

I-70 EB Peak Period Shoulder Lane Project

Project Number: NHPP 0703-401

Project Code: 19474

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



AGENDA

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND OVERVIEW

- Project Schedule
- Other Project Efforts

2. RESPONSES TO TECHNICAL TEAM ISSUES

- Benefits of PPSL
- Definition of Interim

3. OUTCOMES FROM ISSUES TASK FORCE MEETINGS

- Section 106
- Roadway
- SWEEP
- Emergency Response

4. ISSUES TIMELINE

5. REVIEW PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

- Left vs. Right
- Roadway Width
- Widening Median vs. Creek
- Acceleration and Deceleration Lanes

6. DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR:

- Retaining Walls
- Emergency Response

7. 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

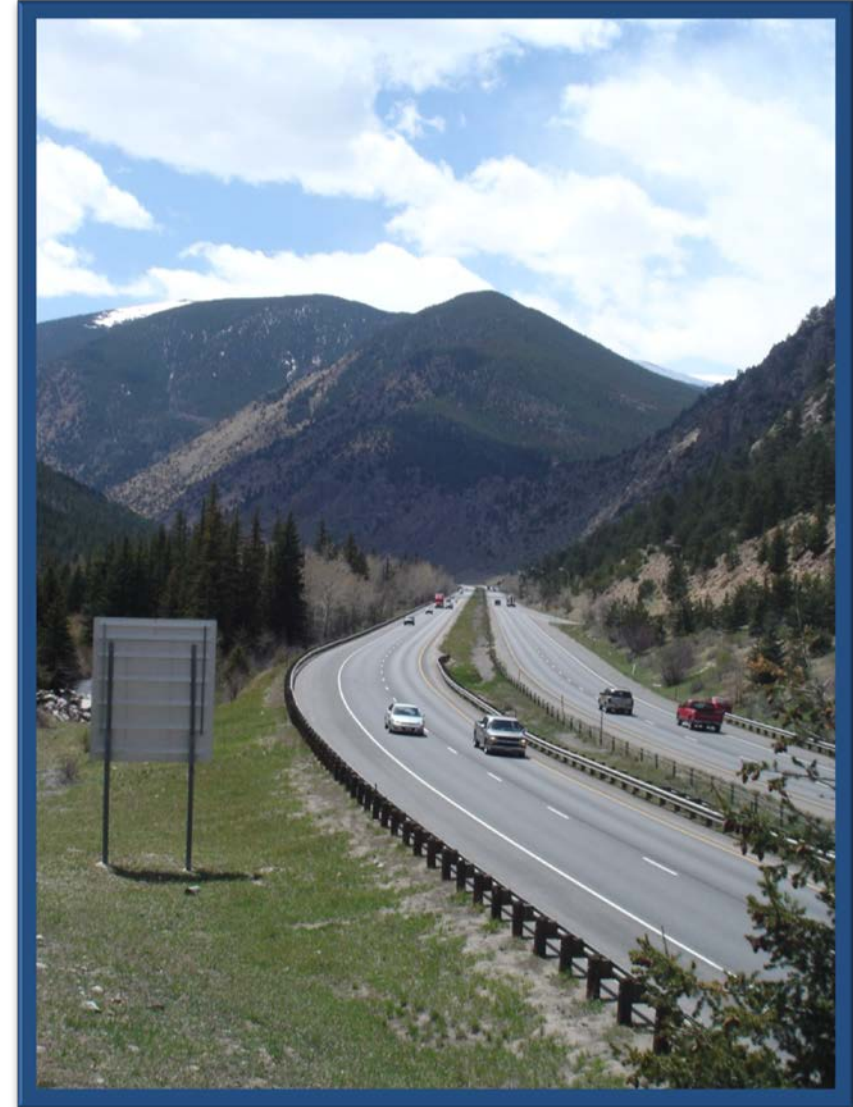
STEP 6
Finalize Documentation
and Evaluation Process



- **ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE DATA**
 - EARLY OCTOBER
- **CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS REPORT**
 - LATE OCTOBER
- **PRELIMINARY DESIGN MEETING**
 - NOVEMBER 20
- **OPEN TO TRAFFIC**
 - JULY 2015



- **RAMP Recommendations**
- **Traffic and Revenue**
- **Twin Tunnels**
- **AGS**



➤ PARKING LOT

- **Benefits of PPSL**
 - Are managed lanes a requirement?
- **Interim definition**
- **Lane width, what is the smallest lane width that is safe?**
- **ROD Compatibility**
- **EA versus Cat Ex**
- **Highway 103 bridge**
- **Snow removal**
- **Whole transportation system including local roads**



➤ BENEFITS OF PPSL

- Allows CDOT to capitalize on the Twin Tunnels Investment by providing a reduced congestion alternative for 12 miles of the I-70 corridor.
- Provides faster speeds in the managed lane (faster by 25 to 35 mph) and the general purpose lanes (faster by 20 to 30 mph).
- Reduces travel times by up to 42% - 48%. Travel times are reduced in all lanes.
- Reduces congestion related crashes.
- Provides a reliable trip.



➤ DEFINITION OF INTERIM

- Definition to be captured in Concept of Operations and MOU.
- Opening day projections estimate it will operate 3.5% of total time (in 3 -9 hour intervals) for 58 days per year. Based on 2900 vehicles per hour.
- 2020 projections estimate that percentage raises to 3.9% or 64 days per year.
- Check in on overall PPSL effectiveness in 2020.



**OUTCOMES FROM ISSUE
TASK FORCE MEETINGS**

- **SECTION 106**
- **LOCAL AGENCY/ROADWAY**
- **SWEEP**
- **EMERGENCY RESPONDERS**



CSS TRACKING SCHEDULE

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

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

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

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Acceleration Lane	A lane adjacent to the primary travel lane that allows drivers to accelerate before merging into traffic on the main road
Auxiliary Lane	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.
Deceleration Lane	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.
EOP	Edge of pavement.
General Purpose Lane	A traffic lane that does not have any restrictions, such as time of day or type of vehicle that may use the lane.
Managed Lane	In this case, the managed lane operates during a peak period and traffic utilizing that lane will be required to pay a toll.
Peak Period Shoulder Lane	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.
Breakdown Lane	A strip of ground with a hard surface beside a major road where vehicles can stop in an emergency.
Rumble Strips	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
Active Traffic Management	A method of increasing peak capacity and smoothing traffic flows on busy major highways. Techniques include variable speed limits, hard-shoulder running and ramp-metering and may be controlled by overhead variable message signs .
Traffic Management Operations	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.
Dynamic Toll	A toll per vehicle that increases or decreases depending on the level of congestion in order to maintain the smooth flow of traffic.
Median	The central area between divided highway lanes with traffic travelling in opposite directions.
Interim Solution	A capacity improvement on a roadway that is not intended to be a permanent solution.





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 & Aesthetic Guidelines
- Sustainability

Critical Issues

- Emergency Response
- Safety of Travelling Public
- Local and Tourist Driver Expectancy
- Incident Management
- Reliability
- Operations
- Maintenance
- Active Management
- Roadway Connectivity/Network
- Fiscally Responsible Costs
- Limit Throw Away Work
- Adverse Impacts to Enviro/Community
- Minimize Infrastructure Improvements
- Keep to Operations Project
- Adaptability
- Recreation
- Historical and Cultural Resources
- Tourism and Economy
- Local Access
- Signing
- Livability
- Effects to low-income and minority populations
- Clear Creek
- Wildlife Habitat and Movement
- Mining and Metals
- Water Quality
- Sediment
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Wetlands
- Balance Design Using CSS Guidance
- Aesthetics Inspired By Surroundings
- Adherence to ROD
- Use of Most Recent Technology
- Blends with Future Possibilities (AGS, Transit, Greenway, etc.)
- Definition of Interim
- Idaho Springs Visioning

Evaluation Criteria

1. Address Safety During PPSL Operations?
2. Maintain Safety During non-peak times?
3. Improve mobility and reliability during peak times?
4. Minimize the effort required to maintain the option?
5. Enable the project team to achieve the goal of opening PPSL by July 1, 2015?
6. Create infrastructure investments that are reasonable to construct and provide the best value for their life cycle, function and purpose.
7. Allow for a process to engage and communicate with all the local, regional and national users of the I-70 Mountain Corridor?
8. Create opportunities to "correct past damage"?
9. Provide access and protect opportunities for enhancements to tourist destinations, community facilities, and interstate commerce and limit disproportionate effects to the community?
10. Incorporate sustainability by using locally available materials and environmentally-friendly processes?
11. Protect or create unique features for the area as a gateway?
12. Protect wildlife needs?
13. Protect Clear Creek?
14. Protect the defining historical elements of Clear Creek County?
15. Meet CDOT and industry standards?
16. Achieve the mountain mineral belt aesthetic guidelines?
17. Meet the I-70 Mountain Corridor design criteria?
18. Preserve opportunities for the AGS and the ultimate preferred alternative?
19. Adaptable for future changes/projects (including Idaho Springs Visioning)?

