

**SH 52 Coalition****JULY UPDATE**

We wanted to provide a summary to keep you posted on the activities completed to date and next steps on the CO 52 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study and Access Control Plan (ACP).

**PEL STATUS:** The project team continues to advance the PEL concurrent with the ACP process.

*Alternatives Analysis* –The project team completed the first draft of the Level 2 Evaluation Matrix. Each Local Agency received a truncated version of the Evaluation Matrix applicable to their jurisdiction for input on the compatibility of the alternatives with their local planning documents. The Project Team will offer to meet with each of Local Agencies to discuss the alternatives and gather feedback to be included in the final draft of the Level 2 Evaluation Matrix. Agency input is due back to Chad Hall, Kelly Maiorana and Shay Reilly by 8/2/21.

*PEL Report* – The Project Team has completed Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the draft PEL report. A complete draft of the PEL Report is expected by the end of August.

*Traffic Forecasting and Screenline/Parallel Routes Analysis Memo* – The Project Team prepared a travel demand model traffic forecasting analysis and screenline/ parallel routes analysis for the CO 52 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study. The document includes an analysis of traffic volumes under existing conditions for year 2020, the 2045 No Action alternative, and four 2045 action alternatives using the CDOT travel demand model. Additionally, the memo provides a summary of traffic volumes at screenline locations along CO 52 and parallel routes to CO 52. The memo concluded that there is little relief on parallel routes when improvements are made to CO 52; and conversely, there is not a system of parallel routes that you could improve to relieve volumes on CO 52.

**ACP/IGA STATUS:** The SH 52 Coalition discussed comments on the draft IGA at the June 24<sup>th</sup> Coalition Meeting. A draft, which incorporated the Coalition’s comments, was submitted for a second review to the Local Agencies and to CDOT. The IGA is still on track to be completed and signed by all Agencies in November 2021.


**COMMUNICATIONS:** The project team is preparing for the August Virtual Public Engagement Event. The Event will review where we are in the PEL and ACP processes, Purpose and Need for the project, Evaluation Criteria, and potential Alternatives along the Corridor.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE:** The team is moving forward with the Level 2 Evaluation and will keep Technical Team members updated on progress. Any anticipated delays will be communicated to the Coalition.



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**Colorado State Highway 52:**  
**Planning & Environmental Linkages Study**  
**and Access Control Plan Notification**

  
*We want to hear from YOU!*

— — — *Public Input Opportunity!* — — —

**What:** Provide your comments on CO Hwy 52  
**Who:** CO Hwy 52 Users  
**When:** August 20<sup>th</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**How:** Online at [www.co52pel.com/publicmeeting](http://www.co52pel.com/publicmeeting)

If you have any questions about the project or the upcoming virtual public engagement, please contact us at 720-336-0187.