

**STATE OF COLORADO**  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
REGION 1 I-70 MTN CORRIDOR PROGRAM  
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# I-70 EB Peak Period Shoulder Lane Project

Project Number: NHPP 0703-401

Project Code: 19474

## Technical Team Meeting #6

October 28, 2013

CDOT I-70 Mountain Corridor | HDR Engineering, Inc.



# AGENDA

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND OVERVIEW
  - Project Schedule
  - Other Project Efforts
2. RESPONSES TO TECHNICAL TEAM ISSUES
  - Definition of Interim
  - ROD Compatibility
  - Enhancement Opportunities
3. OUTCOMES FROM ISSUES TASK FORCE MEETINGS
  - SH 103
  - Section 106
4. ISSUES TIMELINE
5. FOLLOW UP
  - Retaining Walls
  - Emergency Response
6. REVIEW PROPOSED SOLUTIONS
  - SH 103 Bridge
  - I-70 Bridges
7. DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR:
  - Pull Out Locations
  - Signage
  - Managed Lane Access
8. NEXT STEPS



# CORE VALUES

- SAFETY
- MOBILITY
- CONSTRUCTABILITY
- COMMUNITY
- ENVIRONMENT
- ENGINEERING CRITERIA AND AESTHETICS
- SUSTAINABILITY

**STEP 1**  
Define Desired Outcomes  
and Actions

**STEP 2**  
Endorse the Process

**STEP 3**  
Establish Criteria

**STEP 4**  
Develop Alternatives and  
Options

**STEP 5**  
Evaluate, Select and  
Refine Alternatives and  
Options

**STEP 6**  
Finalize Documentation  
and Evaluation Process



➤ **CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS REPORT**

- LATE FALL 2013

➤ **PRELIMINARY DESIGN MEETING**

-NOVEMBER 2013

➤ **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

-JANUARY 2014

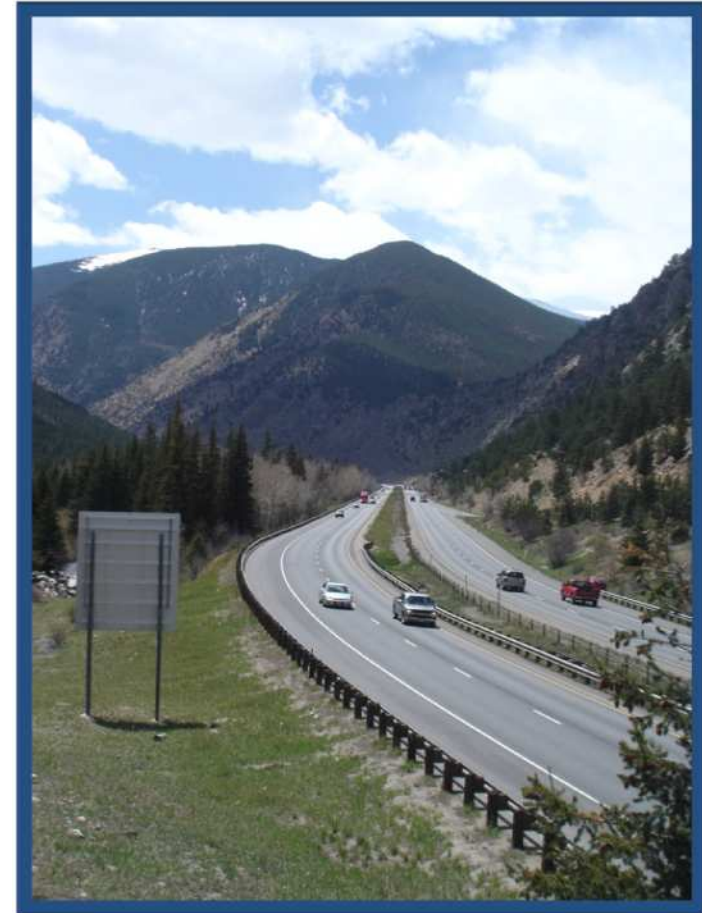
➤ **OPEN TO TRAFFIC**

- JULY 2015





- **RAMP Recommendations**
- **Traffic and Revenue**
- **Twin Tunnels**
- **AGS**
- **CCC Transportation  
Visioning**



## ➤ PARKING LOT

- Interim definition
- Highway 103 bridge
- Enhancement opportunities along creek (revegetation etc.)
- ROD Compatibility
- EA versus Cat Ex
- Snow removal
- Whole transportation system Including local roads
- Cooperative Agreements (revegetation, greenway, transportation, etc.)
- Online Meeting Update



## Definition of Interim

- **Consists of Two Parts**
  - Time Frame (# of Years)
  - Days/Hours of Operation
- **Documentation**
  - MOU with FHWA
  - Form 464 (Variance Package)
  - Concept of Operations



## Definition of Interim

### ➤ Time Frame

- CDOT commits to reassess the PPSL in 2020 corresponding with ROD reassessment
- CDOT will continually collect data annually and conduct a reassessment prior to 2020 if needed
- Data collected:
  - I-70 Travel Time Reliability
  - I-70 Traffic Volume and Traffic Type
  - I-70 Safety/Crash Data





## Definition of Interim

### ➤ Hours of Operation

- Need a generalized time frame for staffing and driver expectancy
- PPSL will run as needed between 11:00am and 8:00pm
- Saturdays and Sundays from Dec – March & July – September
- Holidays throughout the year
- During emergency closures of general purpose lanes when necessary (not included in normal operation count)
- PPSL operations are weather dependent
- CDOT commits to run PPSL as described above and not to exceed 20% of the annual days or 7.5% of the annual hourly time



## Definition of Interim

- **MOU Status**
  - Currently being drafted for review by FHWA
  - Tech Team review by November/December



- **PPSL Does not preclude improvements in the ROD**
- **Does not clearly fit within a definition of expanded use of existing infrastructure**
- **Is categorized as a “Separate Action” (per CEQ guidance)**



➤ **SH 103**

➤ Held October 11, 2013 and October 24, 2013

➤ **Section 106**

➤ Held October 8, 2013



# CSS TRACKING SCHEDULE

## I-70 MOUNTAIN CORRIDOR PEAK PERIOD SHOULDER LANE ISSUES FOR TECHNICAL TEAM PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

ISSUES	2013				2014																	
	JULY		AUG		SEP		OCT		NOV		DEC		JAN		FEB		MAR		APRIL		MAY	
	2ND	4TH	2ND	4TH	2ND	4TH	1ST	4TH	2ND	3RD	2ND	3RD	2ND	4TH	2ND	4TH	2ND	4TH	2ND	4TH	2ND	4TH
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<b>OPERABILITY</b>																						
LEFT VS RIGHT		*	●			●																
<b>ROADWAY DEFINITION</b>																						
DEFINE INTERIM						*		●														
ROADWAY WIDTH			—			*	●															
WIDENING MEDIAN VS. CREEK						—*	●															
ACCELERATION AND DECELERATION LANES						—*	●															
<b>STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS</b>																						
SH 103 BRIDGE							—	*		●												
I-70 BRIDGES							—	*		●												
RETAINING WALLS						—	*	●														
EMERGENCY RESPONSE						—	*	●														
<b>INTEGRAL COMPONENTS</b>																						
PULL OUT LOCATIONS								—	*		●											
SIGNAGE								—	*		●											
MANAGED LANE ACCESS								—	*		●											
DRAINAGE									—	*		●										
GREENWAY									—	*		●										
SNOW REMOVAL/ MAINTENANCE									—	*		●										
NOISE									—	*		●										
INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS													*		●							
CLASS OF ACTION														*		●						
AESTHETICS REVIEW						*	*	*		*		*		*								

