



March 2010 Newsletter

US 6/Wadsworth Boulevard Construction Project Approved

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), completed a study of improvements to the US 6 (6th Avenue) and Wadsworth Boulevard interchange and to Wadsworth Boulevard between 4th and 14th Avenues. FHWA has reviewed the results of the study and on March 12 issued a decision approving the project for construction.

FHWA's decision, documented in the US 6/Wadsworth Finding of No Significant Impact, can be reviewed online at www.US6Wadsworth.com, or in hard copy at CDOT Region 6 Headquarters, 2000 S Holly St, Denver, Colorado 80222. Public comments received on the Environmental Assessment are addressed in the signed decision document.

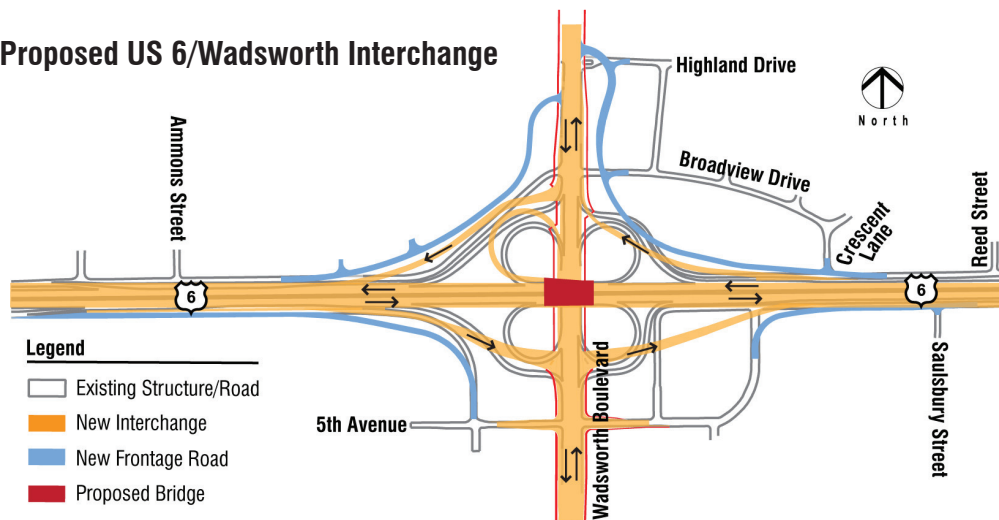
The project will reconstruct the US 6/Wadsworth Boulevard interchange into a tight diamond interchange with a loop ramp in the northwest quadrant. It will meet current design and safety standards and will improve safety and mobility through the interchange. Wadsworth Boulevard between 4th and 14th Avenues will be widened to three lanes in each direction with a median in the center to provide safer turning movements.

Other Construction in the Project Area

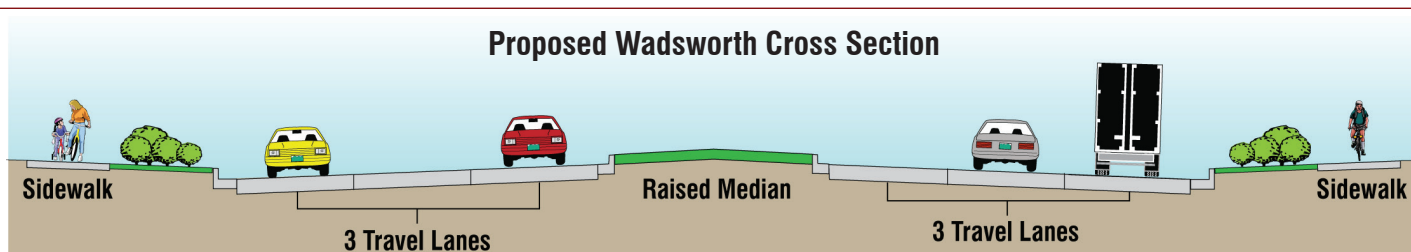
At the northern end of the US 6/Wadsworth Boulevard project area, construction of RTD's West Corridor light rail line continues. East and west of Wadsworth Boulevard along 13th Avenue, RTD is constructing drainage improvements and constructing the bridge for the light rail crossing over Wadsworth Boulevard. Construction of noise walls is scheduled to begin this spring. For more detailed information regarding RTD's West Corridor project, please visit the project website: http://www.rtd-fastracks.com/wc_1.

The City of Lakewood is constructing two center medians along Wadsworth Boulevard at 9th and 13th Avenues as part of a safety project. These two intersections have been identified as high frequency crash locations in Lakewood's Transportation Safety Report. This safety project is not related to the light rail project.

Proposed US 6/Wadsworth Interchange



Proposed Wadsworth Cross Section



Note: Landscaping in sidewalk buffers and median will be coordinated with Lakewood and included where feasible.

US 6/Wadsworth Boulevard Project Next Steps

The next step in the US 6/Wadsworth Boulevard project will be final engineering, which typically takes 12 to 18 months to complete. Although construction typically takes one to two years to complete, CDOT does not currently have a construction schedule because of insufficient construction funds. Without funding currently identified, construction may not begin by 2011, as originally projected, and construction may take place in phases as funding becomes available. The US 6/ Wadsworth Boulevard improvements remain a high priority for the region and the state, and CDOT continues to work to secure full funding. More information is available online at www.US6Wadsworth.com, or by contacting any of the project team members listed to the right.

Para recibir este boletín informativo en español, o para información adicional en español sobre este proyecto, por favor llamar a Claudio Vera al (720) 937-6323.

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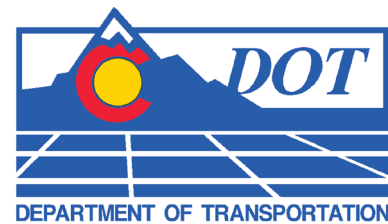
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