



Open House #3 Summary Report

APPENDIX D

Open House #3 Meeting Minutes



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US 6/Wadsworth

Environmental Assessment Including Improvements from 4th to 14th Avenues



Purpose:	Open House #3 - present Level 2 screening evaluation of the interchange and Wadsworth Boulevard design concepts, preferred alternative, and preliminary estimates of environmental, transportation, and property impacts		
Day:	Tuesday	Date:	April 29, 2008, 4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Location:	Lakewood Cultural Center, 470 S. Allison Parkway, Lakewood
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Participants:

Attendee	Representing
See meeting roster in <i>US 6/Wadsworth Environmental Assessment Noise Assessment and Mitigation Meeting Summary Report</i>	Individuals interested in the project.
Aaron Swafford	CH2M HILL
Allen Albers	City of Lakewood
Alexis Moore	City of Lakewood
Candice Hein	CH2M HILL
Claudio Vera	CH2M HILL
Colleen Kirby Roberts	CH2M HILL
David Singer	CDOT R6
Fawn Friend	CH2M HILL
Jim Bemelen	CDOT R6
Kirk Webb	CDOT R6
Leela Rajasekar	CDOT R6
Mandy Whorton	CH2M HILL
Marcee Allen	CDOT R6
Mary McCannon	CDOT ROW
Nashat Sawaged	CDOT R6
Penny Clemons	CDOT ROW
Randy Furst	CDOT R6
Sayed Kalantar	CDOT R6
Tim Eversoll	CH2M HILL
Vanessa Henderson	CDOT EPB
Will Voss	CH2M HILL
Zeke Lynch	CH2M HILL

Discussion Items

The purpose of this meeting was to present the Level 2 evaluation of the interchange and Wadsworth Boulevard design concepts, the Preferred Alternative, and the preliminary estimates of environmental, transportation, and property impacts that could result from each of the design concepts.

Approximately 91 people, not including CDOT, the consultant, or Lakewood staff, attended the meeting. Sign-in sheets for this meeting are included in the *US 6/Wadsworth Environmental Assessment Open House #3 Summary Report*.

The meeting was an open house format from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., supplemented by a formal presentation given at 5:00 p.m. A Spanish translator was available, but no Spanish-only speakers were present at the meeting. An unsupervised children's area was available, and one family took advantage of this service.

For the Open House portion of the meeting, six information stations were set up to cover the following topics: project purpose and need, and study schedule; design concepts and screening results; traffic; environmental resources and water quality treatment options; CDOT right-of-way procedures; and reference materials and handouts. CDOT and consultant staff was available at the stations and talked with meeting participants about the information provided. At four of the stations, displays boards were used to illustrate aspects of the project. Reduced sized copies of the display boards are included in the *US6/Wadsworth Environmental Assessment Open House #3 Meeting Summary Report*.

For the formal presentation, Kirk Webb, CDOT Region 6 Environmental Manager, introduced the project and the participants and provided an overview of CDOT's mission and goals for the Environmental Assessment. Mandy Whorton, CH2M HILL Environmental Manager, presented information about the EA process and information about the alternatives development and screening process. Tim Eversoll, CH2M HILL Project Manager, presented information about the Level 2 evaluation criteria and conceptual design, the preferred alternatives for the interchange and Wadsworth Boulevard, and the opportunities for mitigation.

A copy of all written comments received is available in the *US 6/Wadsworth Environmental Assessment Open House #3 Meeting Summary Report*. The verbal comments received are presented below, categorized by topic.

Access and Traffic Issues

- Close access to Highland Avenue from Wadsworth Boulevard.
- Preference for three-quarter access at Highland Drive with the U-turn option at 9th Avenue. Current configuration makes left turn from Highland Drive onto southbound Wadsworth nearly impossible; currently have to turn right first and then make a U-turn at 10th Avenue or drive to Sheridan Boulevard.
- Preference for full movement at the Highland Drive/Wadsworth Boulevard intersection. The U-turn option at 9th Avenue is not a safer option.
- Support access control along Wadsworth Boulevard and at the interchange.
- Support for adequate room for U-turns, especially at 9th Avenue.

- Allow for opportunities to safely make left turns along Wadsworth Boulevard, both north and south.
- Support for traffic calming within the neighborhood streets, such as speed bumps and policing speeds.

Frontage Road Operations

- Realign the northwest frontage road to follow the drainage way and tie into 8th Avenue then tie into Wadsworth Boulevard.
- Consider a different configuration of frontage roads, including dead end or even eliminating Broadview Drive.
- Move frontage road and ramp closer to the freeway to avoid property acquisition in the northeast quadrant.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Access

- Provide pedestrian crossing at drainage underpass at 8th Avenue.
- Continue and/or expand trail opportunities in the northwest quadrant of the interchange, as many neighbors like to walk along the drainage.
- Provide better pedestrian access.
- East/west crossings for pedestrians and bicyclists are important, as well as improvements to the multiuse trail north/south along Wadsworth Boulevard through the interchange.
- The existing pedestrian/bike crossings under US 6 are unsafe.
- Please encourage pedestrian activity; do not just accommodate it.

Interchange Concepts

- Reconfigure southbound Wadsworth Boulevard to eastbound US 6 ramp to avoid property acquisition.
- Maintain the Carr Street exit from US 6.
- Keep the slip ramps at Carr Street in the southwest and northwest quadrants.

DRAINAGE AND WATER QUALITY

- Support for drainage improvements to improve floodplain conditions.
- What are sand filter water quality features, and where are examples located in Lakewood?
- Consider fixing the drainage problems of McIntyre Gulch beyond what is needed for the bridge.
- Stabilize McIntyre Gulch
- Improve drainage along with the roadway improvements

- Reduce 100-year flood plain.

Miscellaneous

- Currently, there is a homeless population living in the South Lakewood Gulch drainage.
- Concern about attracting homeless people to the improved drainage area, needing better visibility and police access to monitor.
- The McDonald's on Wadsworth Boulevard is an important community resource.
- Consider adding bus pullouts so that automobiles are not caught behind buses, especially as RTD increases bus service along Wadsworth Boulevard.
- When will CDOT begin contacting property owners individually to discuss impacts and the right-of-way acquisition process?
- Consider moving or removing the 10th Avenue bus pull-out west of Wadsworth Boulevard so that the Eiber neighborhood sign located in the median can be improved.