LEGEND:  Shaded Items are Complete — Discuss Criteria \* Presentation of Concepts ● Follow-Up (As Needed)

PPS/L Feasibility Review

AGS & R/D Compatibility



# GLOSSARY OF TERMS

<b>Acceleration Lane</b>	A lane adjacent to the primary travel lane that allows drivers to accelerate before merging into traffic on the main road
<b>Active Traffic Management</b>	A method of increasing peak capacity and smoothing traffic flows on busy major highways. Techniques include variable speed limits, hard-shoulder running, ramp-metering and may be controlled by overhead variable message signs .
<b>Auxiliary Lane</b>	Along a highway an auxiliary lane connects entrance and exit ramps, with the entrance ramp or acceleration lane from one interchange leading to the exit ramp or deceleration lane of the next.
<b>Breakdown Lane</b>	A strip of ground with a hard surface beside a major road where vehicles can stop in an emergency.
<b>Deceleration Lane</b>	A lane adjacent to the primary travel lane that allows drivers to pull off the main road and decelerate safely in order to turn or exit without slowing the traffic behind.
<b>Dynamic Toll</b>	A toll per vehicle that increases or decreases depending on the level of congestion in order to maintain the smooth flow of traffic.
<b>EOP</b>	Edge of pavement.
<b>General Purpose Lane</b>	A traffic lane that does not have any restrictions, such as time of day or type of vehicle that may use the lane.
<b>Interim Solution</b>	A capacity improvement on a roadway that will not be a permanent solution.
<b>Managed Lane</b>	In this case, the managed lane operates during a peak period and traffic utilizing that lane will be required to pay a toll.
<b>Median</b>	The central area between divided highway lanes with traffic traveling in opposite directions.
<b>Peak Period Shoulder Lane</b>	This is a lane of traffic that may function either as a shoulder and a managed lane or a shoulder and a general purpose lane, depending on left versus right.
<b>Rumble Strips</b>	A series of raised strips across a road or along its edge that make a loud noise when a vehicle drives over them in order to warn the driver to go slower or that he or she is too close to the edge of the road
<b>Traffic Management Operations</b>	A coordinated approach to road traffic management where ITS traffic data is utilized to provide traffic information across various platforms to allow for more effective incident management and more efficient management of traffic. This could include continual monitoring of video feed from the corridor.



## Context Statement

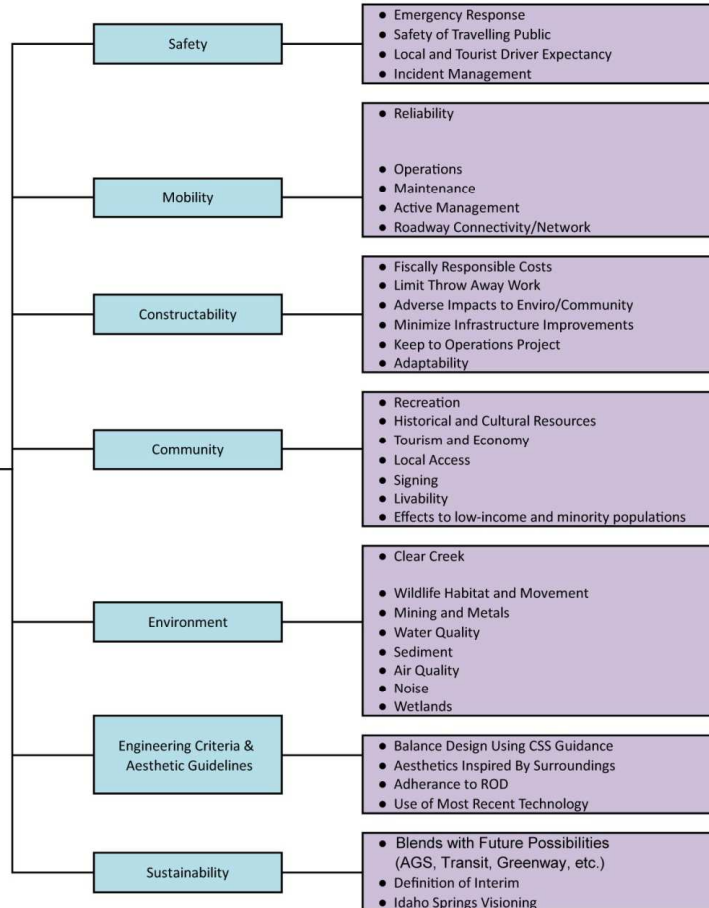
The I-70 mountain corridor is Colorado's only east-west interstate and the primary access route from Denver to the mountains of western Colorado.

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



## Critical Issues

## Evaluation Criteria





# **WIDENING MEDIAN VS. CREEK/ RETAINING WALLS**



**WIDENING MEDIAN VS. CREEK/  
RETAINING WALLS**

<b>Preliminary Wall Summary</b>					
<b>Wall Location Description</b>	<b>Mainline or Ramp Widening</b>	<b>Station Range</b>	<b>Length Wall (LF)</b>	<b>Maximum Exposed Wall Height (FT)</b>	<b>Square Feet Wall (Exposed) (SF)</b>
Lawson	Mainline	354+00 to 361+50	750	3.8	1474
East of Lawson	Mainline	366+00 to 369+50	350	2.0	624
West of Downieville (Existing Wall)	Mainline	373+85 to 382+85	900	Existing	Existing
Dumont On-Ramp	Ramp	451+50 to 454+00	250	2.3	459
B/T Dumont and Fall River	Mainline	468+50 to 477+00	850	2.3	837
Fall River On-Ramp Wall #1	Ramp	591+00 to 594+00	300	3.2	823
Fall River On-Ramp Wall #2	Ramp	596+00 to 599+00	300	2.7	435
SH 103 Off-Ramp	Ramp	676+00 to 678+10	210	5.8	TBD
SH 103 Off-Ramp (Existing Wall)	Ramp	678+10 to 682+10	400	Existing	Existing
SH 103 On-Ramp	Ramp	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Approach to Bridge over Clear Creek	Ramp	701+25 to 702+00	75	2.0	150
<b>Totals:</b>			<b>4385</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>4802</b>



# WIDENING MEDIAN VS. CREEK/ RETAINING WALLS



## PEAK PERIOD SHOULDER LANE CRITERIA

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### Widening Median vs. Creek

ID	Criteria	Options Ranking	
		Widen to Creek	Widen to Median
<i>Evaluation Criteria</i>			
1	Addresses safety during PPSL operations	•Not a differentiator	
2	Maintains safety during non-peak times	•Not a differentiator	
3	Improves mobility during peak times	•Not a differentiator	
4	Minimizes the effort required to maintain the option	•More difficult to maintain taller walls along creek	•Easier to maintain shorter walls and access from roadway.
5	Enables the project team to achieve the goal of opening PPSL by 1-Jul-15	•More wall area to design & build increases schedule	•Less wall area to design & build reduces schedule
6	Creates infrastructure investments that are reasonable to construct and provide the best value for their life cycle, function, and purpose.	•More wall area has more impacts, is more expensive, and requires more maintenance	•Less wall area has less impacts, is less expensive, and requires less maintenance





