Twin Tunnels Design/Construction Technical Team Meeting #17

February 24, 2014 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

CDOT Region 1 Golden, Colorado





Agenda

- **1.** Introductions
- 2. Agenda Review
- **3. Other Corridor Updates**
- 4. Rock cuts and rockfall mitigation
- **5.** Other Design Items
 - » Modifications to CBC east of tunnels
 - » Precast barrier in tunnel
- 6. Pre-construction briefing
- 7. Public Information



Step 1 Define Desired Outcomes and Actions

Step 2 Endorse the Process

Step 3 Establish Criteria

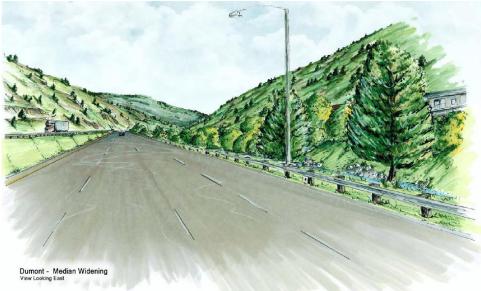
Step 4 Develop Alternatives and Options

Step 5 Evaluate, Select, and Refine Alternatives and Options

Step 6 Finalize Documentation and Evaluation Process

Other Corridor Updates

- Peak Period Shoulder Lanes
- Traffic and Revenue Study
- RAMP project funds for Colorado Boulevard
- Clear Creek Transportation Visioning





Core Values

- Safety
- Mobility
- Gateway
- Wildlife
- The Creek

- Destination
- History
- Constructability
- Inclusivity
- Schedule





Technical Team Discussions Issues Timeline

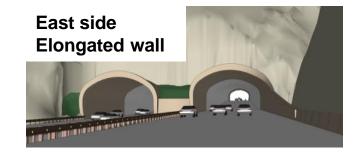
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Technical Team Interests for WB Expansion

Tunnel Portals

» Recommended designs moving forward





- Rock Cut / Rockfall Mitigation discussion today
- Landscaping emailing renderings in Spring





Eastern Portal estimated extent of rock cut area







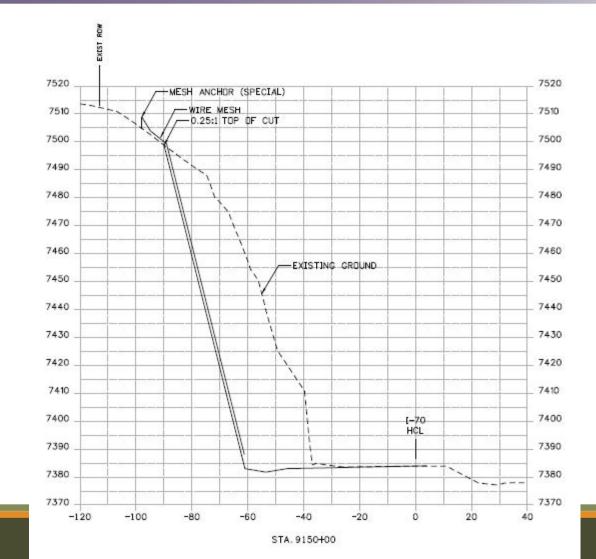
Western Portal estimated extent of rock cut area