CSS PROCESS



FAIR / BETTER / BEST RATING SYSTEM

- 1. Proposed by Project Team**
- 2. Augmented by the Technical Team**
- 3. Utilized by the Project Team to develop solutions**
- 4. Results presented to the Technical Team**
- 5. Technical Team offers feedback**
- 6. As necessary, Project Team incorporates refinements**

FAIR

BETTER

BEST

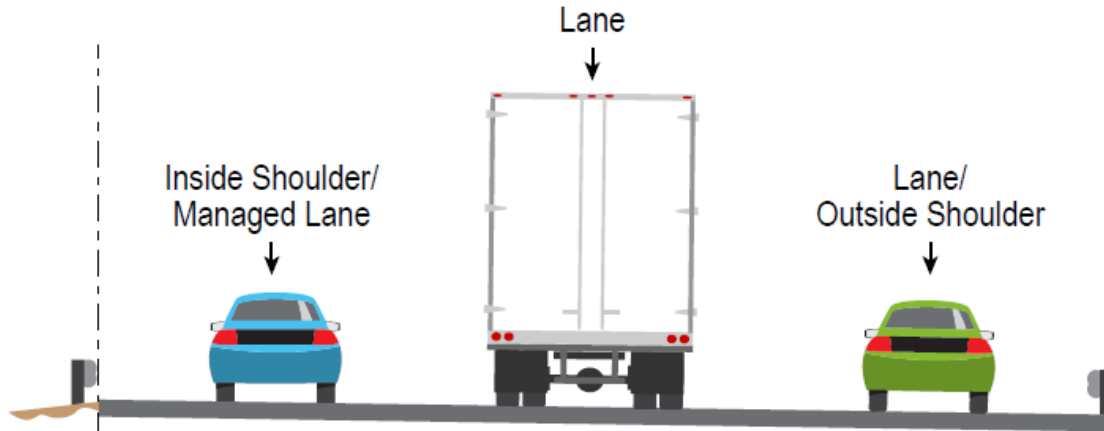




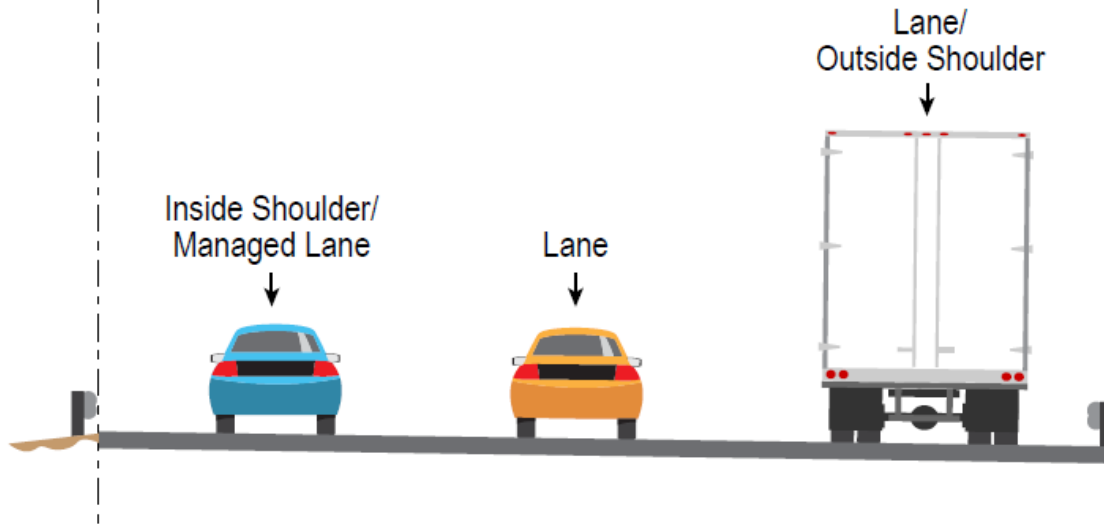
LEFT VS. RIGHT

TRUCK TRAVEL – ON PEAK

LEFT VS. RIGHT



Right Option



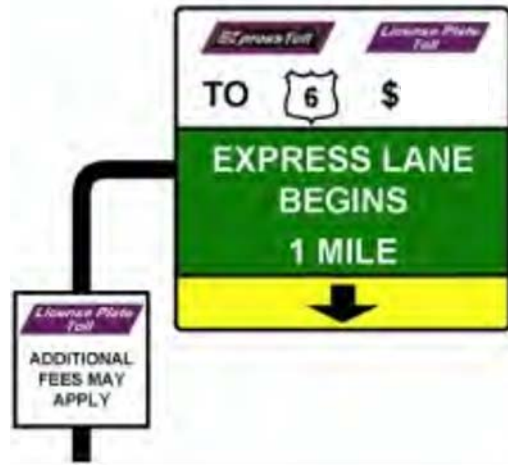
Left Option



SIGNAGE



Right Side
(two signs needed)



Left Side
(one sign needed)



LEFT VS. RIGHT

Peak Period Operations	LEFT	RIGHT
SAFETY		
Breakdown lane on the left		
Rumble strips	✓	
Truck lane use	✓	
DRIVER EXPECTANCY		
Single lane managed lane and peak period shoulder lane	✓	
Lane shift	✓	
striping	✓	
INFRASTRUCTURE		
Widening (acceleration lane)		
Signage	✓	
OPERATIONS		
Travel Time	✓	

Off Peak Operations	LEFT	RIGHT
SAFETY		
Breakdown lane on the left		✓
Rumble strips	✓	
Truck lane use		✓
DRIVER EXPECTANCY		
Single lane managed lane and peak period shoulder lane	✓	
Lane shift	✓	
striping	✓	
INFRASTRUCTURE		
Widening (acceleration lane)		
Signage	✓	
OPERATIONS		
Travel Time		✓





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Left vs. Right

LEFT VS. RIGHT

ID	Criteria	Options Ranking	
		Left-Side	Right-Side
Evaluation Criteria			
1	Addresses safety during PPSL operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard ML striping with solid white line • GP lanes are consistent on peak and off peak • Allows for traditional rumble strips 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unconventional ML striping with dashed line. • GP lanes shift between on peak and off peak operations
2	Maintains safety during non-peak times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Left-side breakdown lane (non-standard) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right-side breakdown lane (standard)
3	Improves mobility during peak times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases weaving to/from the express lane • Enhances travel time • Commercial vehicles may operate in right lane 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decreases weaving to/from the express lane • Commercial vehicles must operate in middle lane
4	Minimizes the effort required to maintain the option	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces signing and structures • Creates snow removal/ sediment control challenges • Conventional striping patterns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases signing and structures • Unconventional striping patterns
5	Enables the project team to achieve the goal of opening PPSL by July 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a differentiator 	
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"> • Configuration consistent with CDOT similar projects on North I-25, US-36 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases signing infrastructure more than left-side option • Configuration not consistent with CDOT similar projects
7	Allows for a process to engage and communicate with all the local, regions and national users of the I-70 Mountain Corridor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a differentiator 	



Left vs. Right

ID	Criteria	Options Ranking	
		Left-Side	Right-Side
<i>Evaluation Criteria</i>			
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.		• Not a differentiator
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	•Creates an opportunity to replace the 103 bridge	•Opportunity to maintain the 103 bridge
12	Protects wildlife needs		• Not a differentiator
13	Protects Clear Creek		• Not a differentiator
14	Protects the defining historical elements of Clear Creek County	•Less signs impacting historic viewshed	•More signs impacting historic viewshed
15	Meets CDOT's and industry standards		• Not a differentiator
16	Achieves the mountain mineral belt aesthetic guidelines		•Not a differentiator



LEFT VS. RIGHT

Left vs. Right

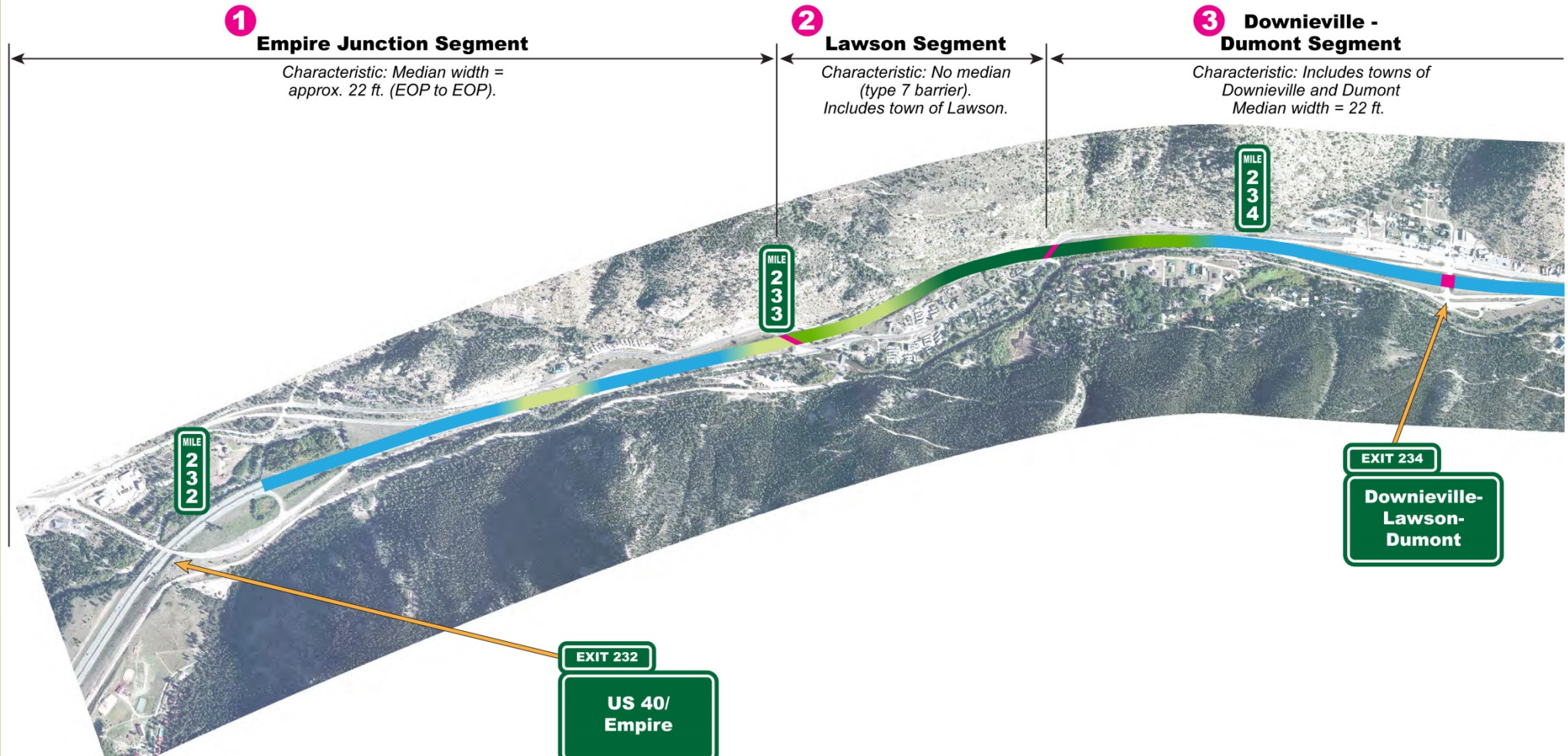
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		Left-Side	Right-Side	
				Fair Better Best
Evaluation Criteria				
17	Meets the I-70 Mountain Corridor design criteria	•Not a differentiator		
18	Preserves opportunities for the AGS and the ultimate preferred alternative	•Not a differentiator		
19	Adaptable for future changes/projects	• Less infrastructure removal (signage)	• Additional infrastructure removal (signage)	
ID	Criteria	Options Ranking		
		Left-Side	Right-Side	Fair Better Best
Issue Specific Criteria				
1	Meets driver expectations/roadway environment/precedence set for express lanes in the state	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Standard ML striping with solid white line • Breakdown lane on non-traditional left side •GP lanes are in the same configuration (on peak versus off peak) •Consistent with US 36 and North I-25 managed lane corridors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Unconventional ML striping with dashed line. • Breakdown lane on traditional right side • Possible fewer emergency pullouts required •Not consistent with North I-25 and US 36 managed lane corridors •GP lanes are in different configurations (on peak versus off peak) 	
2	Minimizing signing types and locations throughout the corridor	•Requires less signing	•Requires more signing	
3	Maintains fluid ramp access and standard ramp geometry on and off-ramps accesses and ramp geometry.	• Not a differentiator		
Identification of Preferred Option: Summary		Left-Side PPSL Operation provides greater enhancement of safety and operational benefits to the traveling public, as well as a reduction of impacts to the stakeholders along the corridor during peak and off peak operations. The analysis accounted for, but was not limited to Safety, Driver Expectancy, Infrastructure and Operations.		





