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PUBLIC INPUT IS CRITICAL TO STUDY EXAMINING IMPROVEMENTS TO TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN NORTHERN COLORADO

LOVELAND, Colo., Jan. 28, 2004 – Like most people, you have probably headed out of your neighborhood one morning and been surprised to see that orange cones and “Road Work Ahead” signs have appeared seemingly overnight. Do you ever wonder how the decision is made to rebuild the road that takes you back and forth to work everyday? How can you have a voice in that decision? Now is your chance.

The Colorado Department of Transportation will host open houses to take public input about which transportation options will most improve mobility and safety for those who travel I-25 north of Denver. The open houses are part of a three-year study called the North I-25 Front Range Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This study is co-led by the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration in cooperation with CDOT. When complete, the study will produce a draft EIS, a final EIS, and a Record of Decision.

Initial open houses are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

- Feb. 3, 2004 – 4-7 p.m. – Greeley Recreation Center, 651 10th Avenue, Greeley
- Feb. 5, 2004 – 4-7 p.m. – Southwest Weld County Services Building – 4209 Weld County Road 24 ½
- Feb. 10, 2004 – 4-7 p.m. – Lincoln Center, 417 Magnolia, Fort Collins

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The public will have the opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings on how they envision the future of transportation along I-25 in Northern Colorado. “Public input is one of the most important elements in this process,” said David M. Martinez, CDOT Project Manager for the North I-25 Front Range EIS. “In order to make recommendations that best serve people commuting and traveling in Northern Colorado, we must hear from them as to which options most closely meet their needs.” Anyone interested in this corridor is encouraged to attend the open houses.

While the open houses provide important opportunities for citizens to learn about the project and provide comment, they are not the only means of communicating with the project team. Log on to the project Web site at www.i25northforty.com/eis/ to submit comments electronically at any time. Comments can also be made via phone at (970) 352-5455 or by U.S. Mail to the project office at:

N. I-25 Front Range EIS
c/o CDOT Region 4 Engineering Office
2207 E. Highway 402
Loveland, CO 80537

About the North I-25 Front Range EIS:

The EIS will explore regional transportation options mainly on I-25 in Northern Colorado, and perhaps also US 85 and US 287. The eastern boundary of the study area will be the US 85 corridor, and the western boundary will be the US 287 corridor.

The study will examine the effects various transportation improvements would have on the local environment, as well as the lives of residents and commuters. Engineers and environmental specialists will study a range of alternatives that address highway system connectivity, various forms of public transit, traffic demand/capacity, safety, improved levels of services, and solutions to problems with deteriorating structures and roadways. A “no-action” alternative is also being studied.

For more information on the North I-25 Front Range EIS, go to the study’s Web site at www.i25northforty.com/eis/ or contact Public Outreach Manager Kim Podobnik at 303-689-0704.

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