



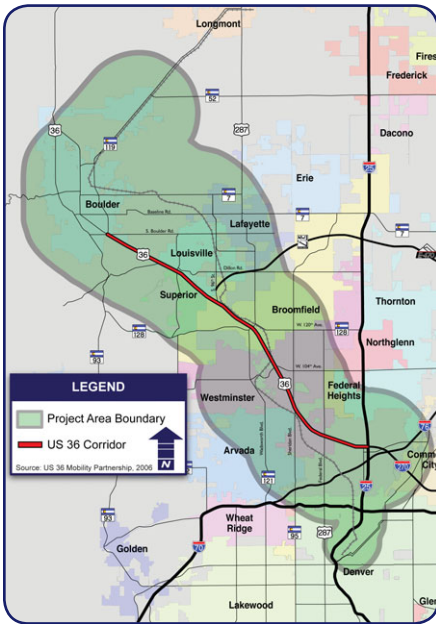
US 36 CORRIDOR
Environmental Impact Statement

RELEASE OF US 36 DRAFT EIS

PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD

THE US 36 DRAFT EIS

Since 2003 the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Regional Transportation District (RTD), in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), have been studying transportation improvements between Denver and Boulder in the



US 36 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) study. Two build packages remain under consideration, consisting of Package 2 (Express/BRT) and Package 4 (GP/BRT/HOV). You are asked to provide formal comments including observations, issues and concerns related to these transportation packages.

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

The DEIS has been released for your review. The 45-day comment period ends on September 17th. It is available for inspection at the viewing places noted on page 3. Public hearings will be held to provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about the US 36 EIS and to provide formal comment for the permanent record. Additional opportunities will also exist to provide comment on the DEIS. (Turn to the inside for a schedule and ways to provide input.)

The DEIS provides detailed information on the evaluation of Package 2 (Express/BRT) and Package 4 (GP/HOV/BRT) along with Package 1 (No Action). This evaluation consists of the full range of social, economic, transportation and environmental factors to compare the impacts of Package 2 and Package 4 to the No Action Alternative.

WHERE CAN YOU REVIEW THE DEIS?

DEIS Public Hearings

Public hearings will be held as part of the public involvement process required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of the hearings is to allow you to review the analysis presented in the DEIS and make official comments. Those comments will be addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) as the next phase.

The format for the public hearings includes an open house with display boards, and a project presentation followed by a formal comment period. The hearings are scheduled for Wednesday, August 29th; Thursday, August 30th; and Thursday, September 6th, 2007. Additionally, page 3 lists repositories where the DEIS will be available for review.

WHAT IS A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE?

After the DEIS review and public hearings, a preferred alternative will be identified to be studied further in the FEIS. In order to move toward a Record of Decision (ROD) by the federal agencies, funding will need to be identified. Partial funding for the US 36 Highway and initial BRT improvements, has been identified in future years.


WHAT IS AN URBAN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT & HOW DOES IT RELATE TO THE US 36 EIS?


A potential funding source for US 36 highway improvements is a federal program entitled the Urban Partnership Agreement. A partnership of the US 36 Corridor Mayors and Commissioners Coalition (MCC), CDOT and RTD recently submitted an Urban Partnership Agreement (UPA) application to receive federal funding for congestion mitigation by combining tolling, transit, technology and tele-working options. If the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) selects the US 36 Corridor, partial funding for some of the highway components would be available. The UPA is compatible with both packages of alternatives in the DEIS, but would be considered a separate project. The US 36 EIS is looking for comments on the two build alternatives outlined in the DEIS.


DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ALTERNATIVE PACKAGES


WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGES?


The US 36 EIS has evaluated the package components including:

 **General Purpose Lanes** – Additional general purpose lanes to address congestion points along US 36. All types of vehicles may use these lanes at no charge. The number of lanes will vary according to travel demand within the alignment.

 **Express Lanes** – A set of lanes separated from the general purpose lanes in which every single-occupant vehicle traveling must pay a toll. High-occupant and transit vehicles would use it free of charge.

 **High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes** – A traffic lane dedicated to use by high-occupancy vehicles and transit vehicles.

 **Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)** – A high-frequency bus transit option along the entire length of US 36. Buses would operate in the BRT/HOV lane or in the BRT/Express lane with median stations for rapid boarding.

 **Transportation Management Strategies (including improvement of bicycle facilities)** – Actions to address transportation needs without constructing significant new capital investments. These may include minor intersection or interchange improvements, expanding park-n-Ride facilities, bus route structuring, Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) improvements, and implementation of bicycle facilities.

WHAT PACKAGES WILL BE EVALUATED IN THE DEIS?

