

**SH 52 Coalition Update**

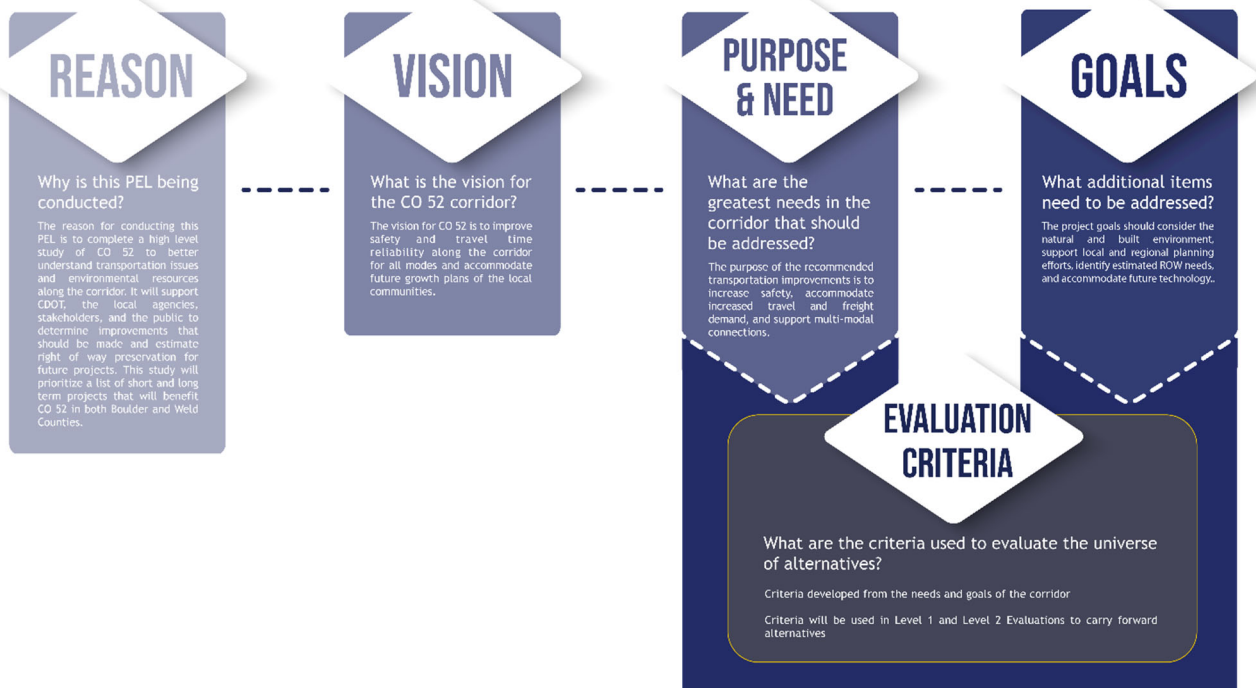
**November UPDATE**

CDOT wanted to provide a summary to keep you posted on the activities completed to date and next steps on the CO 52 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study and Access Control Plan (ACP).

**PEL STATUS:** The project team continues to advance the PEL process. The Purpose and Need Statement received official approval from FHWA completing the second of four FHWA Coordination Points required for the PEL Study. The next Coordination Point will be for FHWA to provide input during alternatives development, evaluation, refinement, and the recommendation of alternative(s) to be evaluated in future NEPA studies.

*Alternatives Analysis* –The project team is in the process of finalizing Evaluation Criteria and performance measures and developing alternatives. As shown in the graphic below, the Reason, Vision, Purpose & Need, and Goals developed for the study are the basis for the Evaluation Criteria. The criteria are utilized throughout the process to rank and prioritize alternatives. The Evaluation Criteria and performance measures were discussed with the Technical Team on October 29th, with an additional week to provide comments or questions.

The Evaluation Criteria and performance measures, once finalized, will be reviewed at an additional Technical Team Meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The project team felt it was important to add a Technical Team meeting to get concurrence on the Evaluation Criteria to support the continuation of the Alternatives development. Acceptance of the Evaluation Criteria will be recorded as a project decision point.





## CO 52 PEL & ACP

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*Traffic* - Traffic data is being analyzed and compared to 2019 volumes. If needed, adjustments will be made to provide a picture of current and future volumes. The updated traffic numbers will be presented at the December Technical Team meeting.

**ACP STATUS:** Over the past few weeks, ACP meetings have occurred with the local agencies. Discussions have focused on existing and future access recommendations based on future land use development and traffic growth projections. The project team met with Boulder County on November 17<sup>th</sup> and are planning to meet again to finalize ACP discussions.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The project team prepared an Overview of the Public Engagement Summary (attached) from the August event. The Overview reviews the goals for the public engagement event, public participation metrics, outreach strategies, results from the event, and the next steps of the PEL Study.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE:**

Traffic data collection is complete. Once traffic has been analyzed, volumes will be modeled to help evaluate alternatives. The Safety Assessment Report is under internal review and when approved by CDOT will be included as an Appendix to the Existing Conditions Report. The schedule is reviewed by the project team during our meetings and we will communicate to the Coalition if delays are anticipated. The next presentation to the SH 52 Coalition will be on February 25, 2021, where the project team will present the Evaluation Criteria and developed alternatives for the corridor.

