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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

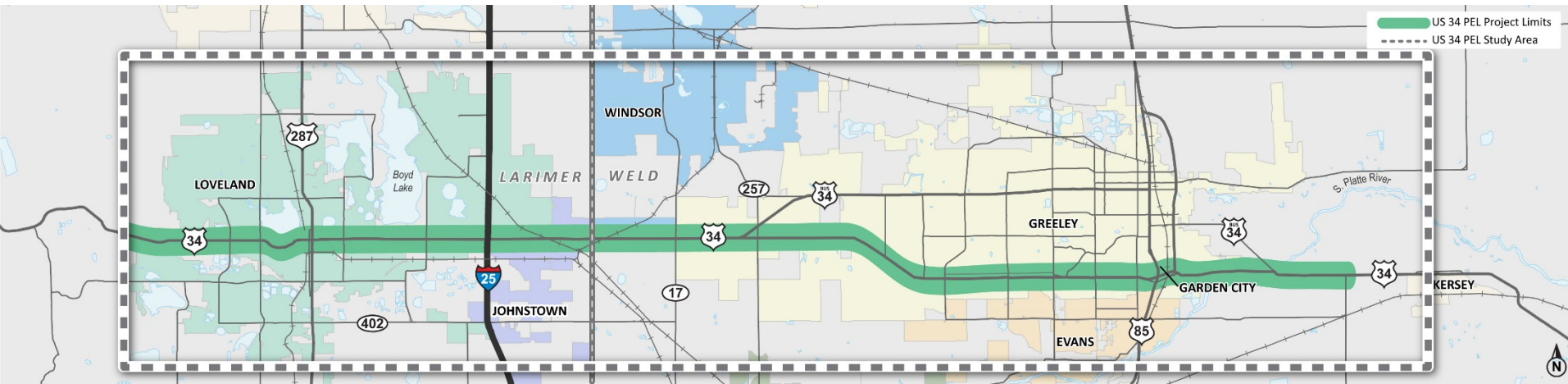




US 34 PEL Study Overview



US 34 PEL Project Limits and Study Area



- Related projects with staff here tonight:
 - I-25 Design Build Project(s)
 - US 34 / US 85 Interchange Reconstruction Project



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





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



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?

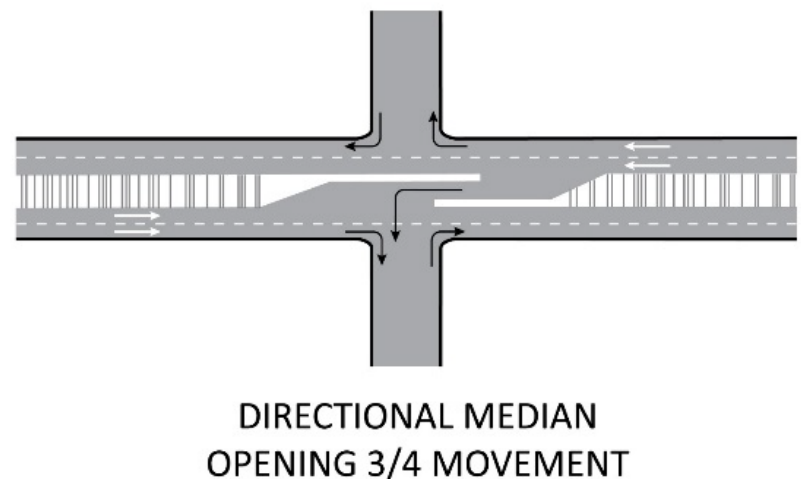
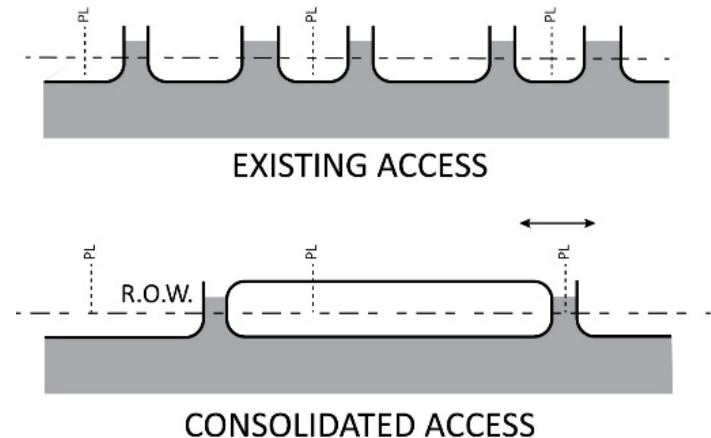
An Access Control Plan controls the location, spacing, design, and operation of driveways, median openings, and street connections to a roadway.





Examples of access control techniques

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





Tonight's Meeting



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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