The US 36 DEIS will identify a preferred alternative between Packages 2 and 4, as illustrated in the following table:

FEATURE	PACKAGE 1 NO ACTION	PACKAGE 2 EXPRESS + HOV + BRT	PACKAGE 4 GENERAL-PURPOSE LANES + HOV + BRT
Transportation Management & Bikeway		✓	✓
Additional General-Purpose Lanes on US 36			✓
High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes		✓	✓
Express Lanes		✓	
Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) with Stations		✓	✓
Express Bus	✓		
Commuter Rail on BNSF	✓		

US 36 DEIS PUBLIC HEARINGS

PLEASE ATTEND A PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, August 29, 2007

The Double Tree Hotel

8773 Yates Dr.
Westminster, CO 80031

WESTMINSTER

Thursday, August 30, 2007

Broomfield Auditorium

3 Community Park Rd.
Broomfield, CO 80020

BROOMFIELD

Thursday, September 6, 2007

East Boulder Community Center

5660 Sioux Dr.
Boulder, CO 80303

BOULDER

AMPLE PARKING IS AVAILABLE.

Schedule for all Public Hearings

4:00pm – 5:30pm Open House and Written Comment Submission
5:30pm – 6:00pm Presentation
6:00pm – 7:30pm Verbal Comment Submission
7:30pm – 8:00pm Open House and Comments

If you need special assistance due to a disability please contact Andrea Meneghel at least 72 hours before a hearing to make arrangements. (720) 407-4721.

HABRÁ UN INTERPRETE DE ESPAÑOL EN LA REUNIÓN

Llame este numero de telefono para aprender más de reuniones, información del proyecto, y como participar. 1-800-367-9260.

WHERE TO REVIEW THE DEIS

The DEIS is available for review at the following locations:

36 Commuting Solutions

350 Interlocken Blvd., Ste. 250, Broomfield, CO 80021

Adams County Administration Building

450 S. 4th Avenue, Brighton, CO 80601

Adams County Library - Pearl Mac

7611 Hilltop Circle, Denver, CO 80221

Adams County - Transportation

Western Services Center, 12200 Pecos St.,
3rd Floor, Westminster, CO 80234

Boulder County Clerk & Recorder's Office

1750 33rd St., Boulder, CO 80301

Boulder County Clerk & Recorder's Office

722 Main St., Louisville, CO 80027

Boulder County - Transportation

2045 13th St., Boulder, CO 80302

Boulder Public Library - Carnegie

1125 Pine St., Boulder, CO 80302

Boulder Public Library - George Reynolds Branch

3595 Table Mesa Drive, Boulder, CO 80305

Boulder Public Library - Main

1000 Canyon Boulevard, Boulder, CO 80302

Boulder Public Library - Meadows Branch

4800 Baseline Road, Boulder, CO 80303

Broomfield Public Library - Mamie Doud Eisenhower

3 Community Park Road, Broomfield, CO 80020

City and County of Broomfield - City Hall

One DesCombe Drive, Broomfield, CO 80020

City of Boulder - City Hall

1777 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80302

City of Louisville - City Hall

749 Main Street, Louisville, CO 80027

City of Westminster - City Hall

4800 W. 92nd Avenue, Westminster, CO 80031

Denver Public Library - Central Library

10 West 14th Avenue Parkway, Denver, CO 80204

Denver Public Works - Transportation

Wellington Webb Building, 201 W. Colfax Avenue,
5th Floor, Denver, CO 80202

Longmont Public Library

409 4th Avenue, Longmont, CO 80501

Louisville Public Library

951 Spruce Street, Louisville, CO 80027

Town of Superior - Town Hall

124 E. Coal Creek Drive, Superior, CO 80027

Westminster Public Library - College Hill

3705 W. 112th Avenue, Westminster, CO 80031

Westminster Public Library - Irving Street

7392 Irving Street, Westminster, CO 80030

HOW TO COMMENT

1. Attend and participate in a Public Hearing
2. Go to www.US36EIS.com and submit a comment
3. Mail a comment during the 45-day comment period to:
US 36 Mobility Partnership
c/o CDR Associates
100 Arapahoe Ave, Suite 12
Boulder, CO 80302

Comment Guidelines

The US 36 EIS is soliciting input from you in the following areas:

1. Input on the alternative packages including issues, concerns and preferences.
2. Identification of package elements that you support.
3. Issues that need to be addressed in a greater level of detail in subsequent phases of the EIS.
4. Any other questions or comments you may have.



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US 36 EIS SCHEDULE

PHASE	2006	2007	FUTURE
Alternatives Analysis	[Dark blue bar spanning 2006 and 2007]		
Public Review	[Small orange square]		
Draft EIS		[Dark blue bar spanning 2007 and Future]	
Public Review		[Small orange square]	
Final EIS with Identification of Preferred Alternative			[Dark blue bar spanning Future]
Public Review			[Small orange square]
Identify Funding		[Dashed blue bar spanning 2007 and Future]	[Large blue arrow pointing right]
Decision Documents/ Approvals			[Large blue arrow pointing right]