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**Welcome to the  
US 34 Planning and  
Environmental Linkages Study  
Public Meeting**

**A brief presentation will be given at  
5:45**



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## Agenda

- US 34 PEL Study Overview
  - Intent of PEL study
  - US 34 Coalition
- US 34 Access Control Plan
- Your role tonight

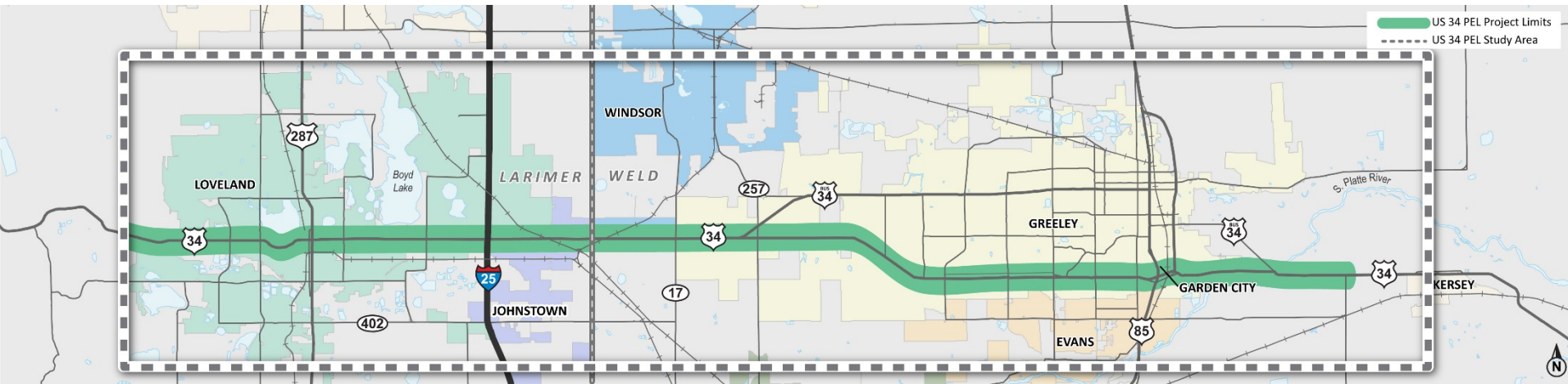




## US 34 PEL Study Overview



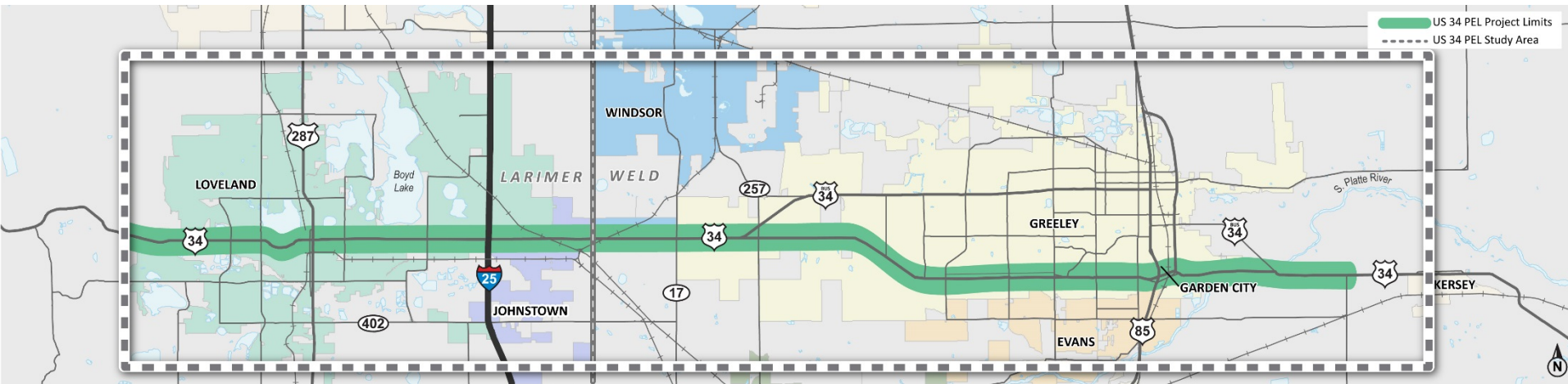
## US 34 PEL Project Limits and Study Area



- Related projects with staff here tonight:
  - US 34/US 85 Interchange
  - I-25/US 34 Interchange
  - I-25/SH 402 Interchange



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  - US 34 Canyon
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## What is the intent of this PEL Study?