ROADWAY WIDTH

Draft: Eastbound PPSL Hybrid Alternative Overview (1 of 4)



1 Empire Junction Segment
 Characteristic: Median width = approx. 22 ft. (EOP to EOP).

2 Lawson Segment
 Characteristic: No median (type 7 barrier). Includes town of Lawson.

3 Downieville - Dumont Segment
 Characteristic: Includes towns of Downieville and Dumont. Median width = 22 ft.

Legend:

- = Potentially No Widening Required
- = Widening Requirements Unknown

Widening Anticipated:

- = 0 - 1 foot
- = 1 - 2 feet
- = 2 - 3.5 feet

Draft: Eastbound PPSL Hybrid Alternative Overview (2 of 4)

3 Downieville - Dumont Segment

Characteristic: Includes towns of Downieville and Dumont
Median width = 22 ft.

4 Fall River Segment

Characteristic: Median width = 21 ft.
Includes Fall River Rd exit.



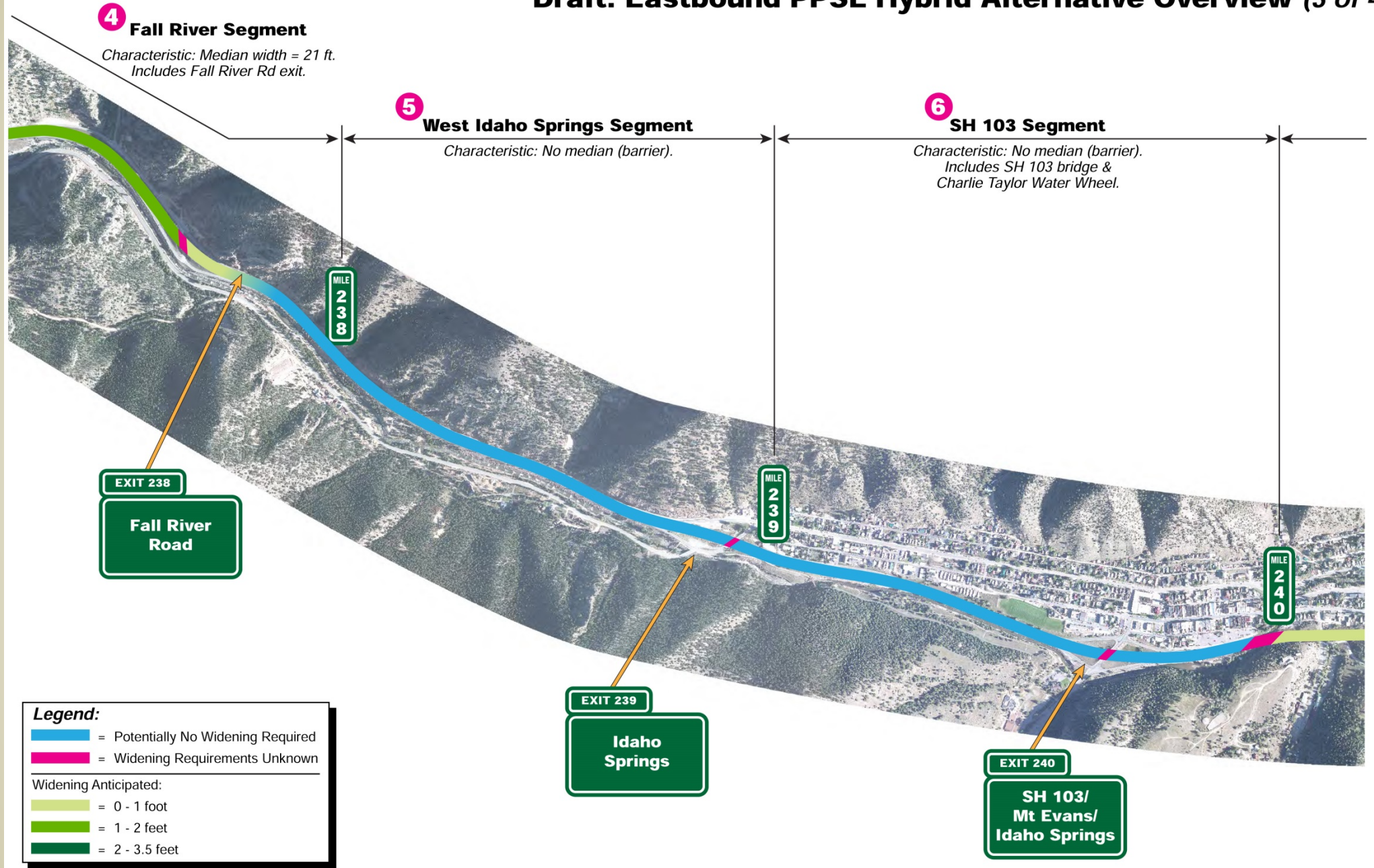
Legend:

- █ = Potentially No Widening Required
- █ = Widening Requirements Unknown

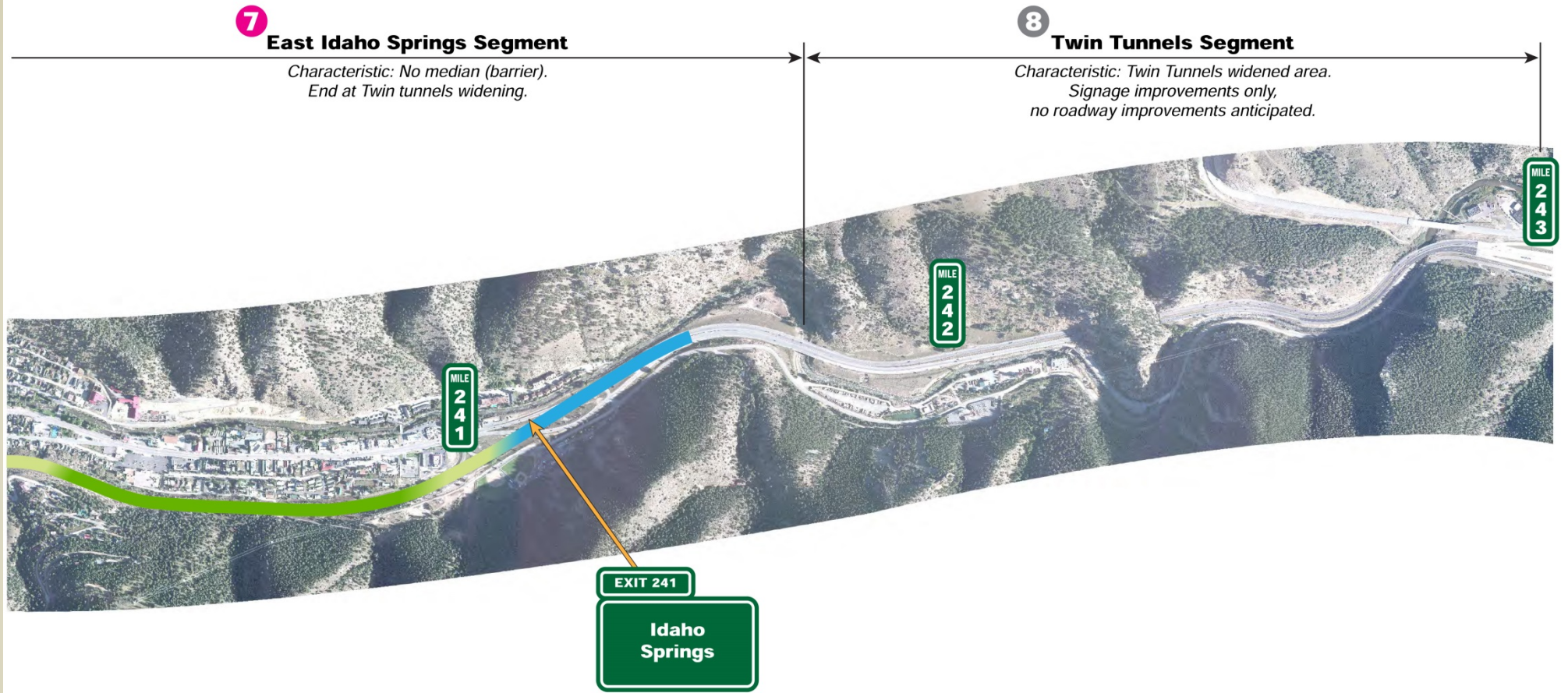
Widening Anticipated:

