

## Join Us at the Public Hearing

Join us at the US 6/Wadsworth public hearing to provide input on the results of the Environmental Assessment.

Wednesday, July 22, 2009, 5 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Lakewood City Council Chambers

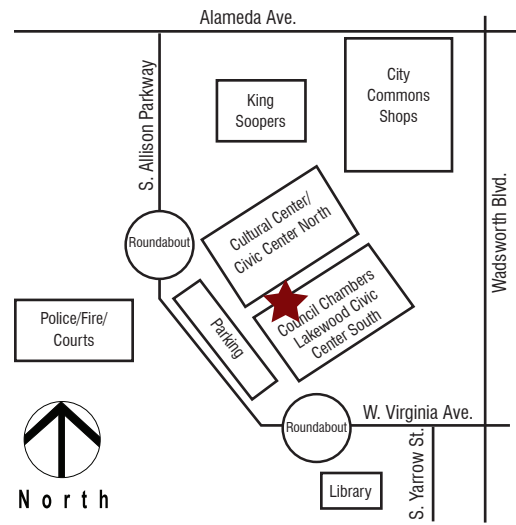
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c/o Colleen Kirby Roberts  
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US 6/Wadsworth



## Summer 2009 Newsletter

### US 6/Wadsworth Environmental Assessment Available for Public Review

For the past two years, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has studied changes to the US 6/Wadsworth Boulevard interchange and to Wadsworth Boulevard between 4th and 14th Avenues. The existing design and configuration of the interchange and roadway have not kept pace with traffic and multi-modal travel demands. Changes are needed to improve safety for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists; improve operational efficiency of the interchange and on Wadsworth; meet current and future traffic demands; and support multi-modal connections.

In developing its proposal, CDOT has sought input from area businesses and residents through five open houses and participation in numerous neighborhood, business, and civic association meetings over the course of the study. The results of the study are presented in an Environmental Assessment and an associated Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation. The Environmental Assessment documents the study process and potential impacts to resources in the built and natural environments. The Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation documents potential impacts to historic and park resources.

**The public hearing will occur on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 from 5:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. in the Lakewood City Council Chambers.**

CDOT is pleased to invite all members of the public to attend a hearing to provide input on the proposed design and the completed Environmental Assessment and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation. The meeting will begin with an open house session from 5:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. in the foyer of City Council Chambers. An informational presentation will begin at 6:00 P.M. to present the proposed design and results of the environmental analysis. Additionally, information on the remaining steps in the project schedule, including completion of the study and construction, will be discussed.

## Project Schedule and Funding

CDOT and FHWA will accept comments on the Environmental Assessment during the 45-day public review period this summer. These comments will be considered when making a decision about the project. FHWA might decide to approve the project as described, modify the project based on community input, reject the project (select the No Build Alternative), or conduct more detailed environmental analysis in an Environmental Impact Statement.

If FHWA decides to approve the proposed project (referred to as the Build Alternative), adequate funding must be identified for final design and construction. The US 6/Wadsworth project is included in the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Fiscally Constrained 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. Like many projects in the current plan, funding for this project has been subject to declining tax revenue and volatile construction costs. The funds in the current budget forecast are expected to fall short of the full funding required to construct the Build Alternative. Construction is therefore likely to be delayed beyond 2011 and/or implemented in phases as funding becomes available.

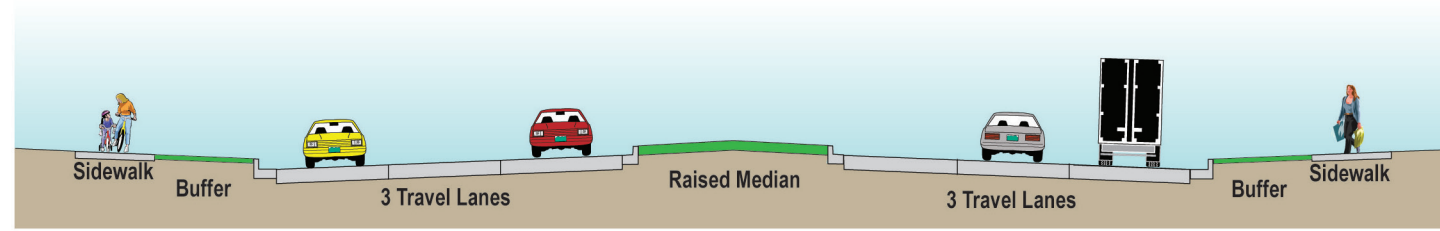
Two recent legislative initiatives, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the State of Colorado Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery (FASTER) legislation, provide additional transportation funding for Colorado. ARRA is expected to have little impact on the US 6/Wadsworth project, and the impact of the FASTER legislation on the project is unknown at this time. The US 6/Wadsworth improvements remain a high priority for the region and the state, and CDOT and FHWA continue to work to secure full funding. The City of Lakewood also is actively seeking additional local funding opportunities.