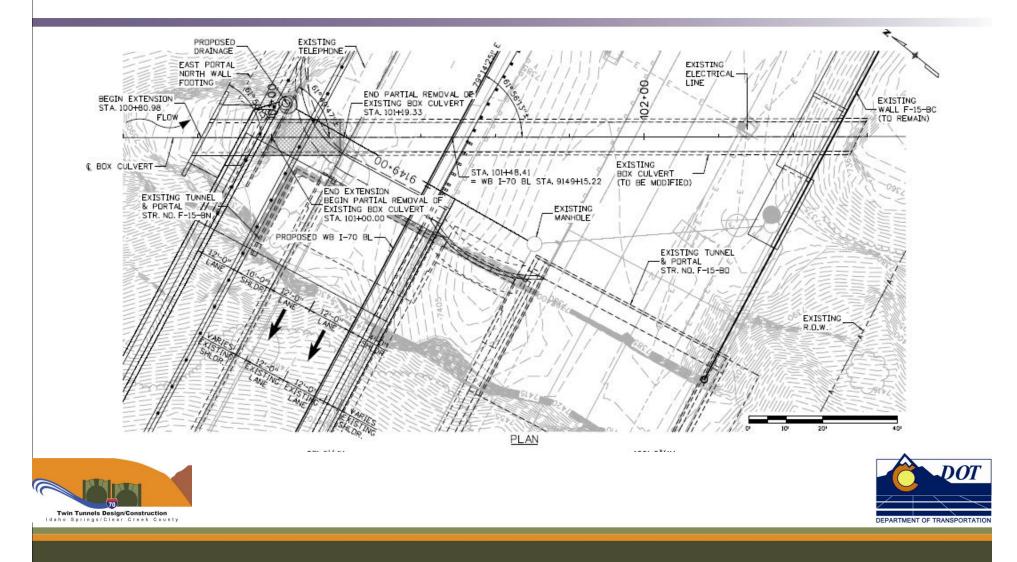
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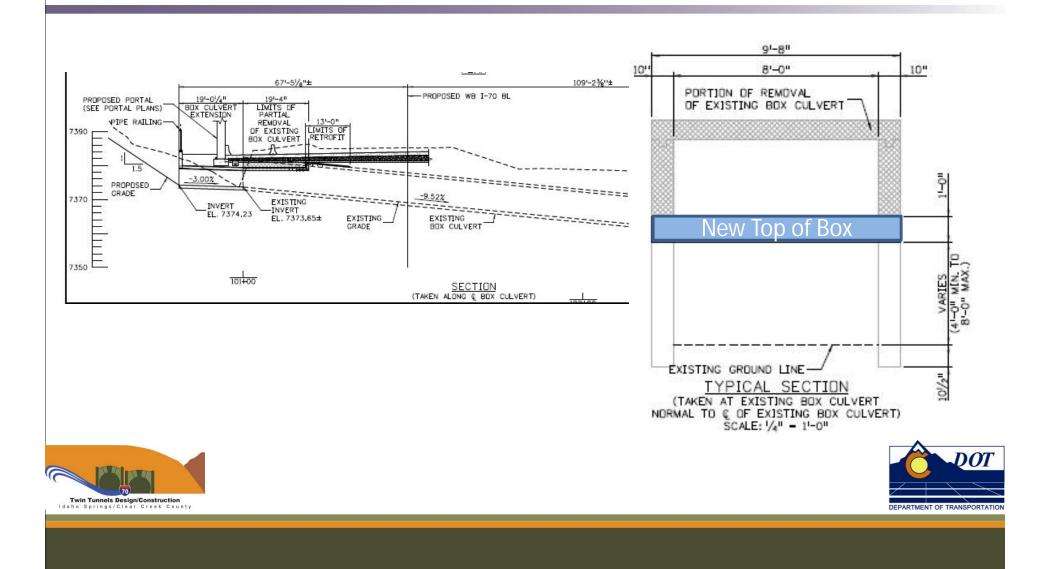
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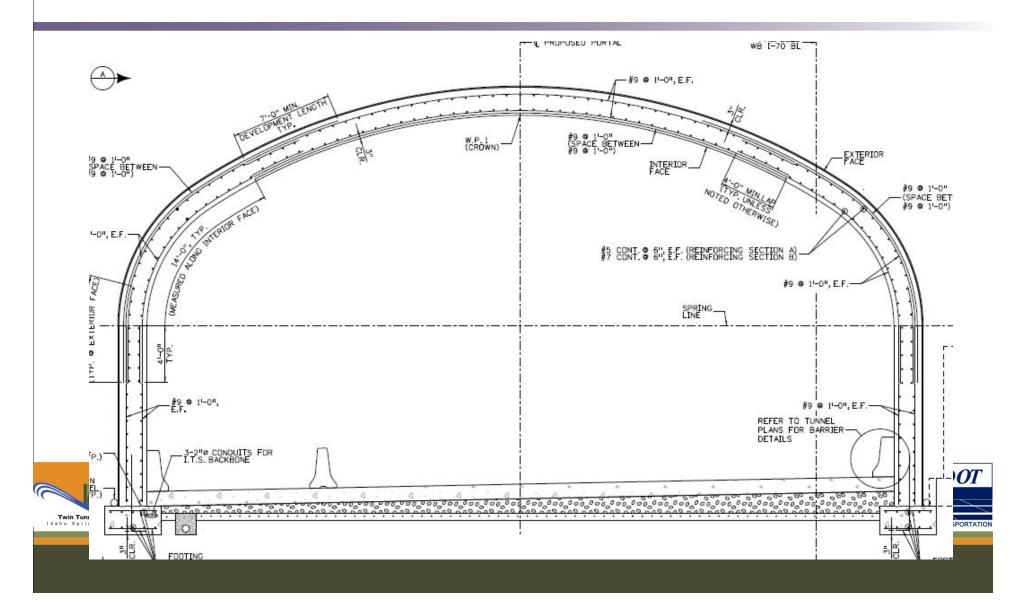
East side CBC Design



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Precast Barrier in Tunnel



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Construction Milestones

- EB Tunnel hole-through July 29, 2013 (blasting complete)
- Three Lanes EB opened on December 12, 2013
- Begin WB Construction activities early March
- Traffic expected back on detour April 1, 2014





Tentative Remaining Twin Tunnels Schedule

2014

- January March: EB and WB traffic on I-70, CR 314 remains closed
- April: EB I-70 traffic returns to detour, WB tunnel blasting begins
- April December: WB tunnel construction

2015

- January February: Mass grading of detour, haul road and trailhead area
- March October: Trailhead, creek and riparian area improvements and CR 314 rock veneer construction







Public Involvement: What

 Project will widen the westbound tunnel bore to accommodate future I-70 improvements but it will not add a third westbound lane.



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Public Involvement: Why

- This project will improve driver safety by removing rocks from above both tunnel portals, and when the project is complete, the wider, brighter tunnel entrance will help keep westbound I-70 traffic flowing better.
- Doing this project now rather than waiting will save an estimated \$5 million to \$7 million because the equipment, resources and detour needed to do the work are already in place.





Public Involvement re: Traffic

- Blasting on the two rock walls above the tunnel portals will have a greater impact than the EB tunnel project on I-70 traffic because:
 - » All motorists must be stopped for 30 minutes during blasting
 - » Westbound will have additional stoppages throughout the day while materials are cleared from the slopes
- Westbound I-70 travelers should allow extra time when traveling on I-70 this year.





Public Involvement: Outreach

- Updating the same hotline (303-327-4034) and website <u>www.coloradodot.info/projects/i70twintunnels</u>
- March 13th 7pm telephone town hall for residents in Clear Creek, Gilpin, Summit and Grand counties
- The week of March 17 we will convene the Communications Issue Task Force
- The week of March 24 we will invite the media to Idaho Springs for an overview of the project





END OF PRESENTATION

