

# Notices and Advertisements

## STATE OF COLORADO

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** 

Region 6 2000 South Holly Street Denver, Colorado 80222 720-497-6950

July 24, 2007

#### Subject: Invitation to Participate in US 6 and Wadsworth Public Scoping Meeting August 21, 2007

Dear Neighbor,

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is pleased to announce that we are beginning a study to examine potential transportation improvements to the US 6 (6<sup>th</sup> Avenue) and Wadsworth Boulevard (SH 121) interchange and to Wadsworth Boulevard between approximately  $3^{rd}$  Avenue and  $13^{th}$  Avenue. The study will be an Environmental Assessment (EA) and will take about 18 to 24 months to complete. As part of the EA, we will identify potential engineering designs and alternatives that could meet the transportation needs in the corridor. CDOT has not identified construction funding or a construction schedule at this time.

We will hold our **first public scoping meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 2007** from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Clements Center, 1580 Yarrow Street, Lakewood, Colorado. The meeting will be an open house, with informational presentations at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. As a member of the public, you are invited to this meeting so you can learn about the study and provide input on the issues to be included in the study. We will have a limited supervised children's area for your convenience.

We are currently collecting baseline data for a variety of resources in the study area, including traffic, infrastructure, noise, natural and cultural resources, and community resources. The data will help us identify the needs, constraints, and possible solutions in the study area. Some of the issues we must address include traffic congestion, neighborhood and business access, poor interchange operations, high accident rates, undersized drainage facilities, and inadequate bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

We would also like to take the opportunity at the public meeting to hear your vision for the interchange and Wadsworth Boulevard, learn which issues are important to you as we study improvements, and answer any questions you may have about the upcoming study. We are looking forward to working with the community on this exciting study.

Enclosed is a project fact sheet providing preliminary information on the study and showing the general study area. If you have any questions or comments that you would like to discuss before our meeting, please contact our Public Involvement Coordinator, Colleen Kirby Roberts, at 303-573-5385 x205, or any of the other team members listed on the enclosed fact sheet. Please also visit our website at www.US6wadsworth.com.

Sincerely,

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Seyed Kalantar, P.E. CDOT Region 6 Project Manager

Traducción al español estará disponible durante la reunión. Para información en español sobre la próxima reunión pública, de la evaluación ambiental de US 6 y Wadsworth, por favor contactar a Claudio Vera al 720-286-0226.





# Project Facts

# Improve mobility, access, and safety at the US 6 and Wadsworth Boulevard Interchange – the "gateway" to Lakewood

The Colorado Department of Transportation is beginning data collection for the US 6 and Wadsworth Boulevard Environmental Assessment. The Environmental Assessment will study possible improvements to the US 6 (6th Avenue) and Wadsworth Boulevard Interchange and to Wadsworth Boulevard from approximately 3rd Avenue to 13th Avenue, as shown. A "No Action" Alternative – which would not provide any transportation improvements – will also be considered.

The Environmental Assessment is being prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. The NEPA process requires agencies proposing federally-funded transportation projects to integrate environmental values into the planning process, evaluate potential adverse and beneficial impacts of the proposed project, and consider mitigation measures that can avoid or minimize adverse environmental impacts. The NEPA process also considers the social and transportation needs of the public.

Transportation projects typically involve a high level of public involvement and outreach. CDOT will actively seek input from agencies, businesses, residents, and stakeholders along the Wadsworth Boulevard corridor study area as the study progresses. Detailed information will be provided to the public in the coming months. CH2M HILL is the consultant firm contracted by CDOT to conduct the Environmental Assessment and associated technical studies.

## Quick Facts:

### Contacts:

Start Date: April 2007

**Completion of EA:** Estimated 18 - 24 months

Project Website: www.US6Wadsworth.com

### Colleen Kirby Roberts - Primary Contact CH2M HILL Public Involvement Coordinator

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## Study Area



13th Avenue

RIGHTLANE

6th Avenue Interchange

-3rd Avenue







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#### PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FOR US 6/WADSWORTH ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

**DENVER--** The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is pleased to announce the start of an Environmental Assessment (EA) study to examine potential transportation improvements to the US 6 (6<sup>th</sup> Avenue) and Wadsworth Boulevard (SH 121) interchange and to Wadsworth Boulevard between approximately 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

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CDOT will hold the first public scoping meeting later this month to introduce the study and gather public input on the issues to be included in the study. Some of the issues that will be addressed include traffic congestion, neighborhood and business access, interchange operations, traffic safety, drainage facilities, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The first public scoping meeting will be held as follows:

WHEN: August 21, 2007 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Open House with Informational Presentations at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
WHERE: Clements Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado
\*A limited supervised children's area will be available.

Members of the public are invited to attend this meeting to learn about the study, provide input, help define the vision for the interchange and Wadsworth Boulevard, and get answers to any questions about the upcoming study.

For more information, please visit our website at <u>www.US6wadsworth.com</u> or call 303-573-5385 extension 205.

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#### WHY:

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Limited supervised children's area available. Traducción al español estará disponible durante la reunión.

# US 6/Wadsworth



For more information: visit www.US6Wadsworth.com



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# Public Scoping Meeting August 21, 2007 Clements Center 1580 Yarrow Street, Lakewood

## Open house 4pm to 8pm Informational presentations at 5pm & 7pm

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