

**SH 52 Coalition Update****DECEMBER UPDATE**

CDOT 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 process.

*Alternatives Analysis* –The project team finalized the Evaluation Criteria and performance measures and recorded this as an official decision point during the Technical Team meeting held on December 3. In addition, the project team presented preliminary lane configuration alternatives. These alternatives varied between the corridor segments based on the future traffic projections. Comments and questions from Technical Team will be incorporated into the alternatives. Intersection-specific and other focused alternatives will be presented during the January Technical Team meeting. As part of the alternatives analysis process, the project team is determining best course of action to make sure school district plans are considered as part of the process.

*Traffic* – Traffic data were collected and compared with 2019 data to assess the traffic impact of COVID. Using the results of the comparison, the project team applied a factor by segment to the 2020 traffic data to estimate “normal” traffic numbers. One interesting finding from the comparative analysis was that traffic East of Hudson increased since 2019, pre-COVID. A summary of the traffic data was presented at the December 3 Technical Team Meeting.

**ACP STATUS:**

The project team completed all stakeholder ACP meetings. These meetings focused on existing and future access recommendations based on future land use development and traffic growth projections. The project team also presented the proposed ACP Amendment Process to the Technical Team during the December 3 meeting. The Technical Team agreed with the approach for ACP Amendments and recommended requesting formal approval from the Coalition at the February meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The project team is working with Boulder County and Weld County to identify newly elected officials that should be added to the SH 52 Coalition. Updates are also being made to the project website. The Existing Conditions Report and SH 52 Coalition meeting materials have recently been updated. In addition, the project status and FAQs were updated to incorporate comments heard through the public engagement event.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE:**

The Safety Assessment Report was finalized and is in the process of receiving CDOT approval. The schedule is reviewed by the project team during our meetings and we will communicate to the Coalition if delays are anticipated. The next Coalition meeting will be on February 25, 2021, where the project team will present the Evaluation Criteria and developed project alternatives.