



FINAL MEETING NOTES

PROJECT:	24970 Cottonwood Pass Concept Design (Eagle and Garfield Counties)
PURPOSE:	Project Leadership Team (PLT)/Technical Team (TT) Meeting #3
DATE HELD:	December 1, 2022
LOCATION:	Videoconference
ATTENDING:	<p>CDOT: Karen Berdoulay, Jacob Rivera Garfield County: Wyatt Keesbery Eagle County: John Harris (via phone), Nicole Trujillo, Rickie Davies, Jeff Shroll Town of Gypsum: Jim Hancock, Jerry Law United States Forest Service (USFS) Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District: Marcus Dreux Bureau of Land Management (BLM): Jill Bogdanovich David Evans and Associates, Inc. (DEA): Stacy Tschuor, Kara Swanson, Leah Langerman, Sarah Rachal-Dormand</p>
COPIES:	PLT/TT Members

Summary of Discussion:

1. Stacy welcomed the group and used a PowerPoint presentation to give a project update including progress and meetings held to date, evaluation criteria, design options, existing conditions considerations, and public feedback by site.
 - ◆ Issue Task Force Meetings Held
 - ◇ Property owner/residential meeting #2 held Nov. 15
 - ◇ Natural resources meeting #2 held Nov. 17
 - ◆ Letters customized to each site were mailed to adjacent property owners along with graphics of each design option being considered. Owners were invited to call or email with comments and input received to date was shared as part of this presentation.
2. PLT-TT comments were solicited during the meeting after reviewing the design options and public feedback received at each site. The comments and discussion from the PLT-TT members are listed below:
 - ◆ Eagle Site 1: Simon Krzych asked Jacob if the road could go through the hillside to the north rather than impacting his house as much.
 - ◇ John agreed this would be a good idea. Simon’s driveway is already steep and shortening it will be very difficult.
 - ◇ Jerry noted another benefit to option 1 is that there are very few places on this road with pullouts and this option would create three pullouts.

- ◆ Eagle County Site 2
 - ✧ John agreed with one commenter that the most dangerous part is the piece on south end, which our improvements aren't covering.
 - ✧ The county plans to improve the roadway treatment.
- ◆ Eagle County Sites 5 & 6 (Blue Hill)
 - ✧ Have not yet reached out to the adjacent owners because the concept is still in process. The high-level alignment graphic was shown to the ITFs. The team is currently working on details of this design. In addition to the alignment shown, the team is looking at a few variations that would result in different cost ranges.
 - ✧ At station 100, removing the horseshoe creates the need for a lot of cut south of the horseshoe. Jerry suggested the switchback should move further to the west to improve grades and reduce cut into the hillside. In shortening it, at station 100, it is a 40-foot cut. The switchback is the only speed mitigation feature that slows people down. Before doing a cost estimate on this, make the horseshoe longer and broader.
 - » **ACTION:** Sarah to adjust this and then send the revised design to Jerry before costing.
 - ✧ The current design shows a lot more cut than fill overall.

3. Next Steps

- ◆ Complete evaluation for each design option. Even when there is only one option at a site, it will still be evaluated using the evaluation criteria.
- ◆ Concept refinement
- ◆ Enforcement meeting (to discuss public comments related to enforcement with the County Sheriff's Office representatives): December
- ◆ Property Owner/Residential ITF #3 (refined concepts and evaluation results): January *[subsequent to the meeting this was planned for February]*
- ◆ PLT/TT Meeting #4 (refined concepts, evaluation results, and input review): January *[subsequent to the meeting this was planned for February]*
- ◆ Round 2 Public Meetings (present concept designs and next steps): February (this may be delayed depending on Blue Hill progress) *[subsequent to the meeting this was shifted to March]*
- ◆ Cost Estimate
 - ✧ **ACTION:** CDOT will provide their preferred template. *[complete]*
- ◆ CDOT is going to pursue a PROTECT grant for Blue Hill. The grant would provide \$20M to spread between Glenwood Canyon and other locations. \$3M is expected to go towards design for Blue Hill already. If the grant is successful, the full \$20M will go to Blue Hill.
- ◆ CDOT is submitting a DDIR (emergency request to FHWA). \$1M of it could possibly be used for Cottonwood Pass construction (not specific to Blue Hill). It has to first be approved, then be programmed before it would be available.