## What Is CDOT Proposing to Build?

CDOT proposes to rebuild the US 6/Wadsworth interchange as a diamond configuration with one reconstructed loop exit ramp. CDOT proposes to widen Wadsworth Boulevard between 4th and 14th Avenues, providing an additional travel lane in each direction and sidewalks on both sides of the road. The Build Alternative is shown in the pictures below, and additional details are available on the project website, [www.US6Wadsworth.com](http://www.US6Wadsworth.com).

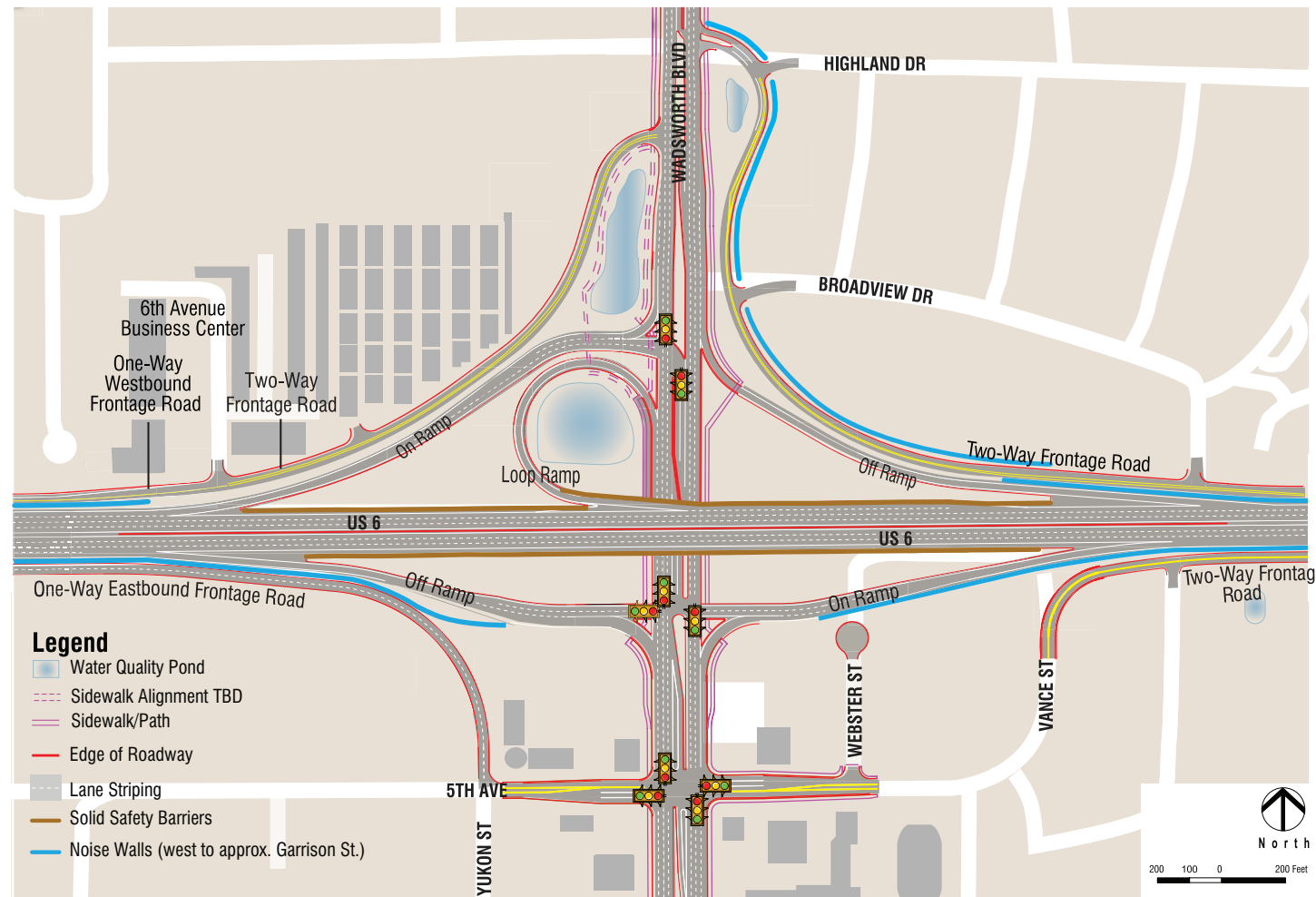
The majority of impacts resulting from the Build Alternative would be beneficial, as documented in the Environmental Assessment. Safety for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists would be improved; operational inefficiencies would be corrected; capacity would be increased to meet current and future traffic needs; and multi-modal connections would be enhanced.