# WIDENING MEDIAN VS. CREEK/ RETAINING WALLS

## Widening Median vs. Creek

ID	Criteria	Options Ranking	
		Widen to Creek	Widen to Median
<i>Evaluation Criteria</i>			
7	Allows for a process to engage and communicate with all the local, regional and national users of the I-70 Mountain Corridor	•Not a differentiator	
8	Creates opportunities to "correct past damage"	•Not a differentiator	
9	Provides access and protects opportunities for enhancements to tourist destinations, community facilities, interstate commerce and also limits disproportionate effects to the community.	• More impacts to riparian vegetation affects river recreational experience	• More impacts to the median vegetation
10	Incorporates sustainability by using locally available materials and environmentally-friendly processes	•Not a differentiator	
11	Protects or creates unique features for the area as a gateway	•Not a differentiator	
12	Protects wildlife needs	•More barrier effect impeding highway permeability	•Less barrier effect impeding highway permeability
13	Protects Clear Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•More potential for creek encroachment</li> <li>•More visual impact from walls and tree removal</li> <li>•Less space for WQ features to be added</li> <li>•Degrades recreational experience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Less potential for encroachment into creek</li> <li>•Less visual impact for walls and tree removal</li> <li>•More space for WQ features to be added</li> </ul>
14	Protects the defining historical elements of Clear Creek County	•More infrastructure, more visual impact	•Less infrastructure, less visual impact



# WIDENING MEDIAN VS. CREEK/ RETAINING WALLS

## Widening Median vs. Creek

ID	Criteria	Options Ranking	
		Widen to Creek	Widen to Median
<i>Evaluation Criteria</i>			
15	Meets CDOT's and industry standards	• Not a differentiator	
16	Achieves the mountain mineral belt aesthetic guidelines	• More impacts to riparian vegetation	• Minimizes the area of walls
17	Meets the I-70 Mountain Corridor design criteria	• Meets the corridor design criteria by not decreasing median width	• Narrows the median
18	Preserves opportunities for the AGS and the ultimate preferred alternative	• Not a differentiator	
19	Adaptable for future changes/projects	• More infrastructure to remove in future	• Less infrastructure to remove in future
ID	Criteria	Options Ranking	
		Widen to Creek	Widen to Median
<i>Issue Specific Criteria</i>			
1	Impacts to creek users	• More visual impacts to creek users	• No visual impacts to creek users
2	Allows access to the north side of the creek from I-70.	Requires a retaining wall with guard rail that impedes access.	Requires a guard rail but no wall, providing easier access.
3			
4			
<b>Identification of Preferred Option: Summary</b>		<p><b>Lawson &amp; East of Lawson:</b> Widen to Creek due to no available median.</p> <p><b>Dumont On-Ramp, East of Dumont:</b> Widen to Creek to reduce rdwy runoff on slope and encourage vegetation growth &amp; maintain median width.</p> <p><b>Fall River On-Ramp:</b> Widen to Creek to reduce rdwy runoff on slope and encourage vegetation growth &amp; maintain median width, widening to median still requires creek-side retaining wall.</p>	<p><b>At &amp; East of Downieville:</b> Walls eliminated by shifting into median providing less riparian impacts.</p>



## Emergency Response Strategies

- **Staged Assets**
  - Light duty vehicles
  - Courtesy patrol
- **Manned Traffic Management Operations**
  - Continuous camera coverage
  - Traffic monitoring
  - Facilitation of dispatch
  - Dedicated staff to Corridor
- **ATM – active traffic management**
  - Ability to close lane through technology
    - Cameras
    - Signs
    - Person

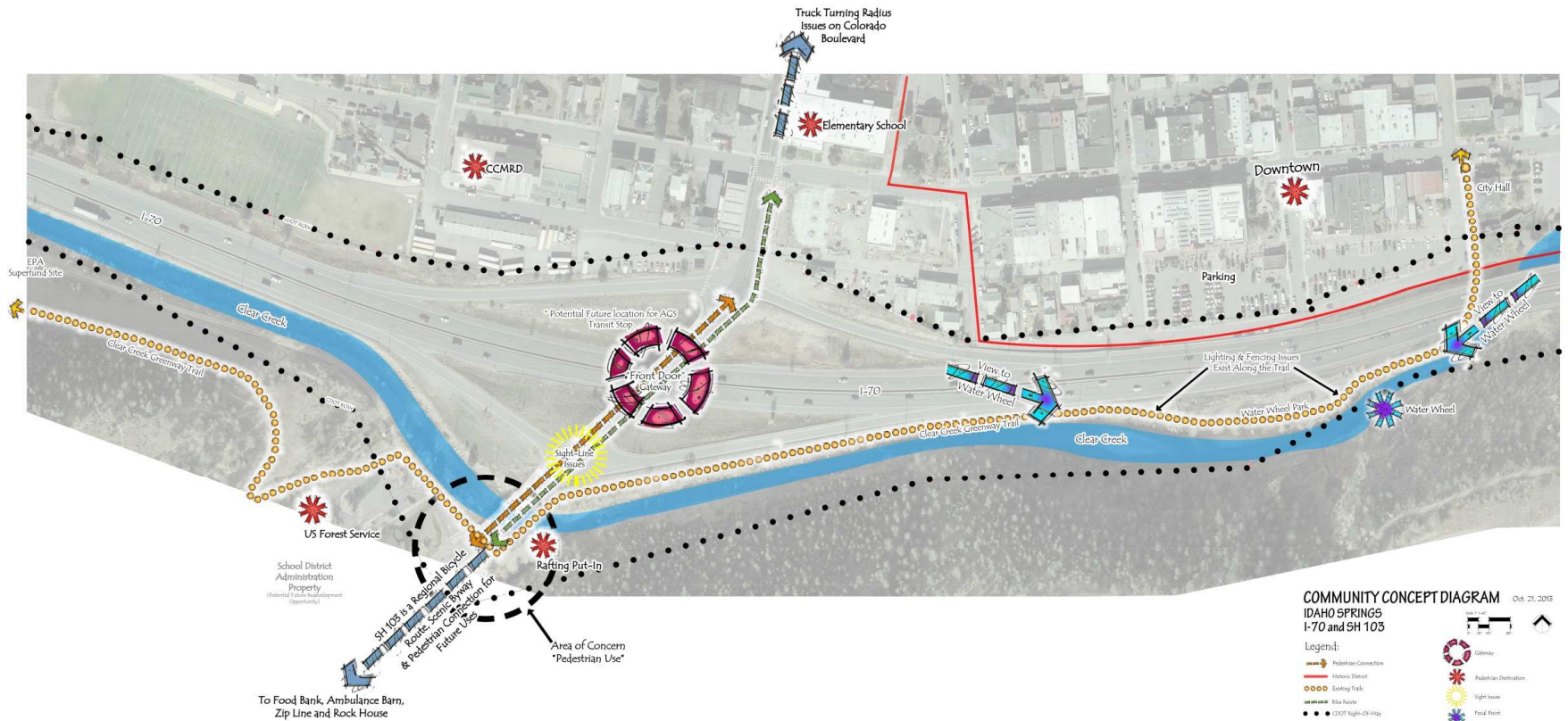




# SH 103 Interchange



# SH 103 - EXISTING CONDITIONS





SH 103 – ALIGNMENT OPTIONS  
REQUIRED FOR WIDENING  
ROADWAY ALIGNMENT



**NORTH ALIGNMENT**

Shift North Option

Proposed Edge of Pavement



SH 103 – ALIGNMENT OPTIONS  
REQUIRED FOR WIDENING  
ROADWAY ALIGNMENT



SOUTH ALIGNMENT





# SH 103-INTERCHANGE North vs. South Alignment



## PEAK PERIOD SHOULDER LANE CRITERIA

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### SH 103 - I-70 Widening North vs. South

ID	Criteria	Options Ranking		
		Shift to North	Shift to South	
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>				
1	Addresses safety during PPSL operations			•Not a differentiator
2	Maintains safety during non-peak times			•Not a differentiator
3	Improves mobility during peak times			•Not a differentiator
4	Minimizes the effort required to maintain the option			• Requires maintenance of park improvements.
5	Enables the project team to achieve the goal of opening PPSL by 1-Jul-15			•Not a differentiator
6	Creates infrastructure investments that are reasonable to construct and provide the best value for their life cycle, function, and purpose.	• Requires significant and costly impacts to drainage, utilities, and City parking.		• Minor impacts to the park. • Creates opportunities for park improvements.
7	Allows for a process to engage and communicate with all the local, regional and national users of the I-70 Mountain Corridor	• By impacting drainage, utilities, and City parking, users along the I-70 corridor will be less likely to visit due to increased construction and reduced parking.		• Park improvements will engage I-70 travelers with community amenities and history
8	Creates opportunities to "correct past damage"	• Increases impacts to the City		• Provides opportunity for park improvements which may increase usage of the facility.



