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I-70 East Public Meeting

August 2015



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Agenda

5:30 – 6:15 p.m. – Open House

6:15 – 7 p.m. – Presentation and Q&A

- Welcome and Project Overview – Tony DeVito, Project Director
- What is HPTE? – Mike Cheroutes, High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) Director
- RFP and Next Steps – Megan Castle, HPTE Communications Manager
- Q&A – Angela Woolcott, Facilitator

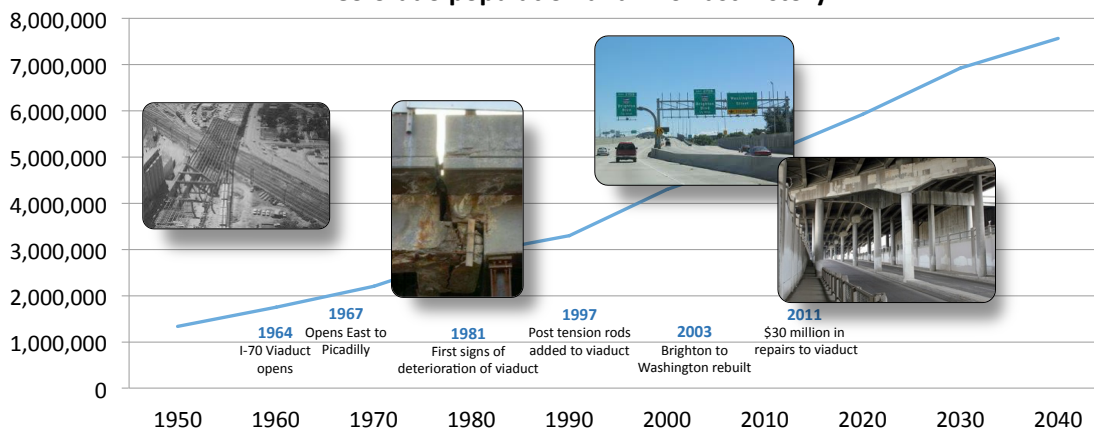
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Project Overview

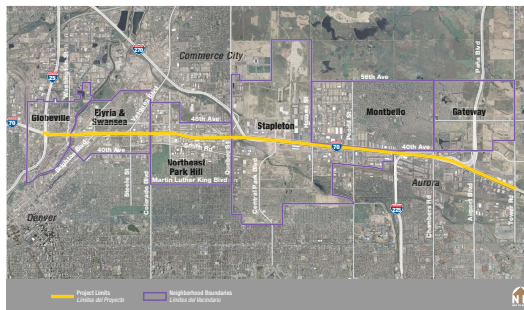
Colorado population and I-70 East history



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Project Overview

- CDOT and FHWA propose improvements to I-70 between I-25 and Tower Road
- 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





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Project Overview

- **2003:** Began Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process
- **2008:** Draft EIS Published, no Preferred Alternative identified
- **2011/2012:** PACT process and review of previously considered alternatives - led to development of Partial Cover Lowered Alternative
- **2014:** Supplemental Draft EIS published, preliminarily identified Preferred Alternative, received nearly 900 comment submittals
- **2015/2016:** Final EIS development and parallel procurement process



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Since the Supplemental Draft EIS...

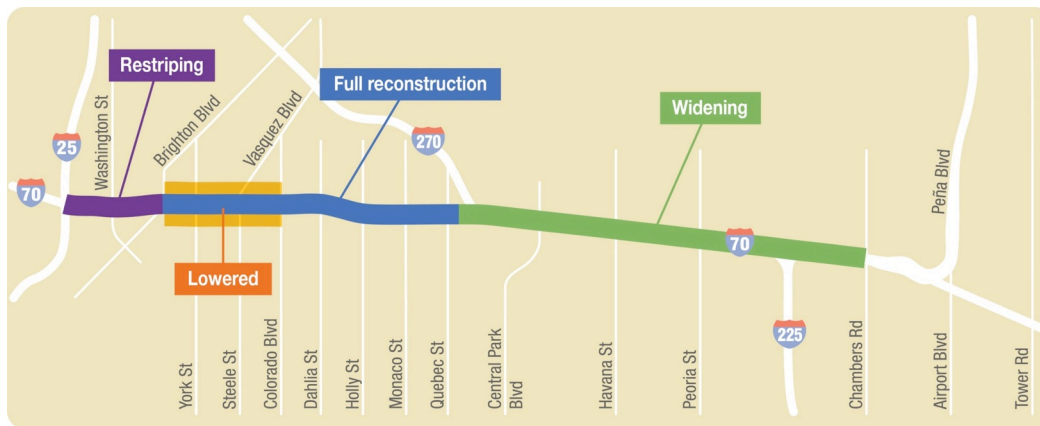
- Refined the Alternatives
- Identified Phase 1 of the project
- Developed aesthetics guidelines
- The Preferred Alternative as it is identified in the Final EIS is the Partial Cover Lowered Alternative, with Managed Lanes Option