### Proposed Wadsworth Cross Section



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

### Proposed US 6/Wadsworth Interchange



## Ways to Comment on the Environmental Assessment

A 45-day comment period provides the public an opportunity to formally comment on the Environmental Assessment and the Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation. The Environmental Assessment provides information on the purpose of the project; the alternatives considered for the interchange and Wadsworth; the impacts that would likely result from the alternatives; and the coordination that has occurred with members of the public and government agencies. The Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation documents potential impacts to historic resources and the planned Two Creeks Park, which is currently an undeveloped open space along Dry Gulch between 10th and 12th Avenues and between Wadsworth and Vance Street.

CDOT and FHWA welcome comments on all elements of these documents and will consider comments when making a decision about the project. Comments will be accepted verbally at the public hearing and in writing throughout the review period. The dates of the review period will be posted on the project website.

#### How do I comment on the document?

- Attend the public hearing on July 22, 2009 and submit a verbal or written comment.
- Submit a comment through the project website: [www.US6Wadsworth.com](http://www.US6Wadsworth.com)
- Mail in a comment to:  
**Seyed Kalantar, PE - Project Manager**  
 CDOT - Region 6, Central Engineering  
 425 B Corporate Circle  
 Golden, Colorado 80401  
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In hard copy at the following locations:

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## Schedule of Key Milestones

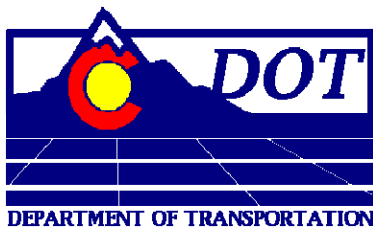


The project team will complete the following additional steps in order to reach a decision on the project:

- Hold a Public Hearing on the Environmental Assessment and receive public comments (Summer 2009)
- Develop and document a final decision (Fall 2009)

Traducción al español disponible. Si le gustaría obtener una traducción en español de este Boletín de Noticias, por favor llamar a Claudio Vera / 720-937-6323.





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July 20, 2009

Contact: Mindy Crane – (303) 757-9469

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## **CDOT SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON US 6/WADSWORTH BOULEVARD ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**LAKESWOOD--** The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has released the US 6/Wadsworth Boulevard Environmental Assessment (EA) for public comment and will host a public hearing later this week. CDOT is seeking public input on proposed transportation improvements to the US 6 (6th Avenue) and Wadsworth Boulevard (State Highway 121) interchange and to Wadsworth Boulevard between approximately 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

“CDOT has solicited public comment throughout the EA process, which has helped us develop a preferred transportation solution for this interchange,” said CDOT Project Manager Seyed Kalantar. “Now that we have further developed the proposed design, the public will have one last chance to provide their comments and ask questions and we strongly encourage attendance and participation at the meeting.”

The public hearing will be held Wednesday, July 22, 2009 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Lakewood City Council Chambers located at 480 South Allison Parkway. There will be an open house from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. and an informational presentation at 6 p.m. (*Spanish translation will be available*).

Members of the public are invited to attend this meeting to provide input on the proposed design and results of the environmental analysis. CDOT encourages all interested parties to submit comments to assist in the decision process. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will consider public comments prior to making a decision.

CDOT proposes to reconstruct the US 6/Wadsworth Boulevard interchange from its existing “cloverleaf” design to a new “tight diamond with loop” design. Under the proposed design, the existing loop ramps would be removed and replaced with entrance and exit ramps in a diamond configuration. The new ramps would provide a longer distance to accelerate and decelerate before merging with through traffic.

One new loop ramp would be constructed in the northwest quadrant of the interchange. The new loop would allow the highest volume of traffic (evening traffic traveling from westbound 6th Avenue to southbound Wadsworth Boulevard) to move through the interchange without stopping at a traffic signal.

Wadsworth Boulevard between 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue would be widened to three lanes in each direction. A raised center median would be installed to direct turning movements, and sidewalks would be added on both sides of Wadsworth Boulevard to improve conditions for bicycles and pedestrians.