# SH 103- INTERCHANGE North vs. South Alignment



## PEAK PERIOD SHOULDER LANE CRITERIA

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### SH 103 - I-70 Widening North vs. South

ID	Criteria	Options Ranking	
		Shift to North	Shift to South
<i>Evaluation Criteria</i>			
9	Provides access and protects opportunities for enhancements to tourist destinations, community facilities, interstate commerce and also limits disproportionate effects to the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increases impacts to the City</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides opportunity for park improvements which may increase usage of the facility.</li> </ul>
10	Incorporates sustainability by using locally available materials and environmentally-friendly processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not a differentiator</li> </ul>	
11	Protects or creates unique features for the area as a gateway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increases impacts to the City parking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides opportunity for park improvements which may increase usage of the facility.</li> </ul>
12	Protects wildlife needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not a differentiator</li> </ul>	
13	Protects Clear Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less potential for encroachment into creek</li> <li>Less visual impact for walls</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More potential for creek encroachment</li> <li>More visual impact from walls</li> <li>Positively impacts recreational experience</li> </ul>
14	Protects the defining historical elements of Clear Creek County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No impacts to historical elements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Park enhancements may lead to a greater awareness and more frequent visits to the water wheel</li> </ul>
15	Meets CDOT's and industry standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not a differentiator</li> </ul>	
16	Achieves the mountain mineral belt aesthetic guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No opportunity for park improvements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides opportunity for park improvements</li> </ul>
17	Meets the I-70 Mountain Corridor design criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not a differentiator</li> </ul>	
18	Preserves opportunities for the AGS and the ultimate preferred alternative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not a differentiator</li> </ul>	
19	Adaptable for future changes/projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not a differentiator</li> </ul>	



# SH 103 INTERCHANGE North vs. South Alignment



## SH 103 - I-70 Widening North vs. South

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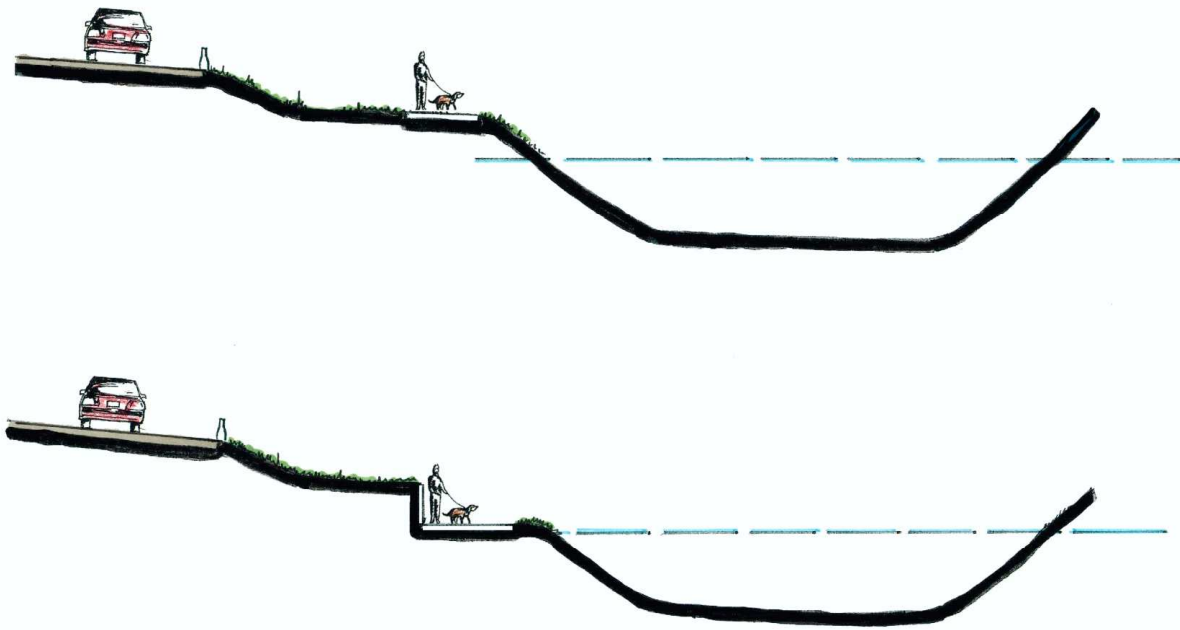
### PEAK PERIOD SHOULDER LANE CRITERIA

ID	Criteria	Options Ranking	
		Shift to North	Shift to South
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>			
1	Appropriate Cost/Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More costs associated with utility and drainage impacts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Less costs and more benefits associated with Park improvements.</li> </ul>
2	How well does the solution support pedestrian movement?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does not impact pedestrian movements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improves pedestrian movements</li> </ul>
3	How does the solution affect the Bikeway and Water Wheel Park?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does not impact Bikeway or Park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greatly improves Bikeway and Park (connectivity, aesthetically)</li> </ul>
4	How does the solution affect emergency services?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not a differentiator</li> </ul>
5	How does the CDOT parking lot (currently in use by Kramer) integrate with the activities of the interchange?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not a differentiator</li> </ul>
6	How is access to Idaho Springs and Mt. Evans affected during construction and in the long term?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not a differentiator</li> </ul>
<b>Identification of Preferred Option:</b>			

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# SH 103 INTERCHANGE Potential Trail and Park Enhancements



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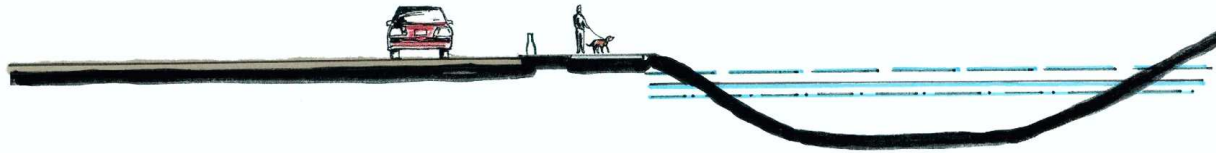
RS 1539 Proposed

