

SH 52 Coalition Update August Update

CDOT wanted to provide a brief 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 Final Draft Existing Conditions Report is being reviewed by the Technical Team and Resource Agencies. Needs identified in the Existing Conditions Report have been used to develop the Purpose and Need and Goals which is currently under review by the Technical Team.

Traffic - Traffic data at intersections was not collected as part of the Existing Conditions Report since current volumes did not reflect normal traffic patterns. The project team has determined that traffic data collection will begin after Labor Day and will be compared to available 2019 numbers to determine validity.

Alternatives – The project team is starting the Alternatives Analysis process. The first step is to identify any locations along the project corridor where a study is either in progress or recently completed – CO 119, I-25, and US 85. Alternatives will not be developed at these locations.

ACP STATUS: Field verification has been completed of existing access points and current intersection configurations (full movement, signalized, unsignalized, right-in right-out, $\frac{3}{4}$ movement) along with the type of the access (railroad, agriculture, at-grade, commercial, emergency, field access, oil and gas, other). The next step is to schedule meetings with the Local Agencies to determine future access needs. Mapped locations will be shown as part of the Virtual Public Engagement event in August to receive public comments on existing access points.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A Communications Packet has been prepared for all of the Local Agencies, in English and Spanish, to help promote the Virtual Public Engagement event that will be accessible to the public from August 24 – September 14. The goals of the meeting are to:

- (1) introduce the public to the CO 52 PEL study/ ACP
- (2) update them on technical findings, and
- (3) learn what is important to community members, businesses, and users of CO 52

The site will provide the public with the opportunity to interactively engage with the project, submit comments, and learn more information about the project. The public engagement site can be found at <https://www.co52pel.com/publicmeeting>



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PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The CO 52 PEL /ACP project is on schedule! The Existing Conditions Report will be completed in early September and the team will start looking at alternatives. The final schedule has been adjusted to include the delay associated with traffic data collection. The project team continues to monitor the project schedule and will communicate to the Coalition if additional delays are anticipated.