In addition to the public hearing, CDOT is accepting verbal and written comments on the EA through August 26, 2009. Written comments on the EA will be accepted via the project Website or by mail. Both verbal and written

comments will be accepted at the public hearing. Mailed comments should be sent to Seyed Kalantar, PE, Project Manager, CDOT Region 6 Central Engineering, 425 B Corporate Circle, Golden, CO 80401. For more information, please visit our website at [www.US6Wadsworth.com](http://www.US6Wadsworth.com) or call 720-286-0914.

The EA is also available for public review electronically on the project Website, [www.US6Wadsworth.com](http://www.US6Wadsworth.com) and in hard copy at the following locations:

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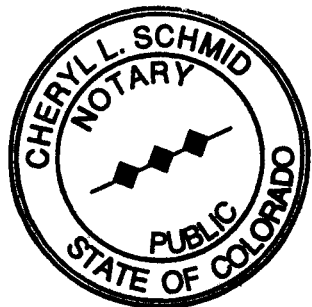
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**WHY:**  
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# Lakewood police lose officer to cancer

Decorated officer remembered as model agent, chief says

BY RYAN PARKER  
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The Lakewood police lost one of their own last week when agent Mike Monn succumbed to a long battle with cancer Thursday, July 2.

Monn served with the Lakewood police for over 19 years, being named Patrol Officer of the Year in 2007.

Monn was recently awarded the Police Service Award for his long-

time exemplary service.

On Wednesday, July 1, Monn received a letter of thanks from FBI Director Robert Mueller for his service, and for his arrest in 2001 of two bank robbery suspects, said John Camper, division chief of Lakewood Police Department.

"Mike will be greatly missed," he said.

Monn was awarded the department's Medal for Meritorious Service Aug. 30, 1999 for preventing a wom-



Monn

an from committing suicide after she had already injured herself with a knife, said Steve Davis, spokesman for the Lakewood police.

"Agent Monn's death leaves a huge personal and professional hole in the organization. Mike was a hard-working, tenacious, and talented police agent and his public safety services will be missed greatly," said Kevin Paletta, chief of police. "More importantly, he was a son, a husband, a father, and a friend to his fellow agents, and that's a void that can never be filled. I will miss Mike, his co-workers will miss him, and the community will miss him."

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fighters. Smith pleaded guilty on Jan. 30 to three counts of aiding in filing a fraudulent or false tax return, each a class five felony; and three counts of criminal impersonation, each is a class six felony. Smith was indicted by a Jefferson County grand jury in March 2008. Working out of her home in Arvada, Smith presented herself as a CPA or a tax attorney to prospective clients. Smith fraudulently inflated deductions or created deductions for her clients that resulted in a reduced taxable income, lowered tax burden and increased the amount of their refund.

Many of these victims were audited and were required to pay

penalties and interest. Smith was serving a 10-year probation sentence in Jefferson County when she committed the offenses in this case. She was convicted in 2001 for the same charges, fraudulently presenting herself as a CPA or tax attorney and defrauding clients. She was sentenced in 2001 by District Judge Jack Berryhill — the same judge who sentenced her last week.

### Energy research company awarded grants

TDA Research, 12345 W. 52nd Ave. in Wheat Ridge, received seven Phase I Small Business Innovation research grants totaling \$700,000. The grants are intended to finance research and projects that range from battery storage, efficient lighting systems, biofuel to solar and clean-coal technologies.

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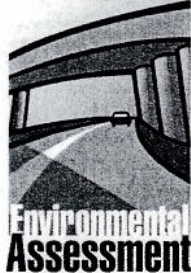
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**A quick few bucks**

June 8, 5:45 p.m., area of 200 south Sheridan Boulevard.

An employee from a local business reported to police that there had been a theft from his store where people could rent items with the intent to buy. The employee said he was told a man had pawned the item, which he was supposed to be renting. Police were able to locate the item at a local pawnshop and it

was taken for the investigation. At the time of the report no suspects had been arrested.

**Run, cops!**

July 3, 1 a.m., area of 400 south Alkire Street.

Police were called by a neighbor who said the people next door were having a loud party, which was a common occurrence, and he was trying to sleep. When po-

lice arrived they were not let in to the house by the partiers, but could hear people yelling for others to run because police had arrived. Agents arrested a few people for not following the orders of a peace officer once they were in the house. Many of the occupants at the party were underage and highly intoxicated. Police knew the owner of the house, as this had

had visited. The owner rested and

**Dancin'**

July 3, 11:05 p.m., 4th and All Avenue.

Police at a local man's party. Many were drunk, da-

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**US 6/Wadsworth**

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Members of the public are invited to an upcoming public hearing to provide input on the proposed design and results of the Environmental Assessment. CDOT will present the proposed design, findings of the environmental analysis, and information about the remaining steps in the project schedule.

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