Water Wheel Trail Cross Sections

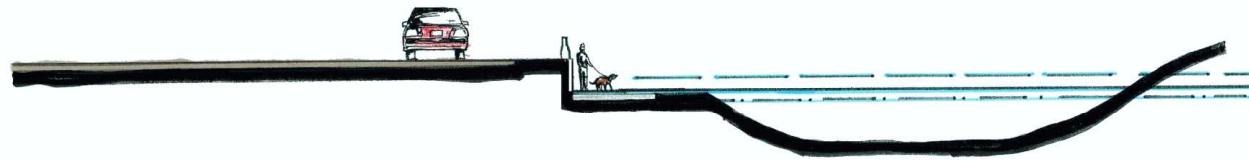




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RS 1040 Existing



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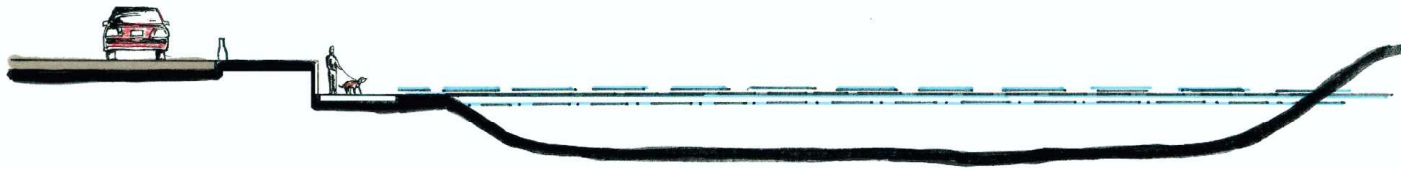
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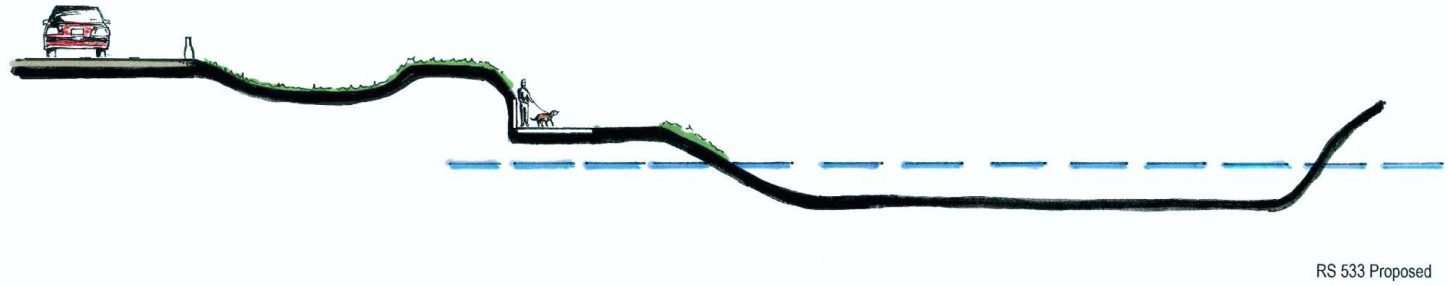
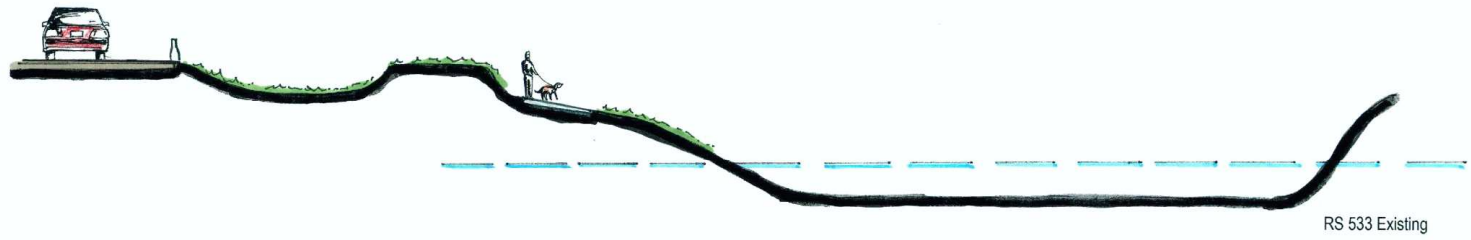


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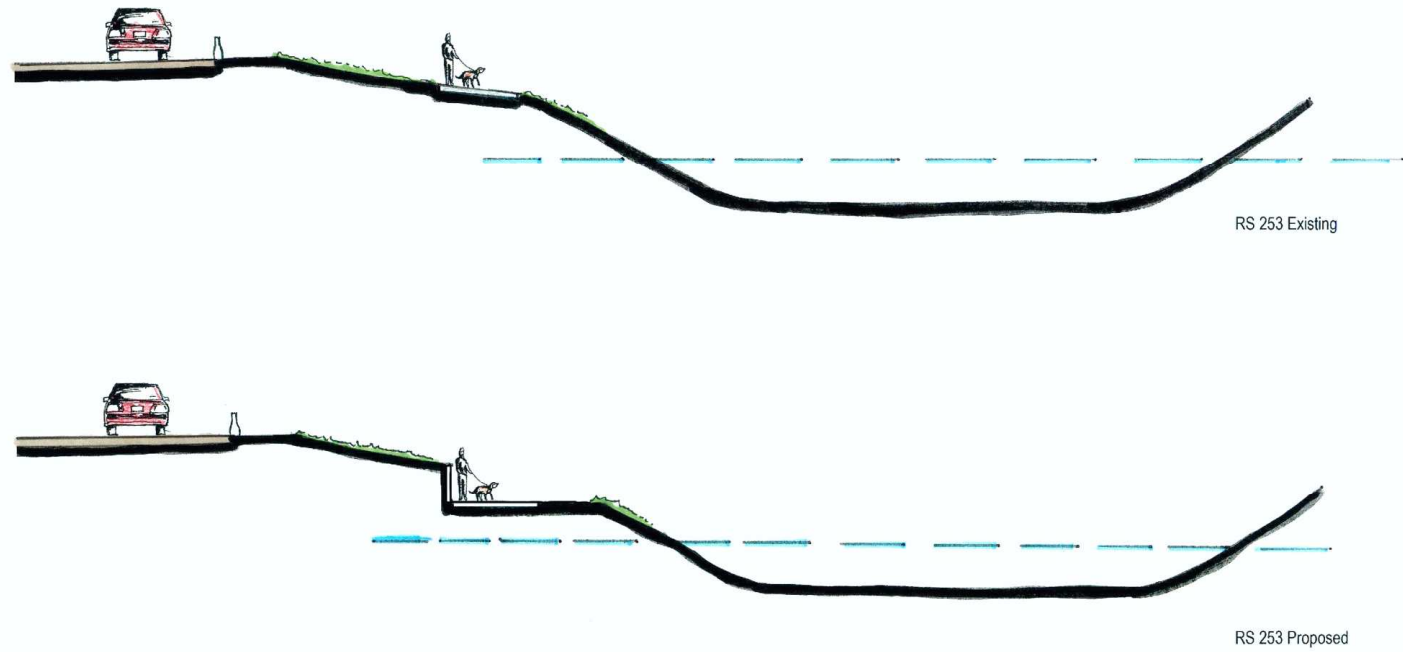
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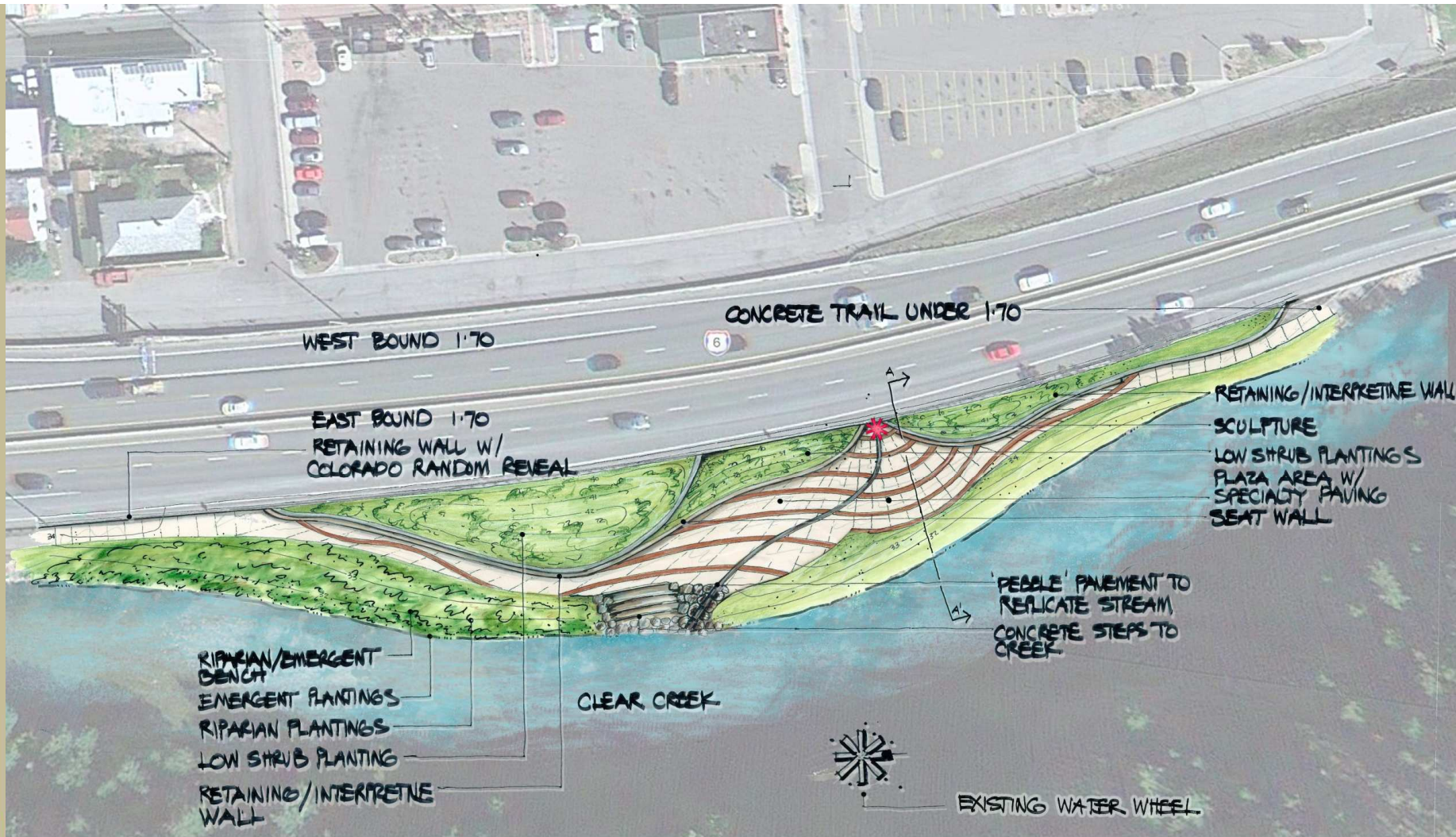
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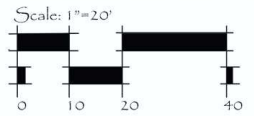
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## Potential Trail and Park Enhancements



