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Public Input Time Extended for U.S. 6 & Lowell/Perry Exit Ramp Options

As part of the U.S. 6 Bridge Design Build Project, CDOT wants to hear from Denver residents who live near the Lowell/Perry exist-ramp, particularly the Villa Park and Barnum neighborhoods, to gauge their interest in permanently closing or keeping this ramp.

Lowell/Perry Exit Ramp Options. At issue is the introduction of new lanes along the north side of US 6 that will eventually carry traffic from I-25 to westbound US 6. These barrier-separated lanes will merge traffic with westbound US 6 near the Lowell/Perry off-ramp. CDOT is seeking input on options to balance possible safety issues with exiting traffic crossing with merging traffic, and the importance of neighborhood access. Two options being posed to the neighborhood are:

- **Option 1** - provide access onto the Lowell/Perry off-ramp further east near the I-25 interchange. This option would provide a traffic weave similar to the one that existed at the recently closed Bryant Street Ramp just west of I-25.
- **Option 2** - permanently close the Lowell/Perry off-ramp; this would mean that local residents would no longer be able to use this particular exit but would still have access to their neighborhoods from either Federal Boulevard or Sheridan Boulevard.

Public Input Options. This month, CDOT launched an online survey, asked for feedback through the project information hotline, and met with neighborhood organization leaders and community members. A door-to-door survey was also conducted with residents living closest to this off-ramp. Efforts are now underway to expand the boundaries of this door-to-door outreach. CDOT has also extended the time for residents to provide online opinions and feedback to Friday, April 4, 2014. All persons, particularly those from the Villa Park and Barnum neighborhoods, are asked to contribute through CDOT's online survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CSLSHLP>) or calling 720-881-5540.

Has CDOT Made a Decision Yet? No, a decision will not be made until additional public input is received. CDOT has developed several options for the exit ramp to present to the communities for their thoughts. CDOT is not pushing for one option or the other, but, at this point, is solely trying to hear from the communities on their vision for the ramp. That input will guide the ultimate outcome.

Background on U.S. 6 Bridge Design-Build Project/Temporary Exit Closure. The \$98 million US 6 Bridges Design-Build Project will replace six obsolete bridges on US 6 between Knox Court and I-25, improve the I-25 and US 6 interchange and enhance driver safety by eliminating several traffic weave movements along US 6 between Federal Boulevard and I-25. Substantial project completion is planned for August 2015. During construction, the Lowell/Perry exist ramp will remain closed for an extended period. This will happen in mid to late April. During the temporary closure, CDOT is asking drivers to use Federal or Sheridan boulevards to access their neighborhood.

Additional Information. For updated project information and questions, please call 720-881-5540, visit <http://www.coloradodot.info/projects/US6Bridges>, or email US6Bridgesinfo@cig-pr.com.

