

AGENDA

Technical Team Meeting
Monday, September 23, 2013
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Clear Creek School, Commons Area
320 Highway 103, Idaho Springs

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND OVERVIEW
 - a. Project Schedule
 - b. Other Project Efforts
2. RESPONSES TO TECHNICAL TEAM ISSUES
 - a. Benefits of PPSL
 - b. Definition of Interim
3. OUTCOMES FROM ISSUES TASK FORCE MEETINGS
 - a. Section 106
 - b. Roadway
 - c. SWEEP
 - d. Emergency Response
4. ISSUES TIMELINE
5. REVIEW PROPOSED SOLUTIONS
 - a. Left vs. Right
 - b. Roadway Width
 - c. Widening Median vs. Creek
 - d. Acceleration and Deceleration Lanes
6. DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR:
 - a. Retaining Walls
 - b. Emergency Response
7. NEXT STEPS

Context Statement

The I-70 mountain corridor is Colorado's only east-west interstate and the primary access route from Denver to the mountains of western Colorado.

The segment of the I-70 corridor that runs from Empire Junction to the Twin Tunnels at Idaho Springs has spectacular view sheds and is one of the most heavily populated areas of Clear Creek County. It also is one of the narrowest sections in the corridor, with the roadway located on the canyon floor adjacent to Clear Creek. This segment of interstate is an important link for the community, acting as a major arterial throughout the area and also providing multi-modal forms of transportation. Improvements to the interstate in this area directly impact established communities as well as unique environmental, historic, and recreational resources.

This segment of the corridor experiences heavy flows of eastbound traffic causing severe congestion and traffic delays during peak periods, especially at the I-70/US 40 interchange at Empire Junction.

Short-term operational strategies need to be explored until sufficient funding can be obtained to implement the corridor's ultimate vision.

Core Values

Safety

Mobility

Constructability

Community

Environment

**Engineering Criteria
and Aesthetic Guidelines**

Sustainability