to 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue?**

- Small shops, kiosks, game area such as chess, etc.
- Leave 46<sup>th</sup> Ave as is. At least we can see south without fences like I was told to put the streets across the recessed area.

**6. Any additional comments or questions?**

- Get the highway out of here.
- Plans are being made to enhance Elyria. With a recessed road there is much less room (if any) to work with. With the stock show and the activities there on weekend, we need all the room to build on.
- Read Bettie Cram's last letter she wrote. We agree with her. Why tear the neighborhood apart more than what it is?