- Develop a vision for US 34
- Identify transportation solutions
  - Immediate projects
  - Mid-term and long-term solutions
- Establish costs and pursue funding for projects
- Develop implementation strategies
- Facilitate project development and construction





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## What is the purpose and need for improvements on US 34?

The purpose of highway improvements is to preserve US 34 as a vital regional transportation corridor to move people, goods, and information reliably and plan for the future by accommodating changing travel demands and opportunities.

Needs:

- Enhance safety
- Accommodate travel demands associated with forecasted population and economic growth
- Increase reliability of east/west regional travel, while balancing local access and mobility





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## Related Studies and Projects

- PEL Study incorporates other studies and projects in the study area
  - US 85 PEL Study
  - North I-25 Environmental Impact Statement
  - SH 402 Environmental Assessment (EA)
  - SH 402 Access Control Plan
  - US 34 EA
  - US 34 Business EA and Widening Project
  - O Street Arterial Corridor Study
  - Freedom Parkway Corridor Planning and Access Control Plan



## US 34 Coalition

The US 34 Coalition was formed in 2015 with the purpose of creating a collaborative effort to advocate for needed improvements along the US 34 corridor.





## US 34 Access Control Plan



## Access Management on US 34

Concurrent with PEL study, CDOT will:

- Update existing US 34 Access Control Plan if required
  - East of I-25 through Kersey
- Develop new US 34 Access Control Plan
  - West of I-25 through Loveland





## What does an Access Control Plan do?

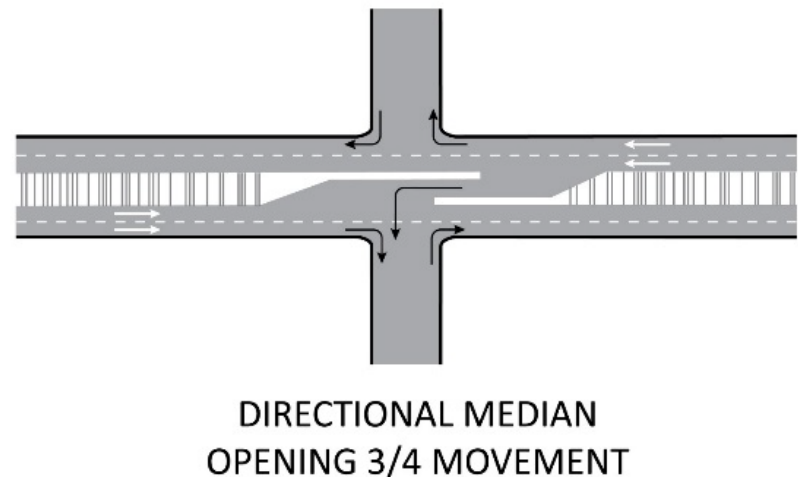
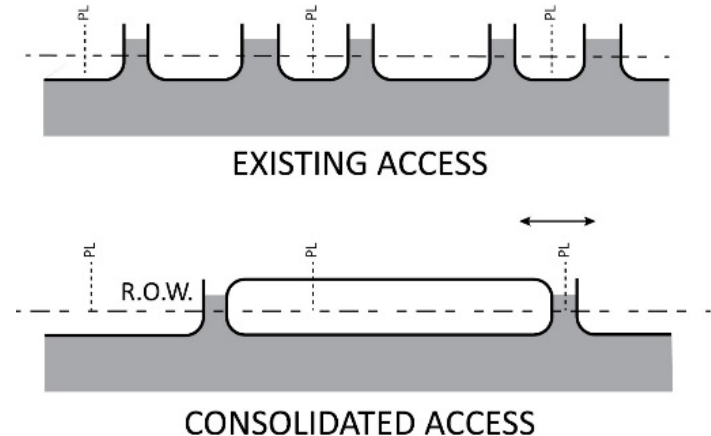
An Access Control Plan controls the location, spacing, design, and operation of driveways, median openings, and street connections to a roadway.





## Examples of access control techniques

- Consolidate the number of direct access points to US 34
- Minimize number of places vehicles merge or cross





## Your Role Tonight



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## How can you help inform this study?

- Tell us where you see problems or opportunities on US 34.
- Write on maps and give input to staff at open house stations:
  - PEL process, purpose, and need
  - Existing transportation conditions
  - Existing safety and traffic conditions
  - Existing social and environmental conditions
  - Access control planning
- Fill out a comment form.





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