- █ = 0 - 1 foot
- █ = 1 - 2 feet
- █ = 2 - 3.5 feet

Draft: Eastbound PPSL Hybrid Alternative Overview (3 of 4)



Draft: Eastbound PPSL Hybrid Alternative Overview (4 of 4)



Legend:

- = Potentially No Widening Required
- = Widening Requirements Unknown

Widening Anticipated:

- = 0 - 1 foot
- = 1 - 2 feet
- = 2 - 3.5 feet



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Roadway Width

ROADWAY WIDTH

ID	Criteria	Options Ranking	
		Hybrid Width	40' or greater width
<i>Evaluation Criteria</i>			
1	Addresses safety during PPSL operations	•Narrower, less width for driver error	•Wider shoulder widths consistently
2	Maintains safety during non-peak times	•Narrower, less width for driver error	•Wider shoulder widths consistently
3	Improves mobility during peak times	•Narrower section causes generally slower speeds	•Wider section allows for generally faster speeds
4	Minimizes the effort required to maintain the option	•Less infrastructure, less maintenance	•Additional infrastructure, additional maintenance
5	Enables the project team to achieve the goal of opening PPSL by 1-Jul-15	•Narrower cross section could require less effort for NEPA, design, and construction.	•Wider cross section could require additional effort for NEPA, design, and construction.
6	Creates infrastructure investments that are reasonable to construct and provide the best value for their life cycle, function, and purpose.	•Less infrastructure is more consistent with an interim definition for the project.	•More infrastructure would be required (widening of all I-70 bridges, increase in wall areas)



ROADWAY WIDTH

Roadway Width		Options Ranking	
ID	Criteria	Options Ranking	
		Hybrid Width	40' or greater width
Evaluation Criteria			
7	Allows for a process to engage and communicate with all the local, regions and national users of the I-70 Mountain Corridor	•Not a differentiator	
8	Creates opportunities to "correct past damage"	• Fewer Opportunites	• More Opportunites
9	Provides access and protects opportunities for enhancements to tourist destinations, community facilities, interstate commerce and also limits disproportionate effects to the community.	•Not a differentiator	
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	• Fewer Opportunites	• More Opportunites
12	Protects wildlife needs	•Less barrier effect impeding highway permeability	•More barrier effect impeding highway permeability
13	Protects Clear Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Less potential for encroachment into creek •Less visual impact for walls •More space for WQ features to be added 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •More potential for creek encroachment •More visual impact from walls •Less space for WQ features to be added
14	Protects the defining historical elements of Clear Creek County	•Less infrastructure, less visual impact	•More infrastructure, more visual impact, more potential encroachment into historic properties
15	Meets CDOT's and industry standards	•Rarely meets minimum standards	• More frequently meets minimum standards



Roadway Width		
ID	Criteria	Options Ranking
		Hybrid Width
		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> Fair Better Best </div>
		40' or greater width
<i>Evaluation Criteria</i>		
16	Achieves the mountain mineral belt aesthetic guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less opportunities
17	Meets the I-70 Mountain Corridor design criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a differentiator
18	Preserves opportunities for the AGS and the ultimate preferred alternative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a differentiator
19	Adaptable for future changes/projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a differentiator
ID	Criteria	Options Ranking
		Hybrid Width
		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> Fair Better Best </div>
		40' or greater width
<i>Issue Specific Criteria</i>		
1	Clear Creek County Preference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meets preference
2	Impacts to compounding safety risk factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More safety risk factors
3	Meets definition of a PPSL project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimizes existing infrastructure
4		
Identification of Preferred Option: Summary		