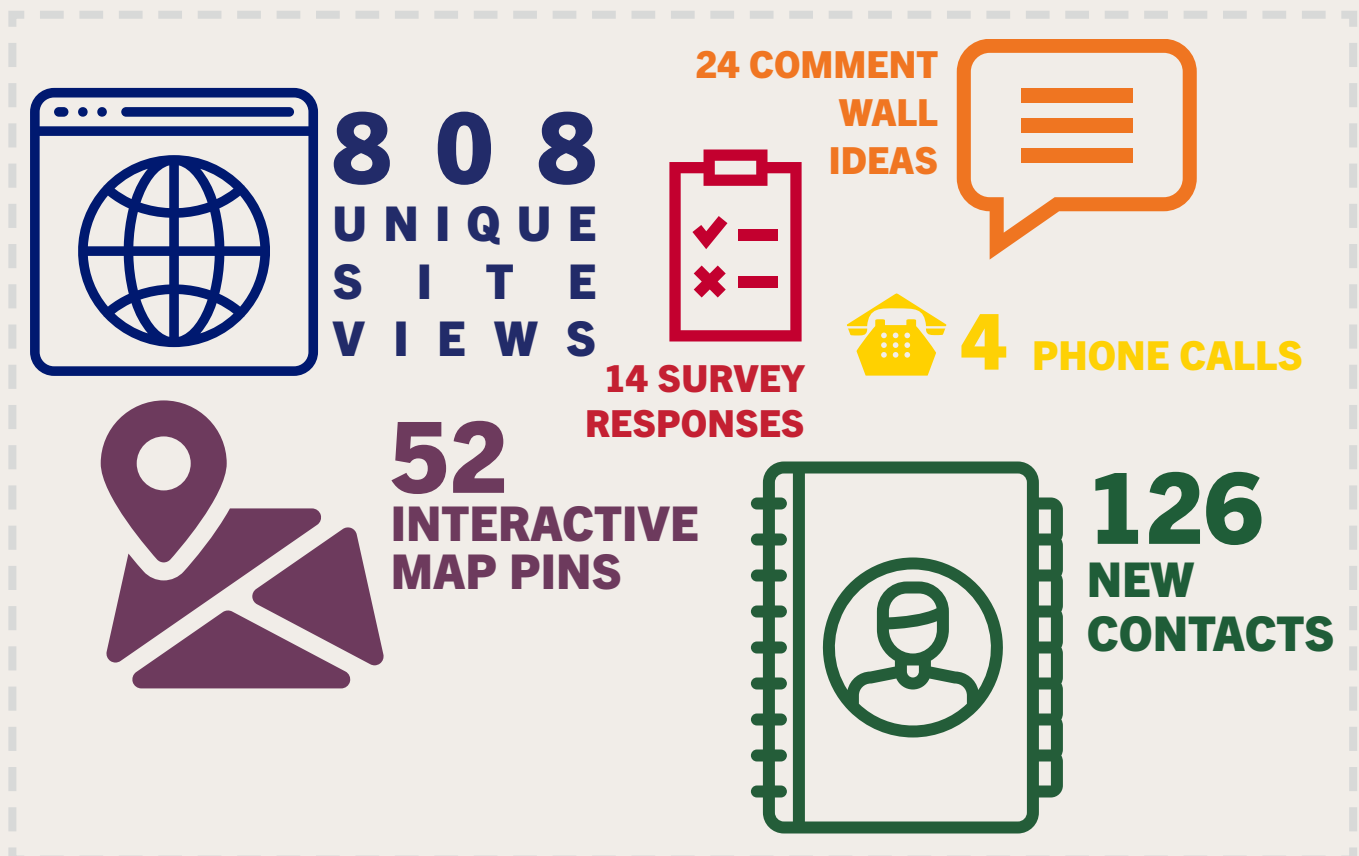


## VIRTUAL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

This virtual public engagement was held in lieu of an in-person public meeting from **August 24 to September 17, 2020**. As part of the PEL Study, we gathered stakeholder input to understand community concerns and ideas. This input will be used to establish evaluation criteria as part of the analysis process. The team identified three goals for the public meeting:

- 1** Inform stakeholders of the study goals and activities
- 2** Receive input from stakeholders on their interests and concerns
- 3** Establish relationships and lines of communication with stakeholders

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION METRICS



## WHAT WE HEARD

The project team captured themes and ideas that arose from the engagement. Stakeholders expressed interest in a variety of roadway improvements, including the following:

**35%**



**TRAFFIC**

**17%**



**SAFETY**

**13%**



**SIGNAGE**

**9%**



**ACCESS**

**5%**



**FREIGHT**

**3%**



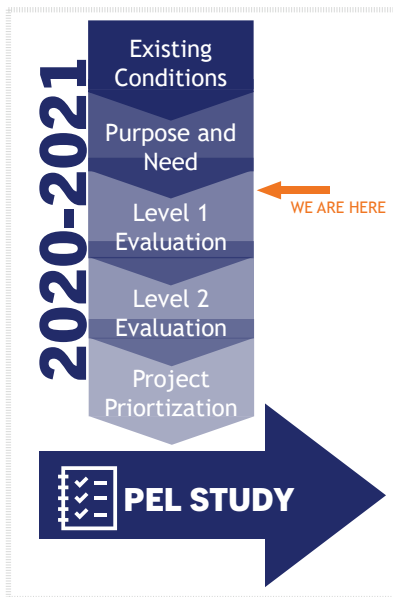
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## OUTREACH

Thanks to the help of local government agencies, the team reached corridor neighbors and users by relying on the following tools in English and Spanish:



## NEXT STEPS



Information compiled from the public engagement will be used in establishing the evaluation criteria against which different corridor projects and options will be assessed. The PEL Study is the beginning of a longer implementation process.



**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS**