



Public Meeting

June 12, 2018



**I-70 Floyd Hill to
Veterans Memorial Tunnels**

*Welcome to the I-70 Floyd Hill To
Veterans Memorial Tunnels
Public Meeting*

Meeting Agenda

5:00 pm - Sign-in and Open House

5:30 pm - Presentation, Questions, and Answers

6:00 pm - Open House



Project Background



The ROD outlines the following improvements specific to the Floyd Hill area:

- ▲ Six-lane component from Floyd Hill through the Veterans Memorial Tunnels including a bike trail and frontage roads from Idaho Springs to Hidden Valley and Hidden Valley to US 6

Three roadway concepts were recommended for further investigation through the Concept Development Process:

- ▲ Off Alignment
- ▲ North Alignment
- ▲ South Alignment

Additionally, multiple interchange access concepts were considered for further investigation

After further analysis of the concepts, the North Alignment moved forward with multiple options to be fully analyzed in the EA (see Preliminary Proposed Action Map Boards)

* *Environmental Impact Statement*

** *Record of Decision*

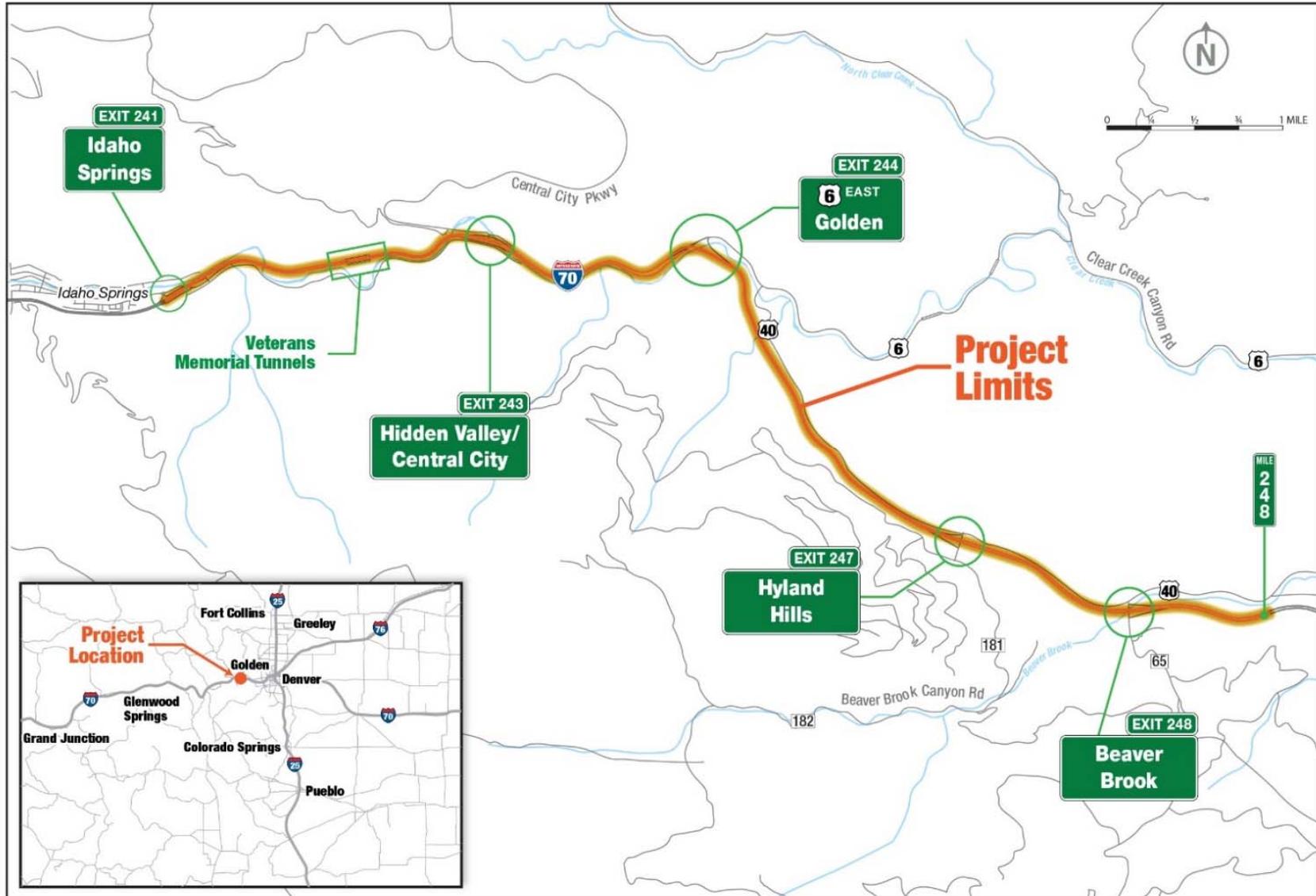


CSS Process

- Public scoping in July 2017
- 4 PLT Meetings
 - Established Charter, context statement, core values, reviewed public outreach plan, reviewed major elements, reviewed public meeting materials, introduced draft project goals
- 12 TT Meetings
 - Worked through 6-Step decision making process. Started with context mapping of three sections. Used matrices to evaluate and recommend options.
- Multiple ITFs
 - Developed measures of success, CSS flow chart, evaluated option for interchanges and roadway design
 - Held SWEEP, ALIVE and Section 106 ITFs



