

# Previous Comments and Opportunities for Involvement

## COMMENTS FROM THE JULY 2001, FEBRUARY 2002, AND JUNE 2004 PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

The first **Public Open House** for the Environmental Assessment was held June 17, 2004. During the previously completed Improvement Assessment Study, two public open houses 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.

- q Approximately **71** people attended the June 2004 Open House
- q Approximately **56** people attended the February 2002 Open House
- q Approximately **79** people attended the July 1002 Open House
  
- q CDOT received **116** written comments and 2 emails. Of the responses collected:
  - Ø **64** respondents wanted **bicycle lanes** and facilities incorporated
  - Ø **43** respondents suggested **turn lanes** be added at intersections
  - Ø **33** respondents wanted SH 7 to be a **four-lane facility**
  - Ø **25** respondents noted that **signalization should be improved** at various intersections
  - Ø **21** respondents recommended **improvements to transit** facilities and service
  - Ø **19** respondents suggested **improved pedestrian facilities** be included
  - Ø **13** respondents were concerned with **traffic flow and congestion**

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

- q **Ask Questions and Provide Comments** – Discuss the Project with Project Personnel (with Name Tags)
- q **Fill out a Comment Sheet** – Put in the Comment Box or Mail In or Fax (970 350-2168) by November 30, 2004
- q **Email Comments** – Send Comments by Email to Carol Parr at: [carol.parr@dot.state.co.us](mailto:carol.parr@dot.state.co.us) by November 30, 2004

## What's Next ?

### Ø On-Going Environmental Assessment Process (2004 – Spring 2005)

- Completion of the Environmental Assessment
- Review and Approval by CDOT/FHWA (Spring 2005)
- Public Hearing Process to Obtain Final Comments from Public and Public Agencies
- Selection of Official Preferred Alternative
- Completion of Final Decision Document

### Ø Future Project Work

- Preliminary and Final Design (Anticipated 2005 – 2006)
  - ü Includes Public Open Houses to obtain Public Feedback on Design Issues
- Obtain Right-of-Way (Anticipated 2006 – 2007)
- Initiate Construction (Anticipated 2007 – 2008)