

SH 52 Coalition Update

January UPDATE

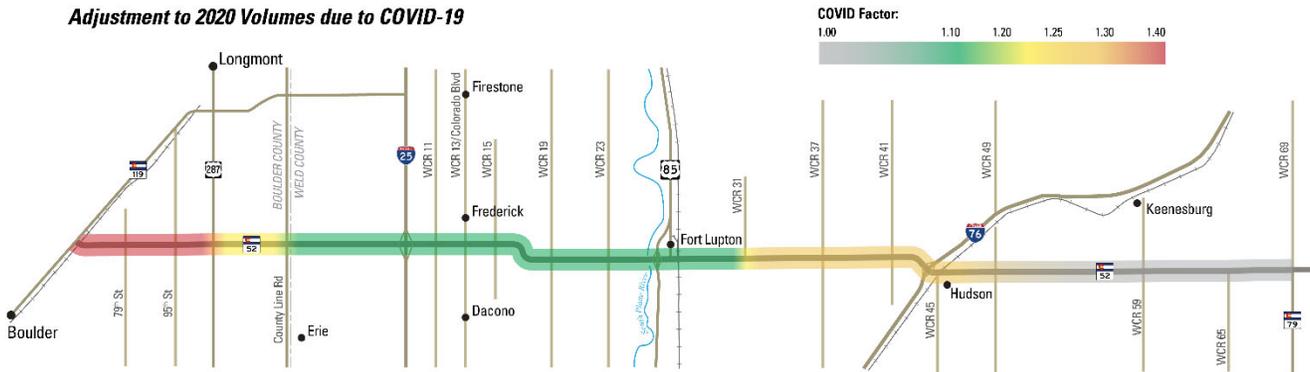
Happy 2021! We are halfway through the project and we wanted to provide a summary to keep you posted on the activities completed to date and next steps on the CO 52 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study and Access Control Plan (ACP).

PEL STATUS: The project team continues to advance the PEL process.

Alternatives Analysis –The project team has started the Level 1 (L1) evaluation of alternatives and is completing the L1 Matrix which will present the findings and outcomes for each alternative. Input from the technical team on the L1 evaluation will be requested and reviewed during a February working meeting. The next step will be to develop intersection-specific alternatives that will be evaluated as elements of corridor-wide alternatives.

Traffic – We have started the traffic analysis and are working to calibrate the 2020 counts to better align with the previously collected traffic volumes. The graphic below depicts the factor that is applied to traffic volumes along the corridor. For example, Segment 1 between US 287 and County Line Road is multiplied by 1.25 to reflect what traffic volumes would look like prior to COVID. This factoring adjustment will allow the project team to identify corridor improvements that will adequately address current and future traffic volumes that would not be impacted by COVID.

Adjustment to 2020 Volumes due to COVID-19



ACP STATUS: The project team has completed all stakeholder ACP meetings. The project team will review the ACP Amendment process with the Coalition to move forward with the proposed Amendment Process as a project decision point. Next steps will include preparing the ACP document and working with local agencies to develop the IGA.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Project team is working on continuing communication efforts and new means to distribute project information, including a “Project one-pager” and “ACP FAQ one-pager” for community members to learn more about the project. To expand the project visibility, the project team is working on reaching out to organizations along the corridor, including school districts, cycling organizations, and farming organizations. The project one-pager was issued and is attached to this update; the ACP FAQ one-pager will be available soon and will be shared with the Coalition during the February CO 52 project presentation.

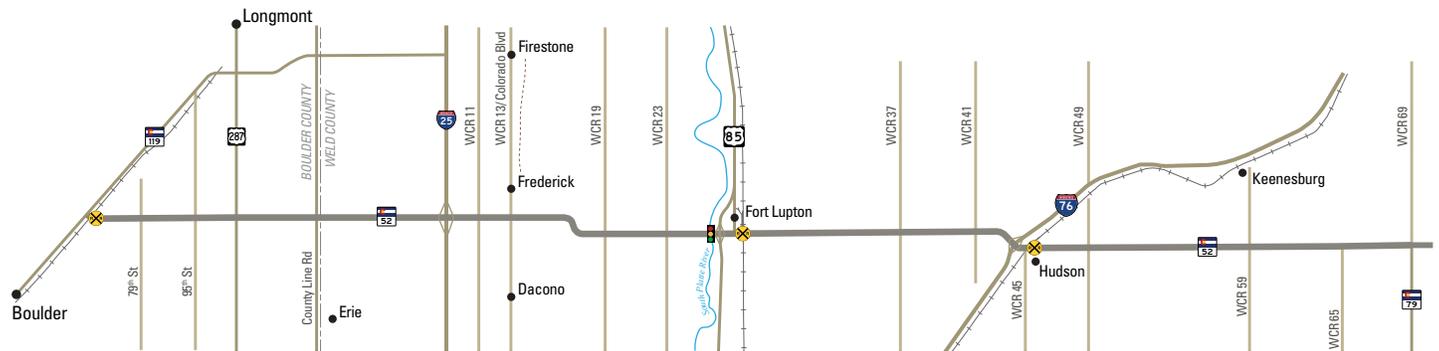
PROJECT SCHEDULE: The Safety Assessment Report was finalized and is in the CDOT review process. The schedule was reviewed by the project team during the Internal Coordination Meeting on January 7. Any anticipated delays will be communicated to the Coalition. The next Coalition meeting will be on February 25, 2021, where the project team will present the Evaluation Criteria, Project Corridor Alternatives, and the Level 1 Screening process.

CO 52 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study and Access Control Plan (ACP)

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is conducting a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study and Access Control Plan (ACP) for the state highway CO 52 corridor. This project will provide a long-term vision for the corridor by prioritizing projects and identifying funding for transportation improvement projects.

Project Limits

The project limits extend 41.6 miles (MP 0 to MP 42) along CO 52, from CO 119 north of Boulder in Boulder County to CO 79 east of Hudson. Jurisdictions formally involved in the project include Boulder and Weld Counties, Dacono, Erie, Fort Lupton, Frederick, Hudson, Keenesburg.



CO 52 PEL / ACP Process

- Identify existing conditions
- Establish needs of the corridor
- Develop a range of improvement alternatives; evaluate, screen, prioritize alternatives
- Develop a final PEL Report with recommendations for future projects
- Conduct public engagement
- Develop an Access Control Plan

Recommended projects will:

- Increase Safety
- Accommodate increased travel and freight demand
- Support multimodal connections

Project Goals

- Consider the natural and built environments
- Support local and regional planning efforts
- Identify estimated ROW needs
- Accommodate future technology

Schedule



What's the ACP and how does it relate to the CO 52 PEL?

ACPs seek to reduce congestion, increase safety, and guide development for cities and towns, by providing guidance on future access points along the corridor. An ACP is being developed simultaneously with the PEL.

More information: Visit our website <https://www.codot.gov/projects/co52-pel-acp>