



I-70 East

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING SUMMARY

Date/Time: February 3, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Bruce Randolph Middle School, 3955 Steele Street, Denver, Colorado

Attendees: approximately 213

Brent Adams	Liz Adams	Holiday Aguilar
Jude Aiello	Mark Ajluni	Javier Alvarado
Carol Andersen	Carol Anderson	Chris Arend
Edward Armijo	Antoniette Armijo	Gretchen Armijo
Juan Belloz	Brock Besser	Audrey Besser
Jordan Block	Ann Bramwell	Carol Briggs
Jason Brokaw	Russ Capps	Teresa Casillas
Anai Casillas	James Castle	Candi Cdebaca
Chaney	Dennis Chavez	Jan Chavez
Basha Cohen	Kurt Cole	Nikte Contreras
Clay Cousins	Betty Cram	Aaron Crouts
Martha Crouts	Tara Curry	Sonya Deeter
Norvetta Dominguez	Justin Dumond	Drew Dutcher
Robert Eanes	Mauro Eilenberger	James Ellis
Rebecca English	Brad Evans	Donna Fabyanic
Jose Feliciano	Robert Fields	Toni Fischer
Liliana Flores Amaro	Dean Foreman	Aliina Fowler
Cynthia Gallgos	Thomas Galluzzi	Angela Galvan
Larry Garcia	Oscar Garcia	Lauren Garrison
Leo Gilbert	Aaron Goldhammer	Lavonne Griffie
Cleon Griffiths	Jennifer Gross	Stephanie Gustafson
Glenn Hanley	Heidi Sue Harris	Olivia Hatch
Sterling Hatch	James Heimbecher	Elieseo Hernandez
Dean Hook	Claudia Hurtaeo	Maxine Ichikawa
Hiromi Iha	Merina Irfano	Sandra Jackson
Brian Johnson	Kirk Johnson	Regina Johnson
Josh Kauer	Alic Kelly	Steve Kinney
Frank Kjeseth	Christopher Kleingartner	Norman Lane
Jacqueline Lansing	Jong Lee	Hwajan Park Lee
Tong Lee	Lori Lee	Lewis
Sharon Lisberg	Jesse Livingston	Luz Lomeli
Brianna Lomeli	Robert Longsworth	Manuel Lopez Del Rio
Dorothy Martin	Joanne Martinez	Cy McKee
Nicolas McMann	Brad Meuli	Nola Miguel
Kim Morse	Oded Myers	April Nowak
Christine O'Connor	Susan O'Grady	Seana O'Grady
Callen O'Hearn	Rob Ollett	Danielle Ongart
Magdalena Oscar	Eric Paquette	Armando Payon
Kevin Pula	Jeff Pulis	John Putnam
Michael Ramirez	James Reyes	Ricardo Reyther

John Riecke	Angel Rivera	Kendra Robinette
Christine Ronlund	David Roybal	Becky Rude
Tom Rutter	Rachel Saindon	Mary Salsich
Mary Santa Cruz	Tom Scharfenberg	Michelle Segarra
Andy Sense	Charlie Senz	Cindy Sestrich
David Seyboldt	Claire Shelden	Deborah Shepherd
Cliff Smedley	Abraham Soltero	Tracey Stewart
Mike Stone	Larry Streno	Megan Taggart
Karen Taylor	Melissa Thomas	Topero Thomas
Katey Trepanier	Beth Truby	Kris Ullstrup
Elet Valentine	Emma Valenzuela	John Vansciver
Nick Vasquez	Jessica Vasquez	Laura Verlander
Roger Vivian	Bridget Walsh	Doug Ward
Lisa Warren	Ralph Watts	Rep. Angela Williams
Linda Wilson	Gretchen Wodniak	Lee Zarzecki
Lara Zarzecki	Joseph Zemek	Andra Zeppelin
Mickey Zeppelin	Bradley Zieg	Cecilia
Chuck	Diane	Frank
Harriet	Janet	Jeff
John	John	John
Jorge	Mark	Miles
Patty	Ray	Terri
Tim	Tim	

Though sign-in was encouraged, it is not required and attendees may have participated in the meeting without signing in.

1. INTRODUCTION

The I-70 East Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) project team conducted public hearings on February 1 and 3, 2016, as part of the ongoing community outreach process. Childcare and translators were available to all attendees. A meeting was scheduled for February 2 in Commerce City, but was cancelled due to weather conditions. The primary purpose of the public hearings was to provide an update of recent EIS study developments, summarize the Final EIS document available for public review, and provide an opportunity for public comment.

The hearings included an open house and a PowerPoint presentation, followed by a formal public comment session. There were three ways to provide comments at the hearings: (1) verbal comments could be made before the assembled audience and recorded by a court reporter, (2) private verbal comments could be made to a court reporter in a separate room, and (3) comment sheets also were provided for attendees in an effort to solicit written comments about the project. In addition, comments could be emailed or mailed via the postal system after the hearings through the end of the review period on March 2, 2016. The project team will consider the comments from the hearings prior to issuing the ROD. These notes reflect the public hearing held on February 3, 2016.

2. PROJECT INFORMATION

The following subsections briefly describe the project.

a. Project Overview

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) propose improvements to I-70 between I-25 and Tower Road. The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) requires projects that are federally funded and may have an impact on the environment to be analyzed through a rigorous process that allows the public to comment on the project.

b. Project Purpose and Need

The purpose of the project is to implement a transportation solution that improves safety, access, and mobility and addresses congestion on I-70. The need for the project results from several issues:

- Increased transportation demand
- Limited transportation capacity
- Safety concerns
- Transportation infrastructure deficiencies

c. Final EIS Alternatives Evaluated

The Final EIS evaluates the impacts to the project area of three alternatives: the No-Action Alternative, the Revised Viaduct Alternative, and the Partial Cover Lowered Alternative which is identified as the Preferred Alternative.

In addition to the No-Action Alternative, two Build Alternatives with options are evaluated. The Build Alternatives are:

Revised Viaduct Alternative

- Expansion Options:
North or South
- Operational Options:
General-Purpose Lanes or Managed Lanes

Partial Cover Lowered Alternative

- Operational Options:
General-Purpose Lanes or Managed Lanes

3. FEBRUARY 3: DENVER PUBLIC HEARING

Exhibits at the public hearings explained the project and its impacts briefly and included the following categories:

- Project overview: including the purpose and need of the project, ongoing public outreach, and comments that were received on the Supplemental Draft EIS.
- Final EIS Alternatives: including No-Action, Revised Viaduct, and Partial Cover Lowered Alternative which has been identified as the Preferred Alternative
- Impacts and mitigations on various resources: including impacts and mitigations on environmental justice communities, air quality, noise, hazardous materials, historic resources, and relocations



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- Aesthetic guidelines: including the process to develop aesthetic guidelines and planning the amenities on the highway cover
- Financing and Public Private Partnership: including information regarding High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) and project funding

A presentation by Tony DeVito, Project Director, was held to explain the format and purpose of the meeting and describe the project and the Preferred Alternative to the public. After the presentation, the public was invited to speak their comments on the project publicly.

4. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were approximately 213 attendees at the February 3 Denver public hearing. Thirteen written comments, 44 public verbal comments, and five private verbal comments were received the night of the meeting and will be available for review after the official review period ends.