

50 US 50 CORRIDOR EAST

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Public Meetings Scheduled for U.S. 50 Corridor East Project

Pueblo, Colo. – February 16, 2006 -- The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is hosting a series of public open houses to learn more about communities' issues and concerns related to a preferred corridor location for U.S. 50 from Pueblo to the Kansas state line. The purpose of these open houses is to review the results of the previous study, clarify the goals for the corridor and this process, and to discuss issues and concerns that need to be considered while developing a preferred corridor location.

This multi-year initiative will incorporate the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process into CDOT's plans for an improved U.S. 50. CDOT is building on the past study and is seeking public input as the project moves forward. Citizens are encouraged to take part in this important decision.

The U.S. 50 project team has scheduled open houses in many locations along the corridor to make it convenient for everyone to attend.

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Monday, February 27 Granada Town Hall, 105 S. Main

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Holly Town Complex, 200 S. 3rd

5 - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28 Lamar Community Center, 610 S. 6th St.

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Las Animas High School Cafeteria, 300 Grove Ave.

5 - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1 Swink School District Conference Room, 610 Columbia

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

La Junta Senior Center, 102 E. 2nd St.

5 - 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 2 Manzanola High School Gymnasium, 301 Catalpa

10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Rocky Ford Community Center, 107 N. Main

5 - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7 **Pueblo Airport Conference Center**, 31201 Bryan Cir.

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Fowler Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room,

601 W. Grant, 5 – 8 p.m.

CDOT is *Partnering for Progress* by bringing together communities, public officials, regulatory agencies and citizens to identify a corridor location for an improved U.S. 50 that effectively balances the diverse needs.

For additional information about the U.S. 50 Corridor East project or to be placed on the mailing list, please visit the project Web site at www.us50east.com or contact Public Involvement Coordinator Lori Nakanishi at 1-866-GO50NOW (1-866-465-0669).

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Media note: To schedule an interview with a U.S. 50 project representative, please contact Lori Nakanishi at 1-866-GO50NOW (1-866-465-0669). Project graphics are also available upon request.