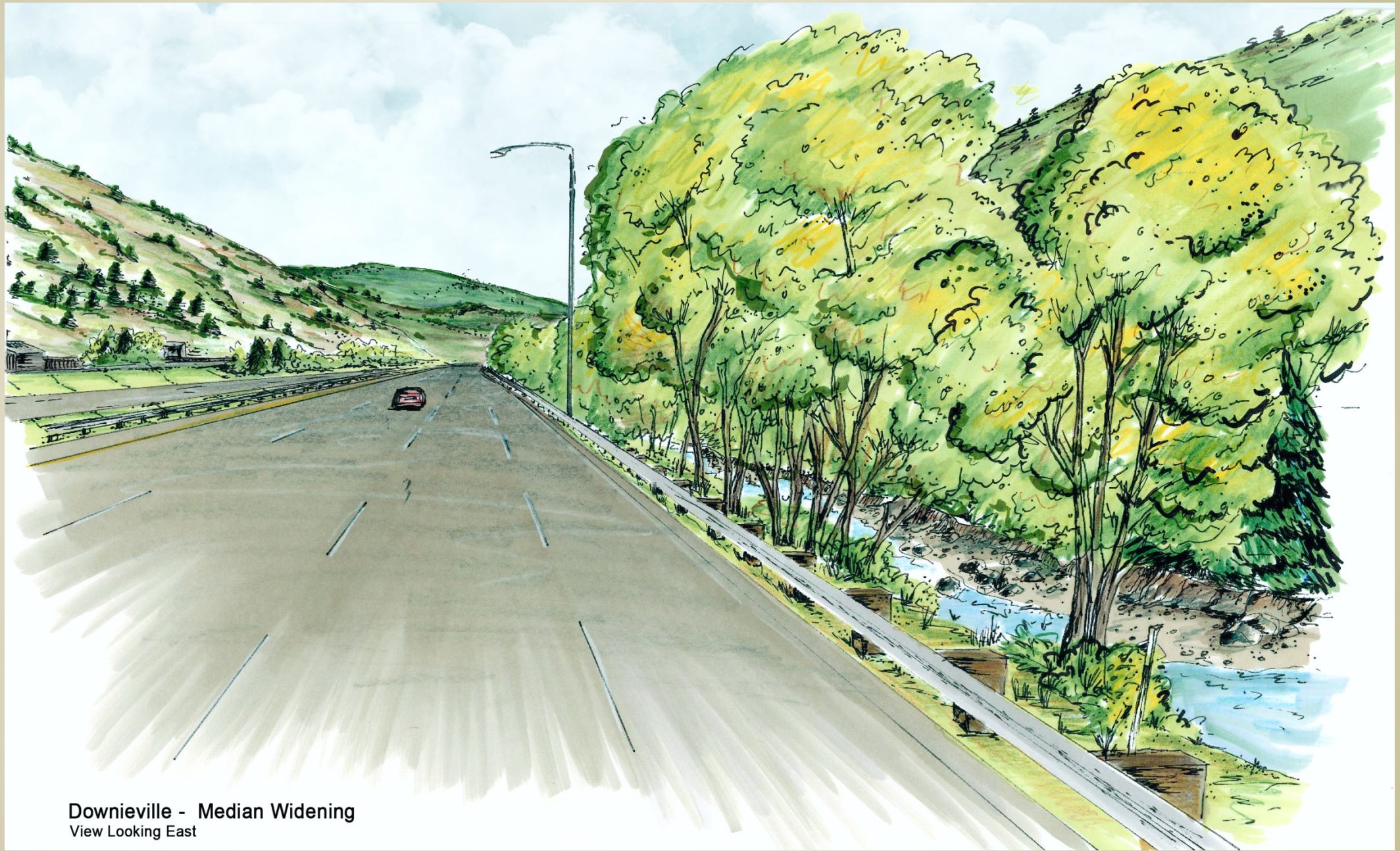


WIDENING MEDIAN VS. CREEK

DOWNIEVILLE –
EXISTING CONDITION LOOKING
EAST ON I-70



DOWNIEVILLE -
MEDIAN WIDENING OPTION

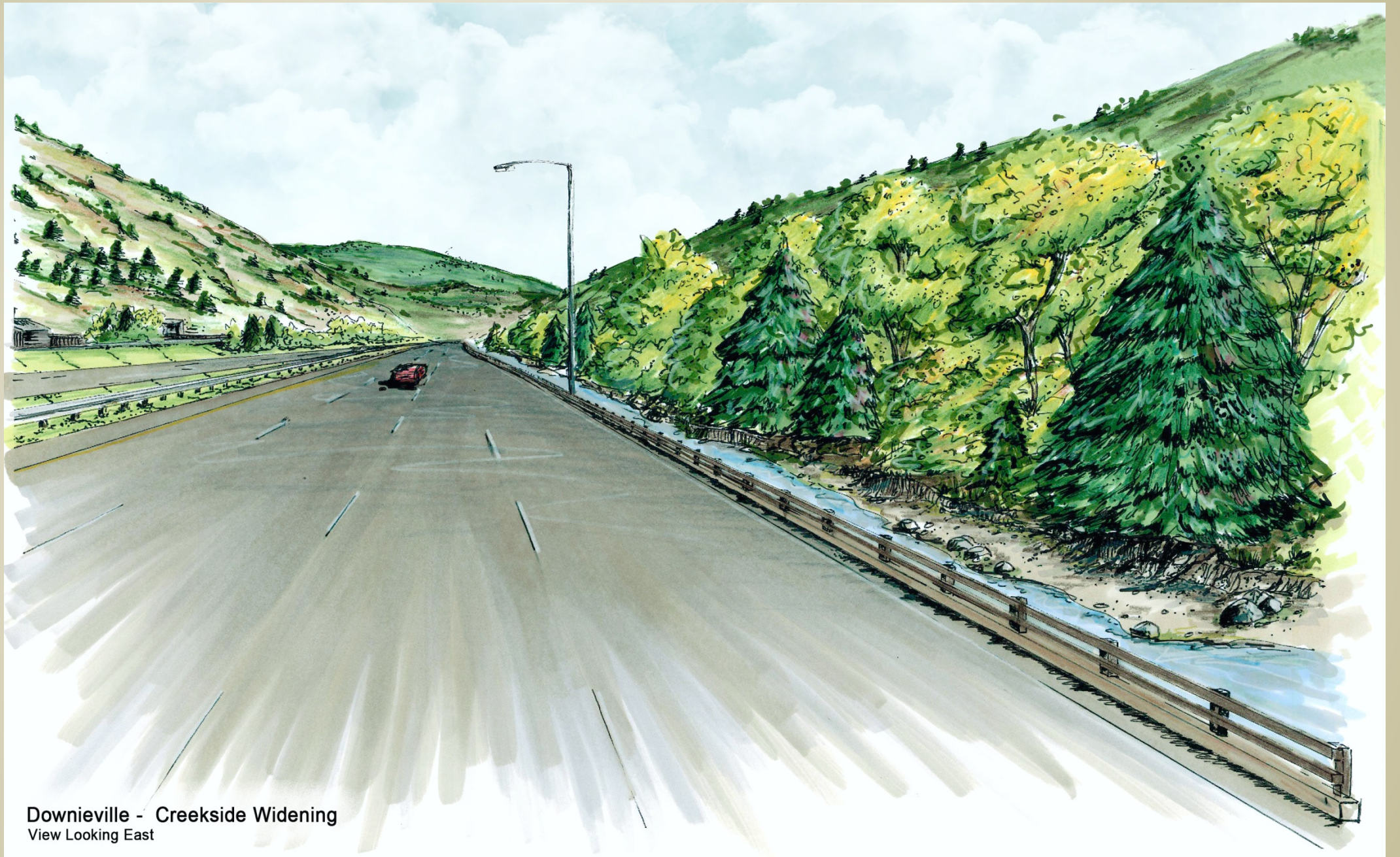


Downieville - Median Widening
View Looking East

DOWNIEVILLE –
EXISTING CONDITION LOOKING
EAST ON I-70



DOWNIEVILLE -
CREEKSIDE WIDENING OPTION



Downieville - Creekside Widening
View Looking East

DUMONT –
EXISTING CONDITION LOOKING
EAST ON I-70



DUMONT -
MEDIAN WIDENING OPTION



Dumont - Median Widening
View Looking East

DUMONT –
EXISTING CONDITION LOOKING
EAST ON I-70



DUMONT -
CREEKSIDE WIDENING OPTION



Dumont - Creekside Widening
View Looking East

DUMONT – EXISTING
CONDITION LOOKING EAST
FROM SOUTH SIDE OF CREEK



DUMONT - LOOKING EAST

DUMONT - CREEKSIDE
WIDENING LOOKING EAST
FROM SOUTH SIDE OF CREEK



Dumont - Creekside Widening
View From South Side of Creek

FALL RIVER –
EXISTING CONDITION LOOKING
EAST ON I-70



FALL RIVER – MEDIAN WIDENING OPTION



Fall River - Median Widening
Looking East

FALL RIVER –
EXISTING CONDITION LOOKING
EAST ON I-70



FALL RIVER – CREEKSIDE WIDENING OPTION



Fall River - Creekside Widening
Looking East

FALL RIVER – EXISTING
CONDITION LOOKING EAST
FROM SOUTH SIDE OF CREEK



FALL RIVER - CREEKSIDE
WIDENING LOOKING EAST
FROM SOUTH SIDE OF CREEK



Fall River - Creekside Widening
View From South Side of Creek



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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

Widening Median vs. Creek

ID	Criteria	Options Ranking	
		Widen to Creek	Widen to Median
Evaluation Criteria			
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"> •More potential for creek encroachment •More visual impact from walls and tree removal •Less space for WQ features to be added •Degrades recreational experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Less potential for encroachment into creek •Less visual impact for walls and tree removal •More space for WQ features to be added
14	Protects the defining historical elements of Clear Creek County	•More infrastructure, more visual impact	•Less infrastructure, less visual impact



WIDENING MEDIAN VS. CREEK

Widening Median vs. Creek

ID	Criteria	Options Ranking	
		Widen to Creek	Widen to Median
<div style="text-align: right;"> Fair Better Best </div>			
Evaluation Criteria			
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
<div style="text-align: right;"> Fair Better Best </div>			
ID	Criteria	Widen to Creek	Widen to Median
Issue Specific Criteria			
1	Impacts to creek users	• More visual impacts to creek users	• No visual impacts to creek users
2			
3			
4			
Identification of Preferred Option: Summary			





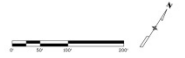
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RAMP DETAIL - EMPIRE JUNCTION ON/OFF RAMP

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DATE: 9/11/13



OFF-RAMP DESIGN: 9/9/13

WIDENING DETAILS	
Area Widening Required:	3,875 SF
Maximum Width Widening:	8.5 FT
Approximate Length Widening:	620 FT
Required Decel Length:	708 FT
Existing/Proposed Decel Length:	380/380 FT
Design Speed:	40 MPH

RETAINING WALL DETAILS	
Retaining Wall Required:	NO
Maximum Wall Height:	N/A
Wall Length:	N/A

ON-RAMP DESIGN: 9/9/13

WIDENING DETAILS	
Area Widening Required:	1,485 SF
Maximum Width Widening:	2.0 FT
Approximate Length Widening:	1,000 FT
Required Accel Length:	1,620 FT
Existing/Proposed Accel Length:	2,240/2,240 FT
Design Speed:	70 MPH

RETAINING WALL DETAILS	
Retaining Wall Required:	NO
Maximum Wall Height:	N/A
Wall Length:	N/A

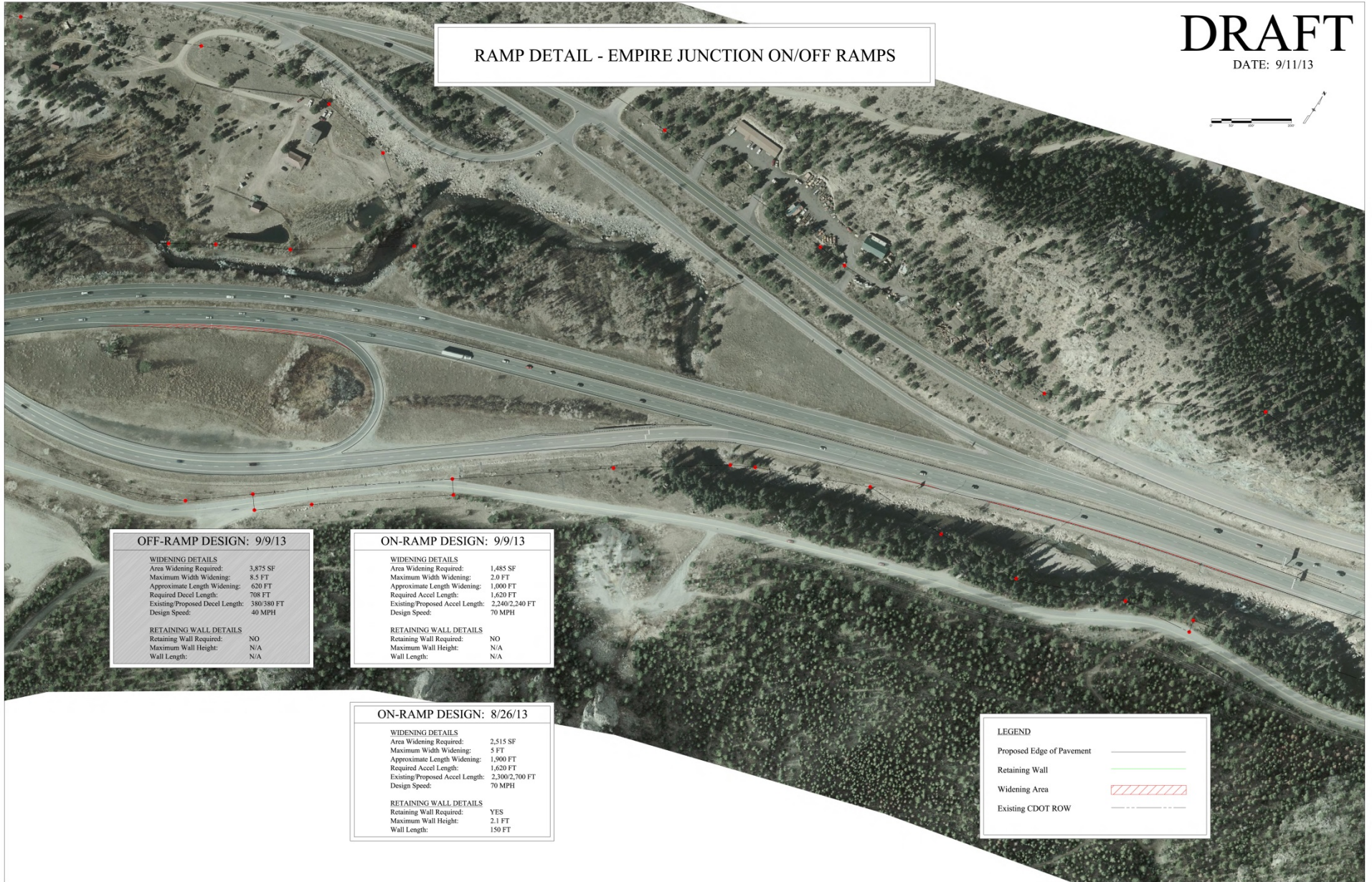
ON-RAMP DESIGN: 8/26/13

WIDENING DETAILS	
Area Widening Required:	2,515 SF
Maximum Width Widening:	5 FT
Approximate Length Widening:	1,500 FT
Required Accel Length:	1,620 FT
Existing/Proposed Accel Length:	2,300/2,700 FT
Design Speed:	70 MPH

