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Good morning everyone,

This is your January 2012 newsletter update for project C 0703 – 378 (18648): I-70 Frontage Road. If anyone finds that I have not included something that needs to go out to all stakeholders and team members or finds an error please let me know as soon as possible so I can correct it. If you know anyone who needs to be added to this newsletter list please send the contact information to Benjamin Acimovic. If you have questions please check our new website, or contact me or any of the team.

Don't forget, all the project meeting presentations, meeting minutes, graphics and documents are posted on the website for your review at <http://www.coloradodot.info/projects/i70frontageroad-idahosprings>

[Project Leadership Team/Technical Team/CSS:](#)

After presenting a preliminary set of plans to CDOT staff, the PLT/TT, and Clear Creek and Idaho Springs engineering staff in December, the project team has updated those plans and posted them on the website.

On January 18, 2011, Idaho Springs hosted Project Leadership / Technical Team (PLT/TT) meeting #4. The team made decisions about several items (listed below) but focused most of their time discussing three options for the wall designs, and guard rail treatments for the cantilever section.

- Cut side wall type, dimension, tier characteristics
- Guardrail treatment
- Parking area dimension
- Crosswalk design at end of separated path
- Section at Bell property
- Traffic control during construction

The PLT/TT also decided that we had resolved the relevant issues raised at the initial Greenway Issue Task Force Meeting and that there was no need to hold a second meeting. Information gathering with the rafting companies has also begun in order to determine how to minimize construction impacts on their operations.

Because the PLT/TT requested additional information and visualizations for the walls and railings, held a PLT/TT #5 January 31st 2012 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM at the Idaho Springs City Hall at 1711 Miner St in Idaho Springs. We will be sending out additional visualizations in the next week so we can get additional input and decisions on the wall treatments. Our team is currently looking at the rails to see if there are viable alternatives.

[Issue Task Force Updates:](#)

SWEEP PLT #3 Meeting (January 19th 2012) PLT identified the minimization of wetland impacts. It also addressed water quality by providing recommendations on how to approach sediment and erosion control and materials management during construction.
ALIVE PLT #2 Meeting (January 20th 2012) PLT identified measures to minimize harm to wildlife connectivity associated with lighting, walls and other vertical barriers.

Section 106 PLT #2 Meeting (February 16th, 2012) PLT will discuss eligibility and effects determinations for historic resources within the Area of Potential Effects. Also discuss measures to minimize harm to locally significant historic resources.

ALIVE, SWEEP and 106 PLT Recommendations will be included in the final plans and contract specifications. All three groups will resume for the next life cycle phase: Project Construction.

If you have any questions about the PLT/TT or the CSS process for the I-70 Frontage Road Project, please contact Janet Gerak at Janet.Gerak@dot.state.co.us or (303) 365-7043.

Design Progress:

After an engineering review meeting December 21st, the team incorporated revisions and posted an updated 30% FIR plan set which is posted on the CDOT project website at:

<http://www.coloradodot.info/projects/i70frontageroad-idahosprings/I70revisedFrontageRoadFIRset.pdf/view>

A formal response to the December 14th letter from Clear Creek County is being finalized and will be posted once it has been provided to the County. If you have any questions about the design progress for the I-70 Frontage Road Project, please contact Benjamin Acimovic at Benjamin.Acimovic@dot.state.co.us or (720) 951-6151.

Project Development Schedule: (UPDATED)

PLT/TT #5		January 31 st , 2012 @ 9am – COMPLETE!
PLT/TT #6	TBD	
Final Office Review (FOR) Meeting		March 15, 2012
Project Advertisement		April 19, 2012
Construction		June – October 2012

Additional PLT/TT meetings, issue task force meetings and other milestone dates will be scheduled as needed.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project so far! If you have any questions, additions, corrections, concerns, or comments please feel free to contact me or Jim Bemelen at (303) 757-7010 at your convenience.

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