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Phase 1

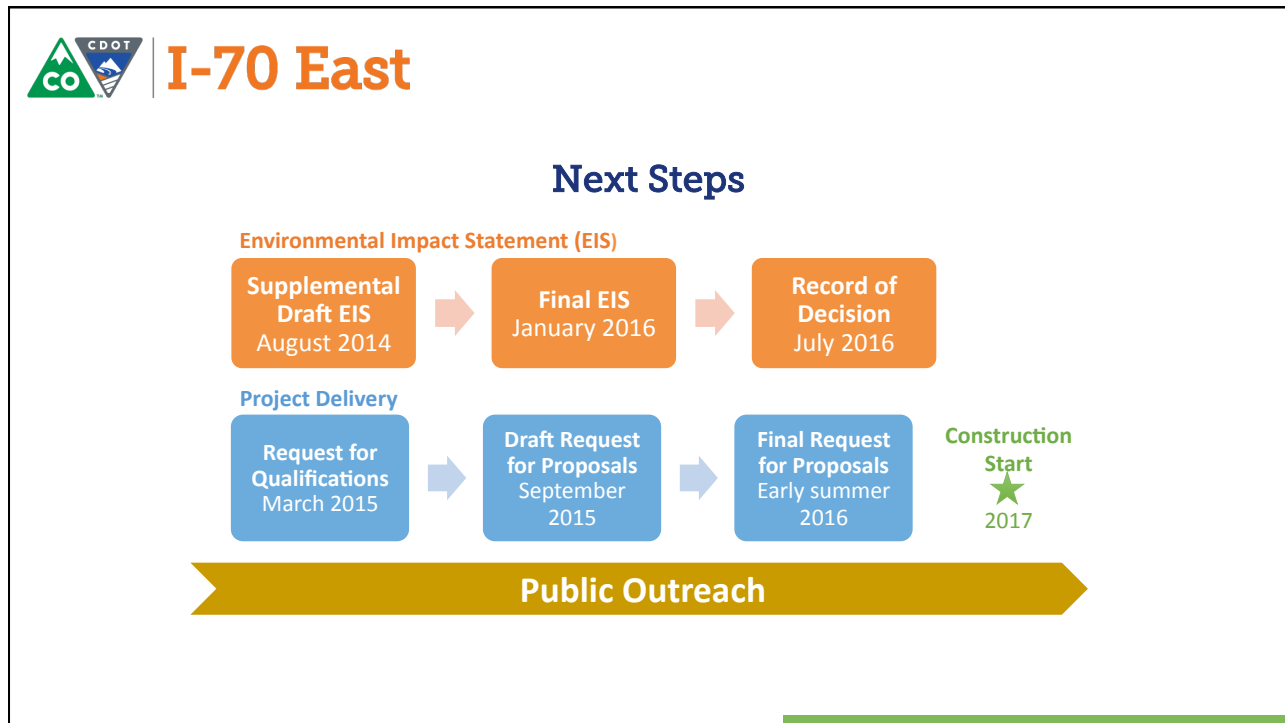


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South Platte River Greenway Trail

- What is a *de minimis* finding?
 - The use of a transportation project on a park, recreational area, or wildlife and waterfowl refuge that qualifies for Section 4(f) protection may be determined to be *de minimis*
- The storm drainage system crosses the South Platte River Greenway Trail and will temporarily impact the trail
- Construction across the trail will be minor and a detour will be provided during construction





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High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE)

- HPTE operates as a government-owned business within CDOT and has its own board of directors
- HPTE pursues innovative means of more efficiently financing important transportation projects, like I-70 East
- Innovative means of financing projects include, but are not limited to:
 - Public-private partnerships
 - Operating agreements
 - User fee-based project financing
 - Annual performance payment agreements



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P3 Structure for I-70 East (assuming identified Preferred Alternative)

- A Public-Private Partnership (P3) is a partnership between CDOT and a private sector company – in the case of I-70 East, the Developer – to build a large project
- Pursuing a Design Build Finance Operate and Maintain (DBFOM) delivery model
- In a DBFOM, the Developer:
 - Finances some or all of the capital cost of the project
 - Is responsible for designing, building, financing, operating, maintaining and rehabilitating the roadway over a long period of time
- CDOT maintains ownership
- In exchange for the developer keeping the project in compliance with performance standards, CDOT makes payments to Developer, following project completion



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Developer Selection Process

- Visioning – 2014
 - Telephone Town Hall (June 25), a public meeting (July 8) and online survey
 - Discuss public-private partnerships
- Pre-Request for Qualifications (RFQ) – 2014
 - Telephone Town Hall (Oct. 16) and a public meeting (Nov. 5)
 - Discuss what kind of partner wanted for this project
- RFQ Released – March 2015
- Statement of Qualifications received from five teams – June 2015
- Four shortlisted teams announced – July 2015
 - 5280 Connectors
 - Kiewit/Meridiam Partners
 - Front Range Mobility Group
 - I-70 Mile High Partners
- Pre-Request for Proposals (RFP) and Selection – 2015
 - Telephone Town Hall (Aug. 18) and three public meetings (Aug. 17, 19 and 20)
 - Explain the RFP process



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What is a Request for Proposals (RFP)?

- The RFP is one of the most important elements in this highly competitive selection process to select a project Developer
- Outlines CDOT's scope, financing requirements and standards for the project
- Ensures transparency and meets the goals of the state, general public and communities, and ensures best-value selection
- Topic Examples in the RFP include:
 - Duration of construction
 - Addressing construction impacts on commuters and surrounding communities
 - Opportunities for workforce development and DBE outreach
 - Scope of the project



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What's Next?

Milestone	Estimated Date
Draft Request for Proposals (RFP) released	September 2015
Final EIS released	January 2016
EIS Public Hearings	Early winter 2016
HPTE Pre-Final RFP Public Meeting	Spring 2016
Final RFP Release	Early summer 2016
Record of Decision (ROD)	July 2016
Developer Selection/Award	Fall 2016
Financial Close	Early 2017
Construction Begins	2017



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How to Stay Involved

- Drop your comment sheet in one of the comment boxes tonight
- Write to:
I-70 East Project Team
2000 S. Holly St.
Denver, CO 80222
- If you have finance, RFP or P3 questions, e-mail dot_HPTE@state.co.us
- Leave a voicemail at:
303.757.9413
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