



Dear Local Resident/Business,

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is working toward the closure of several county roads along US-85, one of which is O Street on the north side of Greeley. These closures stem from an agreement with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) that would allow the state to obtain the rights-of-way (ROW) for portions of US-85 that are currently in the railroad ROW. US-85 is a critical corridor for access and mobility in Weld County, and acquisition of this ROW will ensure mobility and connection along the corridor into the future.

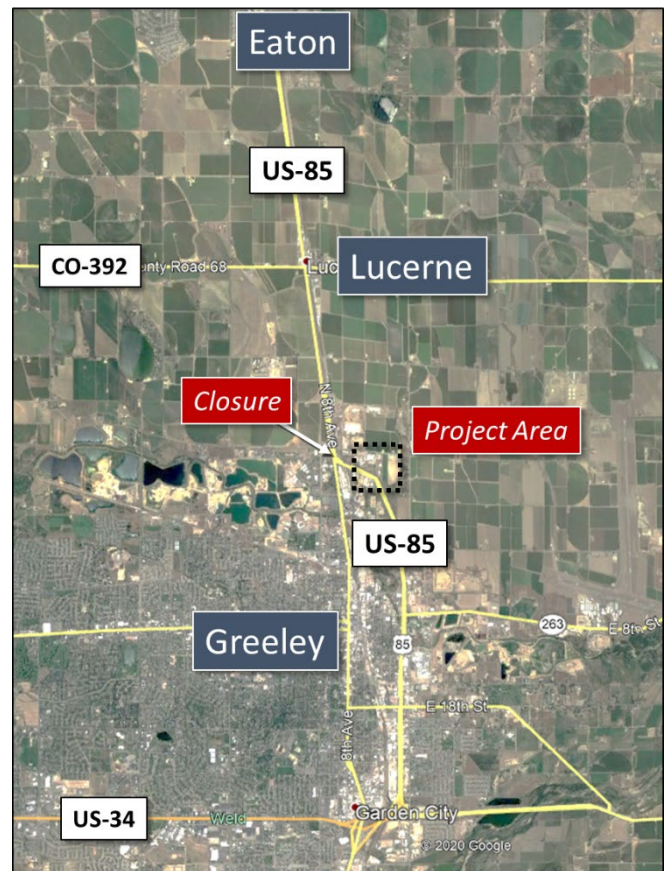
In cooperation with CDOT, Weld County hosted a public meeting on February 27, 2018, with local business owners and residents to discuss this closure and its potential impact to local traffic. Attendees expressed concern over the economic impact the closure might have on local business, as well as the potential delays to emergency response times. Generally CDOT would host a follow-up public meeting to present various alternatives considered and identify the preferred alternative that best addresses locals' concerns. In light of current circumstances, distributing project information has become more complicated. This mailer is intended to provide project information that would otherwise have been delivered during a public meeting.

CDOT considered several access improvements to maintain local access and allow the closure of the at-grade crossing of the UPRR tracks. CDOT determined that the simplest and most effective mitigation would be to simply move the existing intersection southeast 3,000 feet. The attached information sheet provides details related to the new alignment, project scope, and estimated schedule.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the project, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Additional information will be posted on the project website below.

Sincerely,

Chad Hall
Project Manager





Project Purpose: Allow removal of current railroad crossing while limiting impact to local businesses and residences.



Project Scope / Schedule:

- Shift existing intersection southeast
- Construct new spur to connect US-85 & O Street
- Remove existing railroad crossing at O Street *after* new intersection is open
- Design 2020, Construct 2021



Project Benefits:

- **Mobility:** Eliminate delay due to parked trains at O Street & US-85
- **Safety:** Increase sight distance at US-85 and remove RR crossing
- **Access:** Maintain existing local access