

I-70 East Progress Update

STAC September 2014







I-70 East Today

- I-70 from I-25 to Tower Road: heavily traveled and congested; aging viaduct
- Current usage: 145,000 vehicles per day
- Project purpose is to improve safety, access, and mobility and to address congestion on I-70





EIS Development

Release of Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact

Funding and Procurement

- HPTE outreach
- Transportation Commission Resolution
- DRCOG Funding Commitment





Supplemental Draft EIS

- Major Milestone
- Available for Public Review as of August 29, 2014
- Updated alternatives with addition of one more layer of screening
- New noise, air quality, and traffic models
- Updated information and analysis for all resources
- Preliminarily identifies Partial Cover
 Lowered Alternative with Managed Lanes
 Option as the Preferred Alternative







EIS Next Steps

Supplemental Draft EIS

- August 29, 2014
- 45-day comment period
- Document is available for review at 18 different public locations
- Public hearings on September 23, 24, and 25, 2014

Final EIS

Summer 2015

Record of Decision

Early 2016







The following have been identified as potential funding sources for the Project:

1) Annual Bridge Enterprise Revenues (\$850M²)

- Funds available only for bridge related elements of the base project
- Some elements of the base project not eligible for Bridge Enterprise funds
- Includes milestone payments during construction and annual Performance Payments

2) DRCOG/STP-Metro/CMAQ (\$50M)

• Funds needed within the base project to cover non Bridge Enterprise eligible items

3) SB09-228 Funds (\$271M)

- 20 March 2014 Legislative Council and OSPB forecasts project transfer in FY2016
- Current forecast is for initial transfer of \$202M (\$181M available for highway uses)
- 1.5 years of transfers dedicated to this effort
- CDOT and/or HPTE will need to fund approximately \$97M³ in Operations Maintenance, & Rehabilitation (OMR) costs for the general purpose lanes for first 30 years. The specific funding source for OMR payments not yet identified.





I-70 East PCL Alternative Project Scope

- Anticipated Procurement Scope to discuss with potential bidders includes the following:
 - <u>Base Project</u>: Brighton Blvd. to I-270 constructed to full width but initially striped for only one managed lane in each direction.¹
 - <u>Extended Project to I-270</u>: Construct EB I-270 to EB I-70 flyover connection also initially striped for only one managed lane in each direction¹
 - <u>Extended Project to Pena</u>: Develop one managed lane each direction from I-270 to Pena Blvd.¹
- If this is scope is achievable as a minimum project, RFP may include a scope ladder of a limited number of Additional Requested Elements (AREs)

¹ Operationally cannot compress from two lanes to none, so initially constructing just one. Doing this bidirectionally will minimize confusion.





DRAFT Procurement Schedule

- 12/2014 Issue Request for Qualifications
- 5/2015 Issue Draft Request for Proposals
- 8/2015 Issue Final Request for Proposals
- 12/2015 Technical Proposal Due
- 1/2016 Financial Proposal Due
- 3/2016 Award Contract
- 6/2016 Financial Closing





Progress and Support

- DRCOG commitment (\$50M)
- TC Resolution
- HPTE Town Halls
 - June/July
 - Fall

<u>Support</u>

- City and County of Denver
 - City Council Resolution
- City of Commerce City
- Adams County
- Globeville-Elyria-Swansea Business Association
- Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce
- Downtown Denver Partnership
- National Western Stock Show





Key Upcoming Issues

- Disadvantaged and Small Business Utilization
- HOV on Toll Lanes
- SB228 Funds
- Toll Rates







- Quarterly updates to Transportation Commission
- Proposed quarterly updates to STAC?







Questions?

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