



## Project Planning

### What progress has been made planning corridor improvements?

The US 24 West project began in 2004. Five public meetings have been held to gather information and ideas from the public and present potential solutions. The schedule of public meetings and the key topics addressed at each is listed below.

November 2004	Gather public input on critical issues
January 2005	Present preliminary evaluation criteria (“fatal flaws”) Gather input on ideas and potential solutions
April 2005	Present ideas and solutions in categories Review preliminary evaluation criteria Report on past studies of US 24 West corridor Present preliminary environmental overview of the corridor
June 2005	Present ideas that passed “fatal flaw” screening Present potential solutions suggested by public Present evaluation criteria
November 2005	Present evaluation of potential solutions Present preliminary alternatives Review detailed evaluation criteria
January 2006	Present interchange and intersection options Present refined evaluation of the two build alternatives

Concurrently, CDOT and the study team have met with staff at local, state, and federal agencies to discuss the project, evaluated hundreds of ideas, assessed nine potential solutions, and are working on more detailed analysis of three alternatives. The team has also collected preliminary data on environmental features.

## **What's next?**

The US 24 West project team during the next few months will:

- Complete a detailed evaluation to assess the alternatives' ability to meet the project's purpose and need, address critical issues, and meet its vision.
- Continue to study the differences between alternatives, and develop concepts for intersections, interchanges, and key features along the corridor.
- Refinement of the alternatives.

## **How can people stay involved?**

There are several ways for members of the public to stay involved in the US 24 West project.

- Participate in open houses that we will conduct throughout the project.
- Request our Speakers Bureau to present information at meetings of homeowners associations, and local civic and business groups.
- Join the mailing list to receive newsletters and meeting announcements.
- Read about the project on the website — [www.us24west.com](http://www.us24west.com).
- Call us with questions or comments at 719-477-4970, or fax comments to us at 719-633-2352.
- Send written comments to US 24 West Project Team, 19 S. Tejon St., Suite 500, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.