RETAINING WALL DETAILS	
Retaining Wall Required:	YES
Maximum Wall Height:	2.1 FT
Wall Length:	150 FT

LEGEND

Proposed Edge of Pavement	
Retaining Wall	
Widening Area	
Existing CDOT ROW	

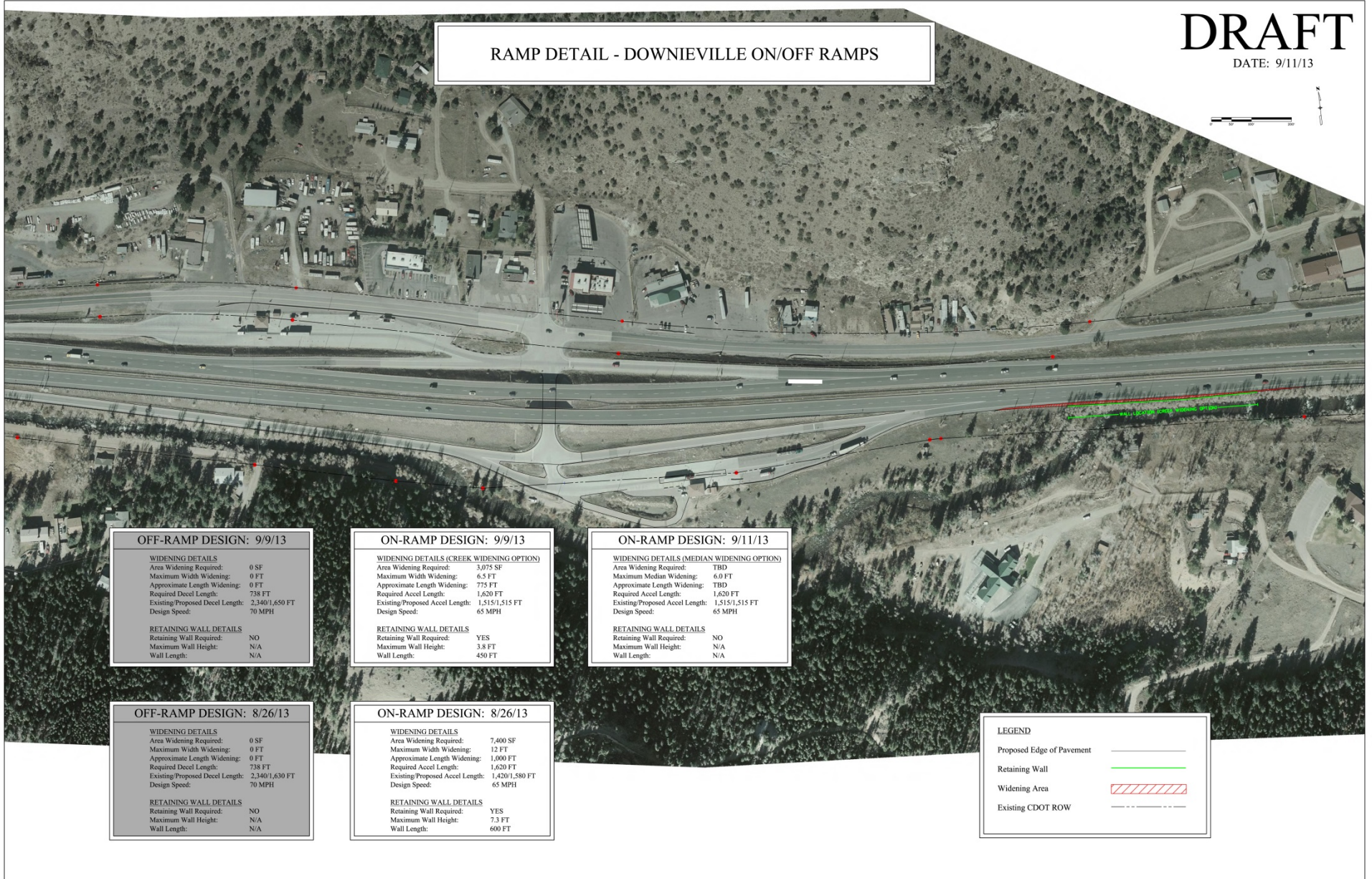
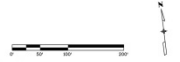


ACCELERATION AND DECELERATION LANES

RAMP DETAIL - DOWNIEVILLE ON/OFF RAMP

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DATE: 9/11/13



OFF-RAMP DESIGN: 9/9/13

WIDENING DETAILS	
Area Widening Required:	0 SF
Maximum Width Widening:	0 FT
Approximate Length Widening:	0 FT
Required Decel Length:	738 FT
Existing/Proposed Decel Length:	2,340/1,650 FT
Design Speed:	70 MPH
RETAINING WALL DETAILS	
Retaining Wall Required:	NO
Maximum Wall Height:	N/A
Wall Length:	N/A

ON-RAMP DESIGN: 9/9/13

WIDENING DETAILS (CREEK WIDENING OPTION)	
Area Widening Required:	3,075 SF
Maximum Width Widening:	6.5 FT
Approximate Length Widening:	775 FT
Required Accel Length:	1,620 FT
Existing/Proposed Accel Length:	1,515/1,515 FT
Design Speed:	65 MPH
RETAINING WALL DETAILS	
Retaining Wall Required:	YES
Maximum Wall Height:	3.8 FT
Wall Length:	450 FT

ON-RAMP DESIGN: 9/11/13

WIDENING DETAILS (MEDIAN WIDENING OPTION)	
Area Widening Required:	TBD
Maximum Median Widening:	6.0 FT
Approximate Length Widening:	TBD
Required Accel Length:	1,620 FT
Existing/Proposed Accel Length:	1,515/1,515 FT
Design Speed:	65 MPH
RETAINING WALL DETAILS	
Retaining Wall Required:	NO
Maximum Wall Height:	N/A
Wall Length:	N/A

OFF-RAMP DESIGN: 8/26/13

WIDENING DETAILS	
Area Widening Required:	0 SF
Maximum Width Widening:	0 FT
Approximate Length Widening:	0 FT
Required Decel Length:	738 FT
Existing/Proposed Decel Length:	2,340/1,630 FT
Design Speed:	70 MPH
RETAINING WALL DETAILS	
Retaining Wall Required:	NO
Maximum Wall Height:	N/A
Wall Length:	N/A

ON-RAMP DESIGN: 8/26/13

WIDENING DETAILS	
Area Widening Required:	7,400 SF
Maximum Width Widening:	12 FT
Approximate Length Widening:	1,600 FT
Required Accel Length:	1,620 FT
Existing/Proposed Accel Length:	1,420/1,580 FT
Design Speed:	65 MPH
RETAINING WALL DETAILS	
Retaining Wall Required:	YES
Maximum Wall Height:	7.3 FT
Wall Length:	600 FT

