



Glenwood Canyon Rest Areas Project: PLT/TT Meeting #4

Meeting Date: 02/17/2026 1:00 PM

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Participants

CDOT

Craig Hurst
Lisa Schoch
Rob Levinson
Marcella Broussard
Stacia Sellers
Joshua Cullen
David Mendel
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Jared Rapp
Clark & Enersen
Brian McCracken
Shane Boyle

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Sandy Beazley
Laura Meyer
Lauren Suer

Meeting Notes:

- **Project Design Updates and Decisions:**

- Sandy, Brian, Rob, and the team provided comprehensive updates on the design progress for the rest area remodels, including ADA improvements, storefront replacements, lighting upgrades, and new retaining wall solutions. Specifics are discussed below.
- **Bair Ranch Storefront Replacement:**
 - Brian explained that the Bair Ranch rest area will have a one-to-one replacement of the existing storefront system, matching the current color and mullion styles, and will include a horizontal separation bar for aesthetic consistency.
 - The roof and lighting systems will also be replaced, with lighting upgraded to meet dark sky compliance.
- **Grizzly Creek ADA and Entry Modifications:**
 - Brian detailed the removal of the central seating cube at the Grizzly Creek rest area, replacement of the large storefront system with two new entry doors and minor resizing of panels to accommodate standard door widths.
 - Handrails will be installed along the sidewalk accessing the restrooms and to the stairs accessing the plaza overlook. Rail locations on the stairs were modified based on input received at prior PLT/TT meeting.
- **Grizzly Creek Skylight Protection:**
 - Rob described the plan to replace deteriorating wood slats over the skylights with perforated stainless-steel panels to allow light in while protecting against vandalism, with the finish chosen for durability and minimal visual impact.
- **Grizzly Creek Retaining Wall Replacement:**



- Rob and Lisa discussed replacement of the crumbling masonry block retaining wall at Grizzly Creek with precast concrete panels made from recycled concrete. The new panels would eliminate ongoing maintenance needs. The new panels would approximately match the existing wall height and mass to minimize the visual change between the two wall types.
- **Grizzly Creek Signage:**
 - Additional wayfinding signage for the restrooms will be installed at Grizzly Creek. The signage will match the existing signage on site and will help visitors locate the restrooms since they not visible from the parking areas.
- **Lighting Upgrades and Dark Sky Compliance:**
 - Brian provided an overview of how dark sky compliant lighting will affect the site. Parking lot lights, exterior building lights, and pedestal lights would be replaced.
 - Pedestal lights would approximately match the existing lights. The project team will provide a count of fixtures to be replaced to help inform the Section 106 process.
- **Environmental and Public Engagement Process:**
 - Visual Impact Assessment:
 - Laura reported that key observation points have been selected and visual simulations are in progress to support both the environmental analysis and public engagement, with additional simulations to be prepared for the public meeting.
 - Section 106 and NEPA Coordination:
 - Laura and Lisa confirmed ongoing coordination for the Section 106 process, which will continue as design details are further refined.
 - Public Engagement Planning:
 - Laura outlined plans for a virtual public meeting to be available for 30 days from mid-April to mid-May, where proposed improvements at each rest area will be presented and public feedback will be reviewed with the design team.
 - The meeting will be online only, with “meeting boards” that users can click on to learn about different aspects of the project.
 - The project team will send the PLT/TT a link once the meeting is live.
- **Site-Specific Improvements and Stakeholder Input:**
 - Bear-Resistant Trash Can Selection:
 - Sandy, Marcus, Jared, and Bekah discussed the selection of a bear-resistant trash can, with consensus that the proposed model is effective and should be anchored to the concrete for security.
 - Vegetation Management Strategy:
 - Sandy explained that while vegetation plans have not been finalized, the project team intends to replace non-native vegetation with native species where budget allows, with final decisions to be made during final design.
- **Project Schedule and Next Steps:**
 - Construction Schedule Adjustments:



- Sandy explained that the construction schedule has shifted multiple times due to funding priorities. CDOT will communicate with project partners as project schedules are finalized.
- Environmental Commitments:
 - Commitments will be documented in the NEPA document and construction specifications.
- Closure of PLT/TT Meetings:
 - Sandy announced that this is the last PLT/TT meeting, as sufficient input has been gathered to proceed with NEPA and design, but the group will be re-engaged if significant design changes occur or for future coordination as needed.

Action Items:

No.	Item	Responsibility	Status	Deadline
1	Confirm the final design details and scale of the new precast concrete retaining wall at Grizzly Creek to ensure it matches the existing wall's footprint and appearance.	Rob Levinson		
2	Determine and share the total number and locations of lantern-style lights at the site to clarify the extent of lighting replacements for design review.	Brian McCracken		