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North I-25 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Hosts Public Meetings *Public invited to comment on transportation improvements for northern Colorado*

DENVER, October 20, 2006 – The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration, announces the next round of North I-25 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) public meetings in an effort to encourage public participation in future transportation planning.

The meetings scheduled for mid-November will provide a first look at the proposed commuter rail alignment that would connect Longmont to Denver without traveling through Boulder. The proposed rail extension would connect northern Colorado passengers to the FasTracks system at both Longmont and Thornton utilizing one station, which will reduce travel time to downtown Denver. This proposed option was designed in response to the community's interest after the last round of public meetings.

The two public meetings have been scheduled for the following dates and locations:

- Monday, November 13, 2006, 6-8 p.m.
Northglenn Recreation Center - Parkview Room
11801 Community Center Drive, Northglenn
- Wednesday, November 15, 2006, 6-8 p.m.
Southwest Weld County Complex – Meeting Room
4209 Weld Co Rd 24 ½, Longmont

"Public participation remains important as design elements are developed and evaluated," said Dave Martinez, CDOT Project Manager for the North I-25 EIS. "This round of public meetings is an opportunity for the public to learn about the new alignment features and how they will serve surrounding southwest Weld County communities."

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Those who are unable to attend the public meetings are encouraged to submit comments via the project Web site at www.cdot.info/northi25eis/, phone the project office at (970) 352-5455 or (303) 779-3384 or send a letter to: CDOT Engineering Office, Attn: Dave Martinez, 2207 E. Highway 402, Loveland, CO 80537.

About the North I-25 EIS

The north I-25 corridor has become the focus of a substantial portion of statewide growth over the years, with I-25 serving as the primary north-south spine of the transportation system. These growth pressures have brought substantial increases to transportation demand in the corridor. Adding to the pressure, the corridor is a major link in the nationwide interstate highway system serving long distance travel and the transport of goods via truck. As traffic volumes and accidents have increased on I-25 and parallel roadways, there has become a growing awareness of the need to plan for transportation improvements within this corridor.

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration, has initiated the North I-25 EIS to identify and evaluate multimodal transportation improvements along the I-25 corridor from the Fort Collins-Wellington area to Denver. In order to analyze a variety of multimodal transportation alternatives, the study area extends from US 287 in the west to US 85 in the east. The study area spans portions of seven counties, includes more than 30 communities, two metropolitan planning organizations and the Upper Front Range Regional Planning Commission.

The North I-25 EIS will address regional and inter-regional movement of people, goods and services and represents the next step in evaluating and planning for implementation of transportation improvements in this corridor.

For more information on the North I-25 EIS, visit the project Web site at www.cdot.info/northi25eis/ or contact CDOT Public Relations Coordinator Mindy Crane at (303) 757-9469 or North I-25 EIS Public Involvement Manager Kim Podobnik at (303) 779-3392.

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