LEGEND

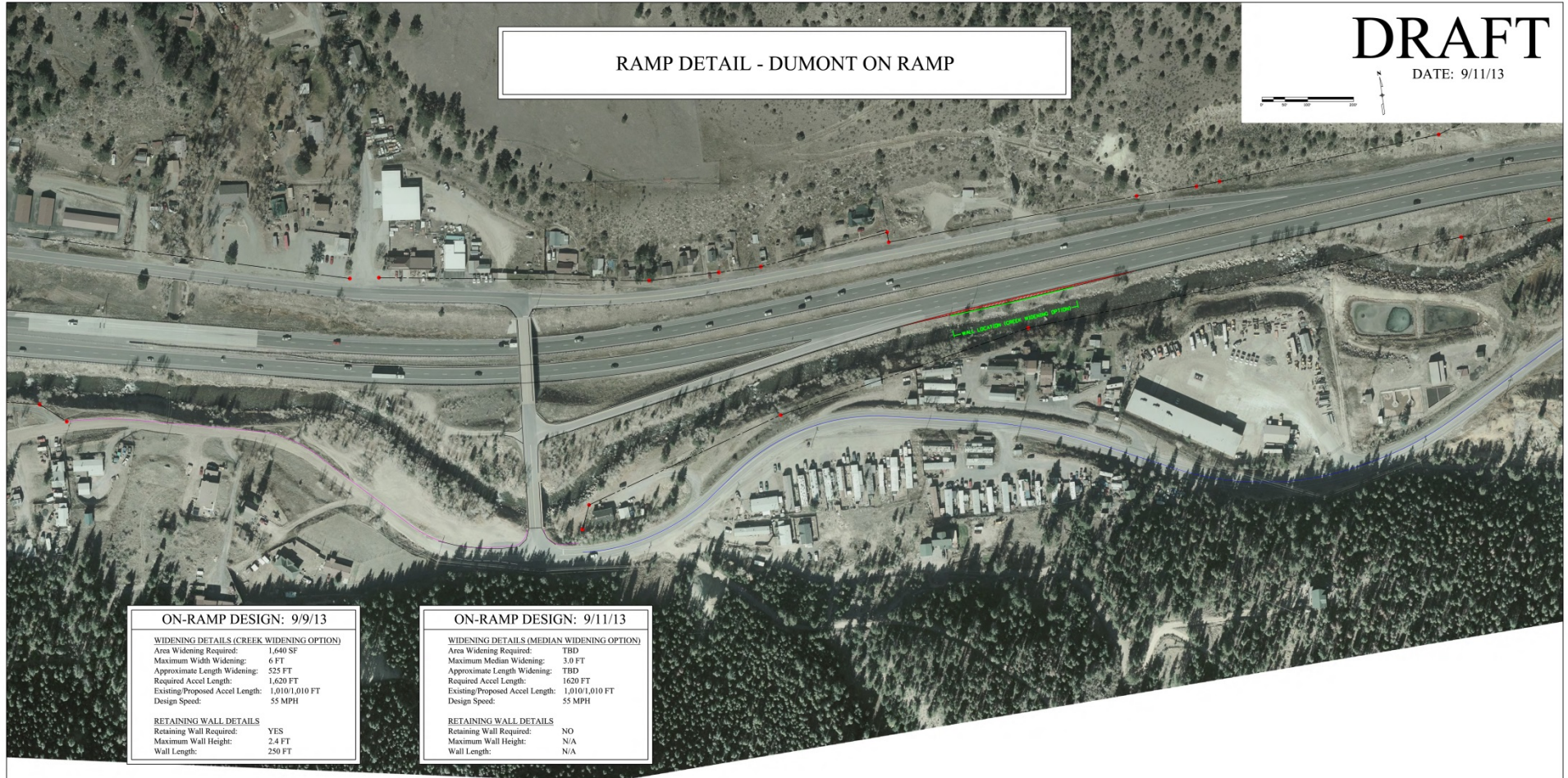
Proposed Edge of Pavement	—
Retaining Wall	—
Widening Area	▨
Existing CDOT ROW	- - -

ACCELERATION AND DECELERATION LANES

RAMP DETAIL - DUMONT ON RAMP

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DATE: 9/11/13



ON-RAMP DESIGN: 9/9/13

WIDENING DETAILS (CREEK WIDENING OPTION)

Area Widening Required:	1,640 SF
Maximum Width Widening:	6 FT
Approximate Length Widening:	525 FT
Required Accel Length:	1,620 FT
Existing/Proposed Accel Length:	1,010/1,010 FT
Design Speed:	55 MPH

RETAINING WALL DETAILS

Retaining Wall Required:	YES
Maximum Wall Height:	2.4 FT
Wall Length:	250 FT

ON-RAMP DESIGN: 9/11/13

WIDENING DETAILS (MEDIAN WIDENING OPTION)

Area Widening Required:	TBD
Maximum Median Widening:	3.0 FT
Approximate Length Widening:	TBD
Required Accel Length:	1620 FT
Existing/Proposed Accel Length:	1,010/1,010 FT
Design Speed:	55 MPH

RETAINING WALL DETAILS

Retaining Wall Required:	NO
Maximum Wall Height:	N/A
Wall Length:	N/A

ON-RAMP DESIGN: 8/26/13

WIDENING DETAILS

Area Widening Required:	8,700 SF
Maximum Width Widening:	13 FT
Approximate Length Widening:	1,050 FT
Required Accel Length:	1,620 FT
Existing/Proposed Accel Length:	1,010/1,520 FT
Design Speed:	65 MPH

RETAINING WALL DETAILS

Retaining Wall Required:	YES
Maximum Wall Height:	7.2 FT
Wall Length:	700 FT

LEGEND

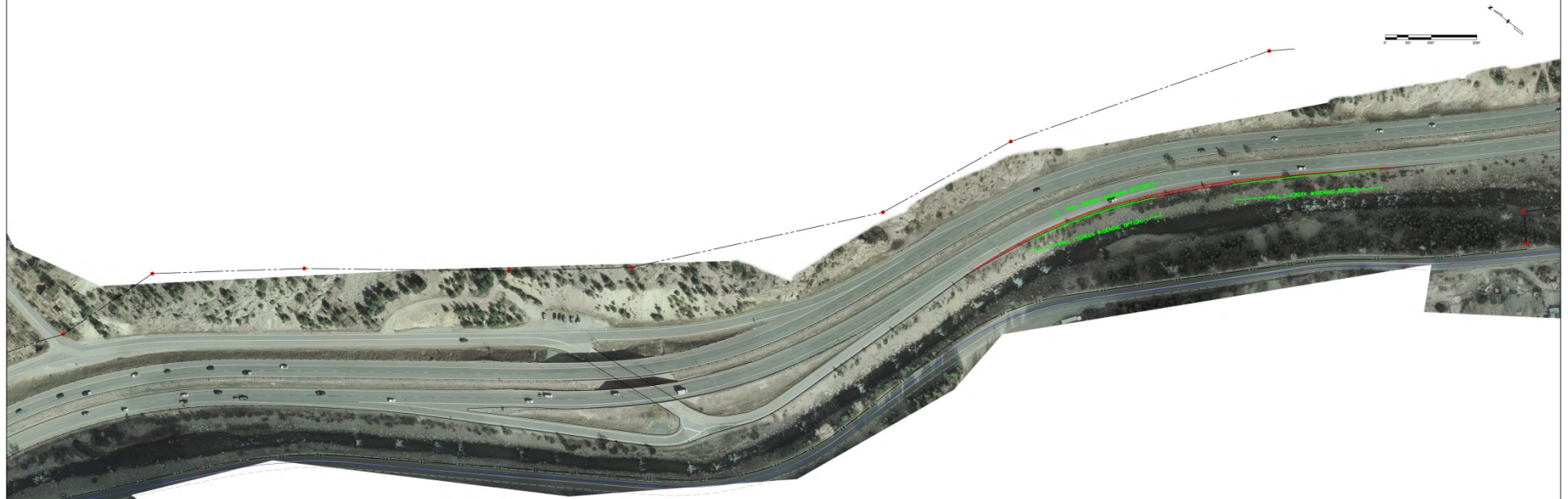
Proposed Edge of Pavement	—
Retaining Wall	—
Widening Area	▨
Existing CDOT ROW	- - -

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RAMP DETAIL - FALL RIVER RD ON/OFF RAMP

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DATE: 9/11/13



OFF-RAMP DESIGN: 9/9/13

WIDENING DETAILS
 Area Widening Required: 0 SF
 Maximum Width Widening: 0 FT
 Approximate Length Widening: 0 FT
 Required Decel Length: 770 FT
 Existing/Proposed Decel Length: 650/600 FT
 Design Speed: 55 MPH

RETAINING WALL DETAILS
 Retaining Wall Required: NO
 Maximum Wall Height: N/A
 Wall Length: N/A

ON-RAMP DESIGN: 9/9/13

WIDENING DETAILS (CREEK WIDENING OPTION)
 Area Widening Required: 4,085 SF
 Maximum Width Widening: 7.0 FT
 Approximate Length Widening: 1,000 FT
 Required Accel Length: 1,620 FT
 Existing/Proposed Accel Length: 1,150/1,150 FT
 Design Speed: 55 MPH

RETAINING WALL DETAILS
 Retaining Wall Required: YES - (2) Walls
 Maximum Wall Height: 3.2 FT/ 2.7 FT
 Wall Length: 300 FT/ 300 FT

ON-RAMP DESIGN: 9/11/13

WIDENING DETAILS (MEDIAN WIDENING OPTION)
 Area Widening Required: TBD
 Maximum Median Widening: 2.0 FT
 Approximate Length Widening: TBD
 Required Accel Length: 1,620 FT
 Existing/Proposed Accel Length: 1,150/1,150 FT
 Design Speed: 55 MPH

RETAINING WALL DETAILS
 Retaining Wall Required: YES - (1) Wall
 Maximum Wall Height: 1.8 FT
 Wall Length: 150 FT

OFF-RAMP DESIGN: 8/26/13

WIDENING DETAILS
 Area Widening Required: 0 SF
 Maximum Width Widening: 0 FT
 Approximate Length Widening: 0 FT
 Required Decel Length: 770 FT
 Existing/Proposed Decel Length: 650/655 FT
 Design Speed: 60 MPH

RETAINING WALL DETAILS
 Retaining Wall Required: NO
 Maximum Wall Height: N/A
 Wall Length: N/A

ON-RAMP DESIGN: 8/26/13

WIDENING DETAILS
 Area Widening Required: 6,860 SF
 Maximum Width Widening: 11 FT
 Approximate Length Widening: 1,300 FT
 Required Accel Length: 1,620 FT
 Existing/Proposed Accel Length: 1,150/975 FT
 Design Speed: 55 MPH

RETAINING WALL DETAILS
 Retaining Wall Required: YES
 Maximum Wall Height: 5.3 FT
 Wall Length: 450 FT