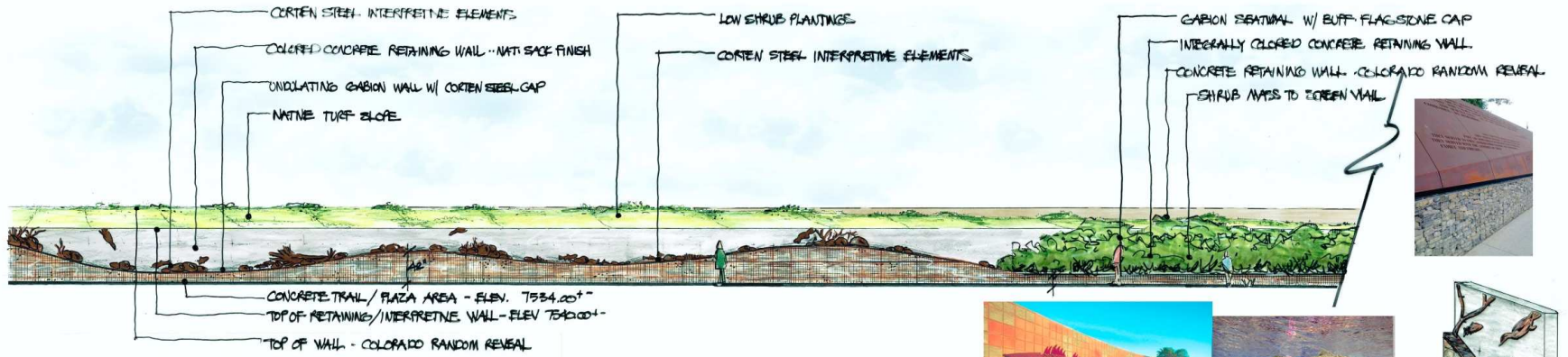
Conceptual Site Plan

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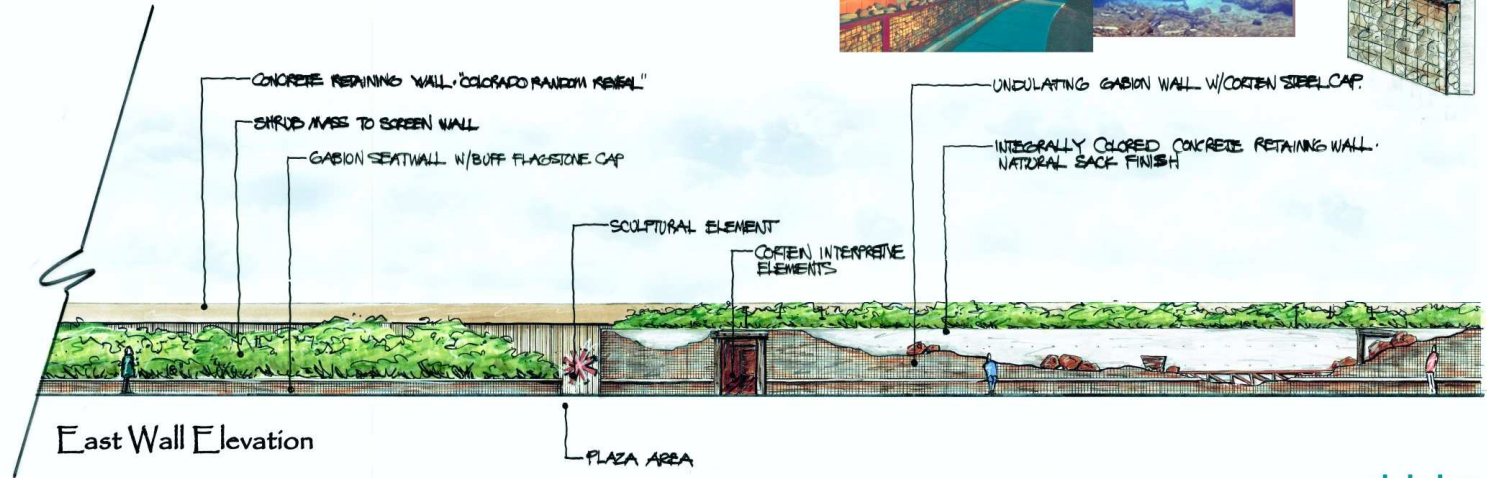




