

Previous Comments and Opportunities for Involvement

COMMENTS FROM THE JULY 2001 AND THE FEBRUARY 2002 PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

Two **Public Open Houses** for the Improvement Assessment Study were held on July 11, 2001 at the Douglass Elementary School and on February 19, 2002 at the Platt Middle School. The purpose of the meetings was to obtain public feedback regarding needs for Improvements along the SH 7 corridor.

- ❑ Approximately **79** people attended the July 2001 Open House
- ❑ Approximately **56** people attended the February 2002 Open House

- ❑ CDOT received **87** written comments and 2 emails. Of the responses collected:
 - **46** respondents wanted **bicycle lanes** and facilities incorporated
 - **33** respondents suggested **turn lanes** be added at intersections
 - **25** respondents wanted SH 7 to be a **four-lane facility**
 - **23** respondents noted that **signalization should be improved** at various intersections
 - **19** respondents recommended **improvements to transit** facilities and service
 - **10** respondents suggested **improved pedestrian facilities** be included
 - **9** respondents indicated that they had **difficulty making maneuvers** at intersections due to traffic volumes

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

- ❑ **Ask Questions and Provide Comments** – Discuss the Project with Project Personnel (with Name Tags)
- ❑ **Fill out a Comment Sheet** – Put in the Comment Box or Mail In or Fax (970 350-2168) by June 25, 2004
- ❑ **Email Comments** – Send Comments by Email to Carol Parr at: carol.parr@dot.state.co.us by June 25, 2004

What's Next ?

- **On-Going Environmental Assessment Process (2004 – Spring 2005) which Includes:**
 - Evaluation of Alternatives and Identification of a Preferred Alternative
 - A More Extensive Evaluation of Environmental Impacts, Including:
 - ✓ Historic Resources
 - ✓ Noise
 - ✓ Air Quality
 - ✓ Threatened and Endangered Species
 - ✓ Wetlands
 - ✓ Right-of-Way Impacts
 - ✓ Land Use and Social Impacts
 - ✓ Visual Impacts
 - ✓ Construction Impacts
 - On-Going Public Involvement through Open Houses and Coordination with Public Agencies and Other Stakeholders
- The next **Open House** is anticipated to take place in Fall of 2004.
- Completion of the Environmental Assessment and Approval by CDOT/FHWA (Spring 2005)
- Should a “Build” Alternative be Identified as the Preferred Alternative, Following is a Tentative Schedule of the Future Project Work
 - Preliminary and Final Design (Anticipated 2005 – 2006)
 - Obtain Right-of-Way (Anticipated 2006 – 2007)
 - Initiate Construction (Anticipated 2007 – 2008)