LEGEND

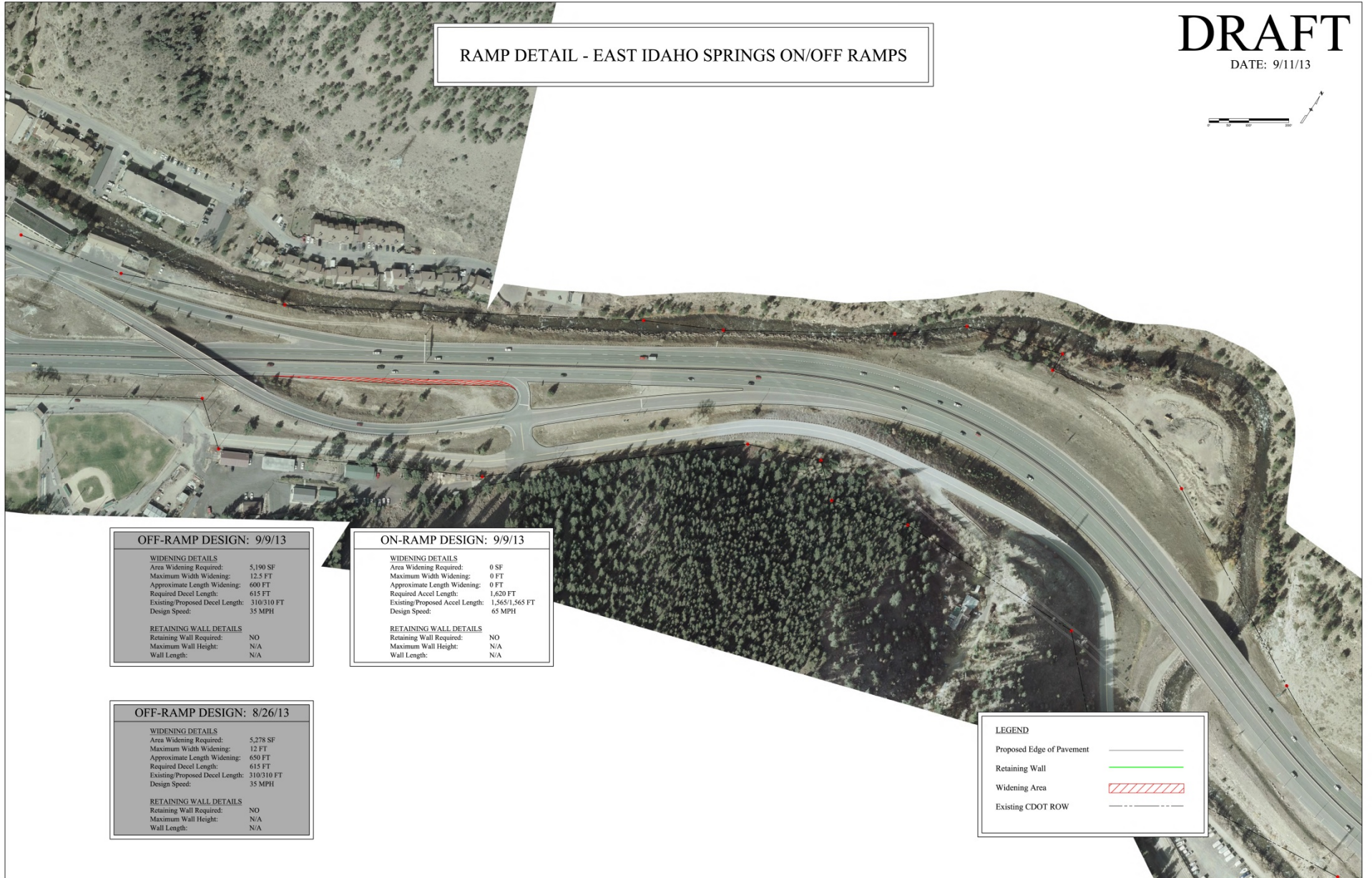
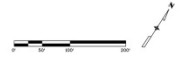
- Proposed Edge of Pavement
- Retaining Wall
- Widening Area
- Existing CDOT ROW

ACCELERATION AND DECELERATION LANES

RAMP DETAIL - EAST IDAHO SPRINGS ON/OFF RAMP

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DATE: 9/11/13



OFF-RAMP DESIGN: 9/9/13

WIDENING DETAILS

Area Widening Required: 5,190 SF
 Maximum Width Widening: 12.5 FT
 Approximate Length Widening: 600 FT
 Required Decel Length: 615 FT
 Existing/Proposed Decel Length: 310/310 FT
 Design Speed: 35 MPH

RETAINING WALL DETAILS

Retaining Wall Required: NO
 Maximum Wall Height: N/A
 Wall Length: N/A

ON-RAMP DESIGN: 9/9/13

WIDENING DETAILS

Area Widening Required: 0 SF
 Maximum Width Widening: 0 FT
 Approximate Length Widening: 0 FT
 Required Accel Length: 1,620 FT
 Existing/Proposed Accel Length: 1,565/1,565 FT
 Design Speed: 65 MPH

RETAINING WALL DETAILS

Retaining Wall Required: NO
 Maximum Wall Height: N/A
 Wall Length: N/A

OFF-RAMP DESIGN: 8/26/13

WIDENING DETAILS

Area Widening Required: 5,278 SF
 Maximum Width Widening: 12 FT
 Approximate Length Widening: 650 FT
 Required Decel Length: 615 FT
 Existing/Proposed Decel Length: 310/310 FT
 Design Speed: 35 MPH

RETAINING WALL DETAILS

Retaining Wall Required: NO
 Maximum Wall Height: N/A
 Wall Length: N/A

LEGEND

- Proposed Edge of Pavement
- Retaining Wall
- Widening Area
- Existing CDOT ROW



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Acceleration and Deceleration Lanes

ID	Criteria	Options Ranking	
		AASHTO Standard Acceleration and Deceleration Length for Interchange Ramps	Match Existing Acceleration and Deceleration Lengths for Interchange Ramps
<i>Evaluation Criteria</i>			
1	Addresses safety during PPSL operations	•Provides maximum safety benefit and meets current design standards	•Does not meet current standards and may decrease safety at acceleration and deceleration lanes
2	Maintains safety during non-peak times	•Provides maximum safety benefit and meets design standards	•Does not meet current standards and may decrease safety at acceleration and deceleration lanes
3	Improves mobility during peak times	•Longer ramps provide increased opportunities for merging and diverging increasing mobility	•Shorter ramps decrease opportunities for merging and diverging
4	Minimizes the effort required to maintain the option	•Not a differentiator	
5	Enables the project team to achieve the goal of opening PPSL by 1-Jul-15	•Increased Infrastructure increasing construction efforts and Project schedule.	•Less Infrastructure decreasing construction efforts and Project schedule.
6	Creates infrastructure investments that are reasonable to construct and provide the best value for their life cycle, function, and purpose.	•Additional Infrastructure investments provide less value for Project life cycle, function, and purpose.	•Maximizes use of existing infrastructure and provides best value for Project life cycle, function, and purpose

ACCELERATION AND DECELERATION LANES



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Acceleration and Deceleration Lanes

ID	Criteria	Options Ranking	
		AASHTO Standard Acceleration and Deceleration Length for Interchange Ramps	Match Existing Acceleration and Deceleration Lengths for Interchange Ramps
<div style="text-align: right;"> Fair Better Best </div>			
Evaluation Criteria			
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.		•Not a differentiator
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	•Increased barrier effect impeding highway permeability	•Less barrier effect impeding highway permeability
13	Protects Clear Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •More potential for encroachment into creek •More visual impact for walls •Less space for WQ features to be added 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Less potential for encroachment into creek •Less visual impact for walls •More space for WQ features to be added
14	Protects the defining historical elements of Clear Creek County	•More infrastructure, more visual impact, more potential encroachment into historic properties	•Less infrastructure, less visual impact
15	Meets CDOT's and industry standards	•Meets design Standards	• Does not meet design standards



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Acceleration and Deceleration Lanes

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Evaluation Criteria			
15	Meets CDOT's and industry standards	• Meets design Standards	• Does not meet design standards
16	Achieves the mountain mineral belt aesthetic guidelines		• Not a differentiator
17	Meets the I-70 Mountain Corridor design criteria		• Not a differentiator
18	Preserves opportunities for the AGS and the ultimate preferred alternative		• Not a differentiator
19	Adaptable for future changes/projects		• Not a differentiator
<div style="text-align: right;"> Fair Better Best </div>			
ID	Criteria	AASHTO Standard Acceleration and Deceleration Length for Interchange Ramps	Match Existing Acceleration and Deceleration Lengths for Interchange Ramps
Issue Specific Criteria			
1	Clear Creek County Preference	• Less Preferred	• More Preferred
2	Impacts to compounding safety risk factors	• Less safety risk factors	• More safety risk factors
3	Meets definition of a PPSL project	• Increased infrastructure Improvements	• Optimizes existing infrastructure
4			
Identification of Preferred Option: Summary			

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1. **Addresses safety during PPSL operations**
2. **Maintains safety during non-peak times**
3. **Improves mobility during peak times**
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**
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- 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**



Retaining Walls

- **XXX**
- **XXX**
- **XXX**
- **XXX**

Emergency Response

- **XXX**
- **XXX**
- **XXX**
- **XXX**



- **Public Involvement**
 - Online public meeting
 - Schedule
- **ALIVE Meeting**
- **Next Section 106 Meeting**
- **Next PLT Meeting**
- **SH 103 Issue Taskforce Meeting**



FUTURE TECH TEAM MEETINGS

➤ DATES

10/7 8:30 – 11:30am at Idaho Springs

10/28 8:30 – 2:30pm at CDOT

11/18 8:30 – 2:30pm at Idaho Springs

12/16 8:30 – 2:30pm at CDOT



THANK YOU!!!

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