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West Wall Elevation

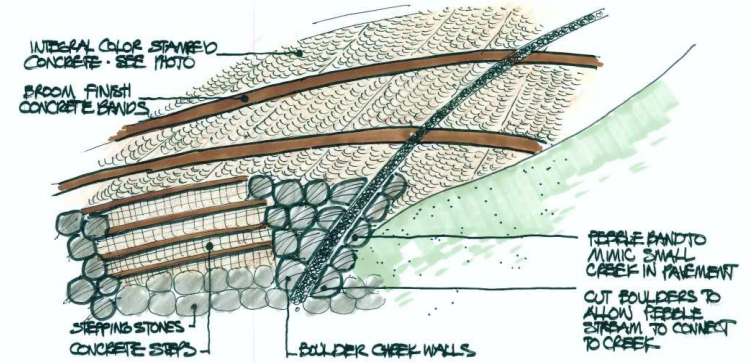
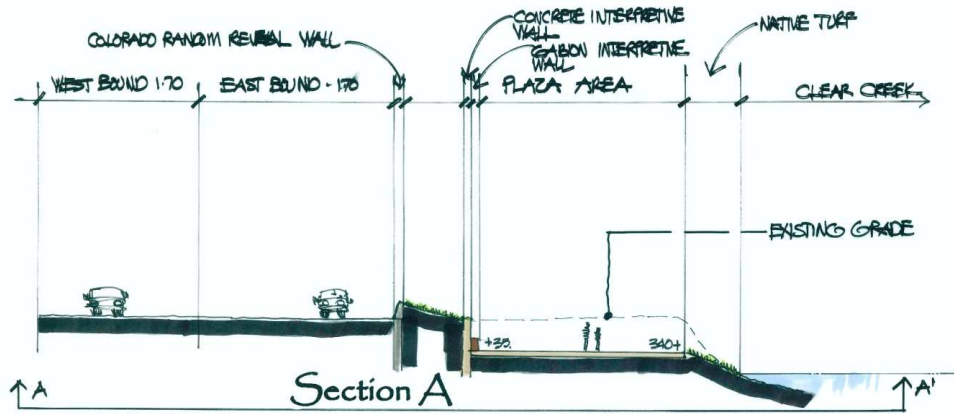


East Wall Elevation

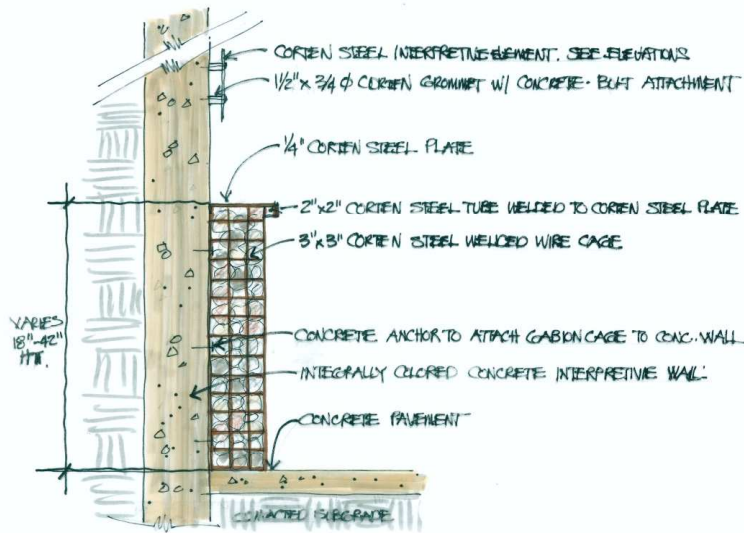
Conceptual Wall Elevations



# SH 103 INTERCHANGE Potential Trail and Park Enhancements



Stamped Concrete - Plaza Enlargement



Gabion Interpretive Wall  
Conceptual Sections and Details



Plaza Area Character Photos

## Bridge Options

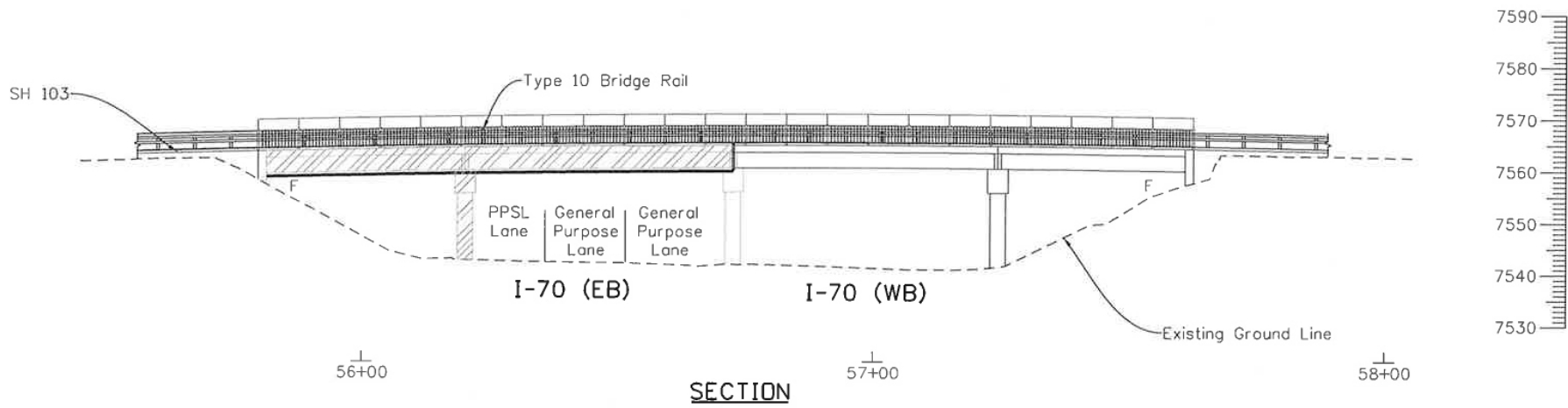
- Reuse of Existing Bridge
- Clear Span Option
- Two Span Option





SH 103 INTERCHANGE  
BRIDGE OPTIONS

# REUSE OF EXISTING BRIDGE



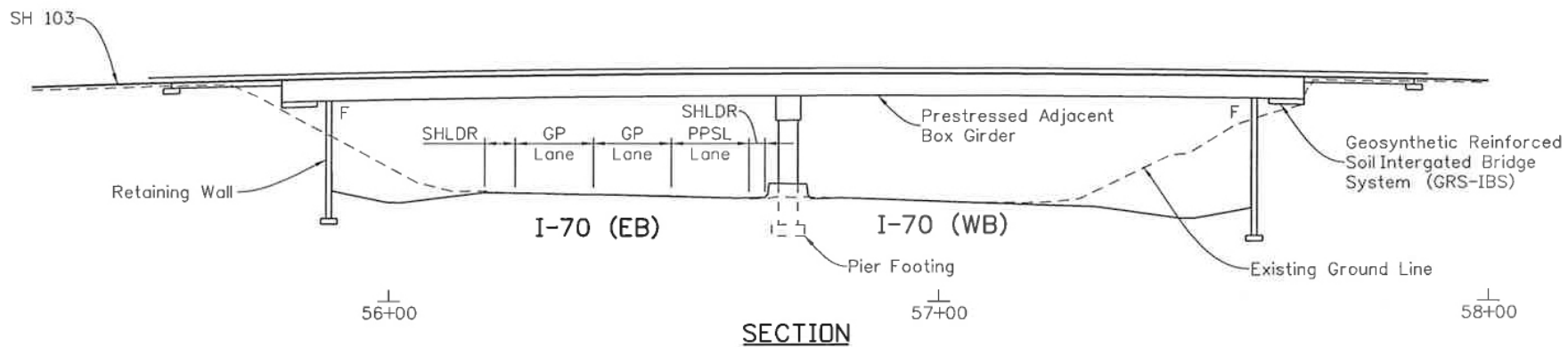
SH 103 INTERCHANGE  
BRIDGE OPTIONS

CLEAR SPAN OVER I-70



SH 103 INTERCHANGE  
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# TWO-SPAN BRIDGE





