

# Peak Period Shoulder Lane Public Meeting

April 14, 2014

At Elks Lodge, Idaho Springs

A general public meeting was held on April 14, 2014. The purpose was to provide information about the PPSL project and answer questions about the design and construction plans.

The meeting was attended by — people (Lorena, please count from sign in sheets.) Steve Long gave a power point presentation followed by a question and answer session. The following questions were asked:

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## Comments During Open House:

1. Could lifters put in at Water Wheel Park?
2. Will snow plows throw snow on any houses?

## Comments from Comment Sheets:

Retype from attached

David - Kraever closed trail?

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① Construction impact - a year is a long time for traffic to be disrupted

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② Side walk improvements on Co. Blvd. Bus stops.

① During peak periods, what will happen if someone has a flat tire? What will happen is that we will have additional Courtesy Patrol and will clear the disabled vehicle out of traffic quickly. We also have pull-offs or off ramps every mile.

② On bridges, you will raise the elevation of the bridge? Today, the clearance is substandard. Can we lower the road instead of raising the bridge? The bridge replacement will add pedestrian and bicycle facilities. We also looked at just widening the bridge.

③ What is the timeline? Construction is starting in June - mostly wall construction. Interchanges will occur early next winter. We will build some elements in a precast, ABC manner. In April and May of 2015 is when we are anticipating SH 103 bridge. The lane will be open to construction in fall.

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- ④ Where will the peak period shoulder lane end?
- ⑤ Could you describe the handling of pedestrian movement during construction? Steve described the new pedestrian facilities
- ⑥ What kind of contract is this? There are three different types of contracts. CM/GC, Design Build Build and Design/Build. This project is planning to use the CM/GC contract.
- ⑦ Where is the money coming from to fund it? This will be state and federal
- ⑧ Where will toll money go? The amount of revenue generated will cover
- ⑨ What about the rest of the bridges?
- ⑩ For transportation impacts, if this is only a moderate impact what would be a major
- ⑪ Is there a NEPA document
- ⑫ What about creek impacts?

(13) What about the rafting put in at SH 103.

(14) Why is this better than adding a third lane?  
Tony DeVito added that the P&ES constrained the improvements that could be made in this part of the corridor. This is an operational improvement. It is an interim project - 10 to 15 years.

(15) How long will this really be usable?  
10 to 15 years is what we are currently looking at, but it may last longer than that. Structures have a longer life.

(16) How ~~will~~<sup>can</sup> we find out better information about the construction delays - ~~where~~ that it will be closed sometime during 8 to 5.  
*is not good enough.*

(17) If you close I-70, ~~closed~~<sup>there is too much traffic on</sup> Virginia and other local roads. We need better information.

(18) A certain time period will be really helpful.

(19) <sup>Crystal</sup> There is a meeting tomorrow with the Contractors. Rock scaling is taking place Monday - Thursday 8:30 to 5:00 PM. There will be two complete closures for 30 minutes at a time. Then, it will be open for 45 minutes. Crystal said she really wants to work with the community.

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- (20) When we are in the tunnel, it is hard to get a predictable schedule. It will be more predictable after the tunnel work is done.
- (21) When are we building I-70 through Colorado Springs? That would.
- (22) Who is doing the construction? Will it be an Australian company? Tony said this will not be a P3. The CM/GC approach will look for the best value.
- (23) Between 1900 Minor and 2200 Minor - will there be any property taken? Response No - no ROW is needed.
- (24) What does it take to limit the # of cars on the road? Does that need to go to the legislature? We cannot even get out of our properties on ~~the~~ Colorado Boulevard. The interstate highway system cannot be regulated that way. Tony said that people are choosing not to drive now. Can we meter? The improvements will keep more traffic on I-70 and off the fringe roads.

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- (25) We have had people racing up alleys. Can we include signs to keep people from doing that? Can we add a stop light? Enforcement is also key.
- (26) Can we shut down interchanges? That can be done at a local level.
- (27) ~~If cars could be~~ Why are we building a third lane through the tunnel if cars are going to be talking to each other in the future? The investment that CDOT is making has a benefit. Clear Creek County pays the price for Vail and Summit County.
- (28) Going westbound, what is the point of the larger tunnel? There could be other operational benefits that are needed - like the bridge at the bottom of Floyd Hill. It is a stepping stone to possible other improvements - like WB PPSL.
- (29) Was there any deterioration in the WB tunnel after the EB tunnel widening? No.
- (30) Is there anything that we can do to keep traffic off of Colorado Blvd., Virginia Street? We will work with local communities to see if there is anything else we can do. This is an issue during construction. We need to know when this will be happening during construction?

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- 31) When will CO. Blvd improvements start?  
The City Council is discussing this tonight.
- 32) Is it possible that those of us east of downtown will have any kind of noise mitigation? One concern is affecting the views. If there is a westbound project, that could be carried
- 33) What about jake brakes? These should be muffled, but this is not enforced
- 34) Could there be a pavement treatment that muffles sound? It did not work well with snow removal. The freezing we have can create problems with accidents.
- 35) How much will the toll cost? We are not sure. It is being studied right now. It will be as low as possible to get people to use it.
- 36) One of the VMS messages on I-70 in the metro area said I-70 was closed at Twin Tunnels.
- 37) What is the maximum speed limit in the PPSL?  
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38) There are a lot of projects coming up - repairing, construction at E-JMT - could we have a timeline and matrix of what is happening when and how does it affect peds, bikes, and ~~cars~~ cars - so we can plan our trips? Crystal is putting this together.

39) Will there be a new face on the eastbound Twin Tunnels?

40) Thank Steve and Tony for pulling this together. We are receiving \$ for the Greenway also. We appreciate your hard work.

41) We do not want to discourage the public from stopping in Idaho Springs - we want to make sure people do not get dinged twice. It is unlikely people will want to get back in after Idaho Springs.

42) ~~At~~ Minneapolis - the toll rate was \$6 to \$7 for most trips with a maximum of \$12.

43) Thank you

44) Can the city police patrol CO. Blvd? Yes.





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#### Comments:

Sounds great. Wish we had started 20 years ago.  
Build it & keep going west with more of it.

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Email:

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Add Stoplight(s) on Colorado Blvd. + 1<sup>st</sup>  
Add Stoplight instead of stop sign at  
Downieville

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Could we have a complete plan on one  
timeline for all construction in 2014, 2015:  
JWB Tunnels - Tunnel widening  
JWB Tunnels - Rockfall blasting  
PPSL widening, retaining walls  
PPSL interchange work  
PPSL Hwy 103 Bridge  
PPSL Exit 241 Bridge  
PPSL Rockfall mitigation  
Restoration of CR 314  
Restoration of Game Check Station  
I-70 Re-paving EJMT → thru CCC  
Hwy 103 Re-paving  
Any work on Colorado Blvd, & T Rockfall  
(What other projects?)  
On the timeline please include impacts  
to I-70 and the local road network and  
expected detours for autos, bikes, peds, rafters

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### Comments:

*Need more detail re: Water Wheel Park.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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WILL WATER WHEEL OR CAN WATER WHEEL BE USED AS AN  
ACCESS POINT FOR RAFTING?

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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