



## How can I learn more about the U.S. 50 East Project?

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### U.S. 50 Web site, [www.us50east.com](http://www.us50east.com)

This site includes information about the project, including a glossary of terms, frequently asked questions, summaries of previous meetings, and more.

### Speakers Bureau

Members of the project team are available to speak at your meeting or event, or even to a small group. You can request a speaker via phone, e-mail, U.S. mail, or the U.S. 50 Corridor East Web site.

# Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement Progress Report

Fall 2008



In the summer of 2007, we held public meetings in each community to share with you the improvements being considered for U.S. 50 (i.e., whether the four-lane divided highway will be located north or south of town) and their potential impacts. Since these meetings we've taken your comments into consideration as we prepare the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the project. The development of the DEIS is a complex and relatively long process. This newsletter is intended to provide you with an update of project activities, a brief explanation of what a DEIS is, what we've been doing to prepare it, and when you are going to get to see it.

### What is a DEIS and when will I be able to review it?

The National Environmental Policy Act requires federal agencies to prepare environmental impact statements (EIS) for major actions that affect the quality of the human and natural environment. The draft EIS (DEIS) is a document that discloses all anticipated highway improvements and the impacts associated with them. The project team has been spending our time preparing this complex document for this 150-mile-long corridor.

### The DEIS will include:

- the project's purpose and need,
- the alternatives proposed,
- the impacts associated with those alternatives, and
- the proposed mitigation strategies for those impacts.

There are also various technical resource reports being prepared for the DEIS document that focus on specific resources such as historic, farmland, economics, etc. Once complete, the DEIS is made available for at least 45 days for public and agency review and comment. Following the release of the DEIS, one-day public hearings will be held in each of the county seats.



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