SH 103 Bridge

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ID	Criteria	Options Ranking		
		Reuse Existing	Clear Span	Two Span
<i>Evaluation Criteria</i>				
1	Addresses safety during PPSL operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not a differentiator</li> </ul>		
2	Maintains safety during non-peak times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not a differentiator</li> </ul>		
3	Improves mobility during peak times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This option is limited to the existing conditions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improves mobility on SH 103.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improves mobility on SH 103.</li> </ul>
4	Minimizes the effort required to maintain the option	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This type of major retrofit would require additional effort to maintain in comparison to a new structure.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These type of structures can be designed and detailed to provide durability and low maintenance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This more traditional type of bridge would provide a very durable structure with minimal maintenance.</li> </ul>
5	Enables the project team to achieve the goal of opening PPSL by 1-Jul-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not a differentiator</li> </ul>		
6	Creates infrastructure investments that are reasonable to construct and provide the best value for their life cycle, function, and purpose.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A retrofit of even this magnitude may still provide some initial investment savings. However, life cycle cost analysis will illustrate that it is not a best value. This option also limits the pedestrian and vehicle functions to the existing conditions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This option is very expensive and typically warranted when traditional alternatives are not feasible.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This option is cost effective and provides the best value when considering the life cycle cost. This option provides the most flexibility for the future.</li> </ul>
7	Allows for a process to engage and communicate with all the local, regional and national users of the I-70 Mountain Corridor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not a differentiator</li> </ul>		







SH 103 Bridge

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		Reuse Existing	Clear Span	Two Span
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>				
8	Creates opportunities to "correct past damage"	● Not a differentiator		
9	Provides access and protects opportunities for enhancements to tourist destinations, community facilities, and interstate commerce.	● Limited to existing conditions	● Provides opportunities for aesthetic and mobility enhancements	● Provides opportunities for aesthetic and mobility enhancements
10	Incorporates sustainability by using locally available materials and environmentally-friendly processes	● Not a differentiator		
11	Protects or creates unique features for the area as a gateway	● This option will appear as a temporary retrofit bridge.	● This option could be a signature structure.	● This option would meet the corridor guidelines and match well with the rest of this corridor.
12	Protects wildlife needs	● Not a differentiator		
13	Protects Clear Creek	● Not a differentiator		
14	Protects the defining historical elements of Clear Creek County	● Not a differentiator		
15	Meets CDOT's and industry standards	● This option would require some variances, since it is a retrofit with an older structure.	● This option would meet CDOT and industry standards.	● This option would meet CDOT and industry standards.
16	Achieves the mountain mineral belt aesthetic guidelines	● This option is limited to the existing conditions.	● This option would meet the aesthetic guidelines.	● This option would meet the aesthetic guidelines.
17	Meets the I-70 Mountain Corridor design criteria	● This option is limited to the existing conditions.	● This option would meet the design criteria.	● This option would meet the design criteria.
18	Preserves opportunities for the AGS and the ultimate preferred alternative	● This option is limited to the existing conditions.	● This option provides flexibility for AGS and the ultimate preferred alternative.	● This option provides flexibility for AGS and the ultimate preferred alternative.
19	Adaptable for future changes/projects	● This option is limited to the existing conditions.	● This option provides flexibility for future changes.	● This option provides flexibility for future changes.





SH 103 Bridge

PEAK PERIOD SHOULDER LANE CRITERIA

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ID	Criteria	Options Ranking		
		Reuse Existing	Clear Span	Two Span
<i>Issue Specific Criteria</i>				
1	How well does the solution support pedestrian movement?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This option maintains the existing pedestrian conditions and does not provide enhancement opportunity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This option provides the opportunity to have a wider sidewalk for pedestrian movements and also a wider roadway shoulder for safety.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This option provides the opportunity to have a wider sidewalk for pedestrian movements and also a wider roadway shoulder for safety.</li> </ul>
2	Provide flexibility for the construction/traffic phasing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This option is limited to the existing two lane bridge width, which would restrict the bridge to one lane during construction.</li> <li>Significant impacts to SH 103 and I-70 traffic.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This option would require a full closure of SH103. The closure period would depend on if the structure was built on-site or if it was built off-line and moved into place.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This option provides the flexibility of two lane phasing during construction. Accelerated bridge technology provides opportunity to reduce traffic impacts.</li> </ul>
3	Minimizes the construction schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The construction time frame for this option with a full closure would be approximately 2 months and with a phased approach the construction time frame would be in the 6 to 9 month range. A retrofit structure has a higher risk of impacts to schedule, construction and traffic phasing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The construction time frame for this option is on the order of two times more than traditional bridge construction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The construction time frame for this option with a full closure would be approximately 2 months and with a phased approach the construction time frame would be in the 6 to 9 month range.</li> </ul>
<b>Identification of Preferred Option: Summary</b>				

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# I-70 BRIDGES



## 17 Structures Within Project

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|----|------------------|-----|-----------------|
| 1. | <b>E-14-S *</b>  | 9.  | E-14-AZ         |
| 2. | E-14-AV          | 10. | F-14-H          |
| 3. | E-14-AM          | 11. | F-14-G MINOR    |
| 4. | E-14-AL          | 12. | <b>F-14-E *</b> |
| 5. | E-14-AK          | 13. | F-14-N          |
| 6. | E-14-O           | 14. | F-14-X          |
| 7. | <b>E-14-AX *</b> | 15. | F-14-C MINOR    |
| 8. | E-14-B MINOR     | 16. | <b>F-14-Y *</b> |
|    |                  | 17. | F-14-BV         |

**\* OVERPASS**





## Meeting with FHWA

- No widening required on bridges carrying I-70
- Replacement of SH 103 Bridge
- East Idaho Springs Bridge requires lowering of I-70 for vertical clearance



## EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Addresses safety during PPSL operations
2. Maintains safety during non-peak times
3. Improves mobility and reliability during peak times for both I-70 and the local roadway network
4. Minimizes the effort required to maintain the operation
5. Enable the project team to achieve the goal of opening the PPSL
6. Creates infrastructure investments that are reasonable to construct and provide the best value for their life cycle, function and purpose.
7. Allows for a process to engage and communicate with all the local, regions and national users of the I-70 Mountain Corridor
8. Creates opportunities to “correct past damage”
9. Provides access and protects opportunities for enhancements to tourist destinations, community facilities, interstate commerce and also limits disproportionate effects to the community.



10. Incorporates sustainability by using locally available materials and environmentally- friendly process
11. Protects or creates unique features for the areas as a gateway
12. Protects wildlife needs
13. Protects Clear Creek
14. Protects the defining historical elements of Clear Creek County
15. Meets CDOT's and industry standards
16. Achieves the Mountain Mineral Belt aesthetic guidelines
17. Meets the I-70 Mountain Corridor design criteria
18. Preserves opportunities for the AGS and the ultimate preferred alternative
19. Adaptable for future changes/projects (including Idaho Springs Visioning)



- **Pull Out Locations**

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- **Signage**

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- **Managed Lane Access- Frequency and Location**

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- **Public Involvement**
- **Issue Taskforce Meeting**
  - Local Roadway Network
  - SWEEP, ALIVE and Section 106



# FUTURE TECH TEAM MEETINGS

## ➤ DATES

**11/18 8:30 – 2:30pm at Idaho Springs**

**12/16 8:30 – 2:30pm at CDOT**



# THANK YOU!!!

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## I-70 EB Peak Period Shoulder Lane Project

Project Number: NHPP 0703-401

Project Code: 19474

## Technical Team Meeting #6

October 28, 2013

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