Project Location Map



NEPA Process Overview

- Tier 1 NEPA completed in 2011
- Tier 1 ROD was approved for the I-70 Mountain Corridor
 - Provided a long-term vision for the 144-mile corridor
 - Includes a program of transit, highway, safety, and other improvements to increase capacity, improve accessibility and mobility, and decrease congestion
- Tier 2 NEPA processes focus on analyzing project-specific impacts and issues
- Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnels project is currently being evaluated through a Tier 2 NEPA process (EA)



Project's Purpose

The purpose of the project is to **improve travel time reliability, safety, and mobility**, and **address the deficient infrastructure on westbound I-70** through the Floyd Hill area of the I-70 Mountain Corridor. The project advances improvements on the I-70 Mountain Corridor that were identified in the 2011 I-70 Mountain Corridor Record of Decision (ROD).

An additional purpose to the project is to **address tight horizontal curves on eastbound I-70** causing safety concerns.

This project also addresses two improvements included in the ROD from US 6 to Hidden Valley and Hidden Valley to Idaho Springs. The purpose of these improvements is to **improve multimodal connectivity** and to **provide an alternate route parallel to the interstate mainline in case of emergency** or severe weather conditions.



Project's Needs

- High traffic volumes and limited capacity on I-70 in the westbound direction which affects regional and local mobility and accessibility
- Unreliable travel times and frequent delays due to traffic congestion on I-70 in the westbound direction
- Occasional severe weather conditions causing closure on the interstate which results in congestion, mobility and local accessibility challenges

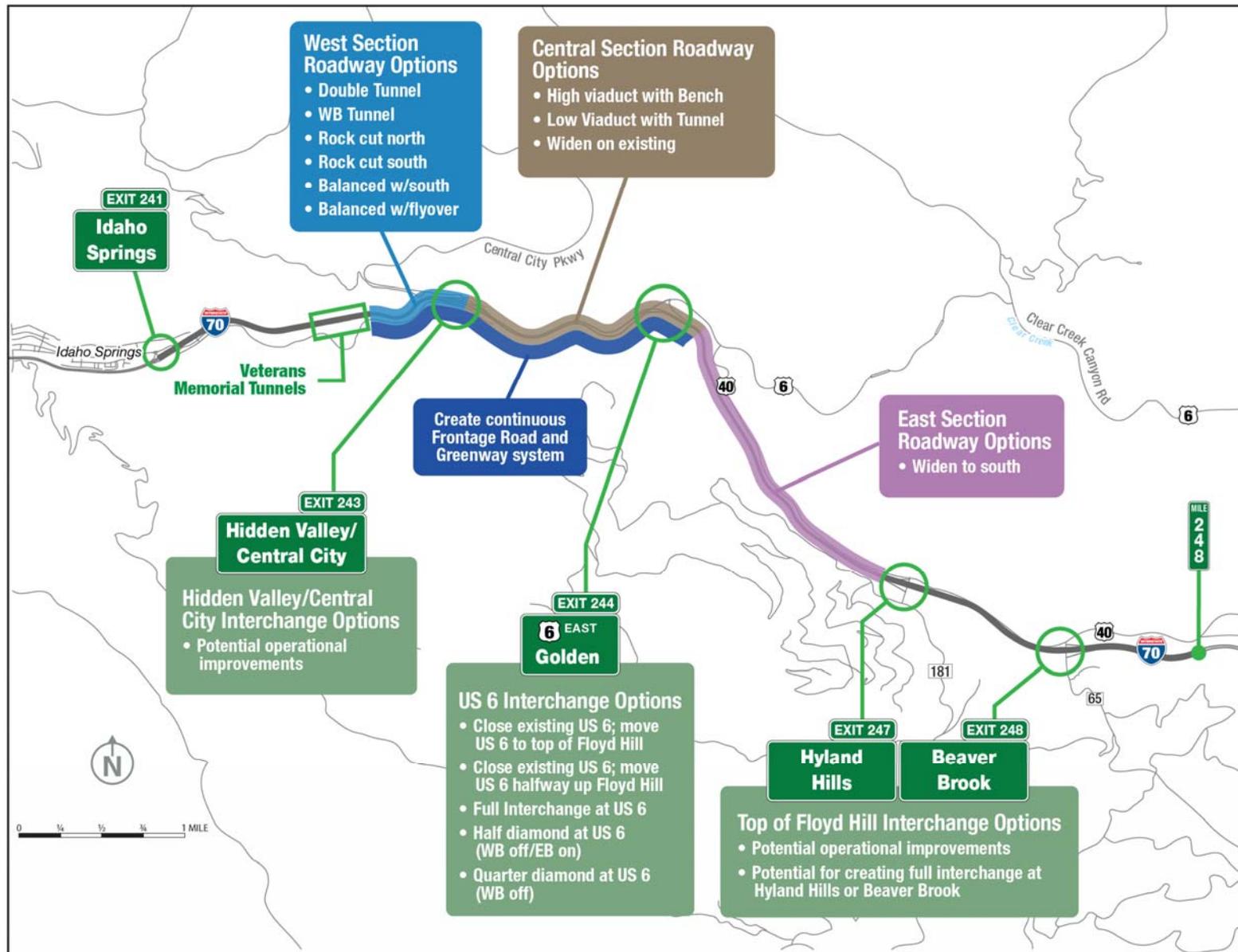


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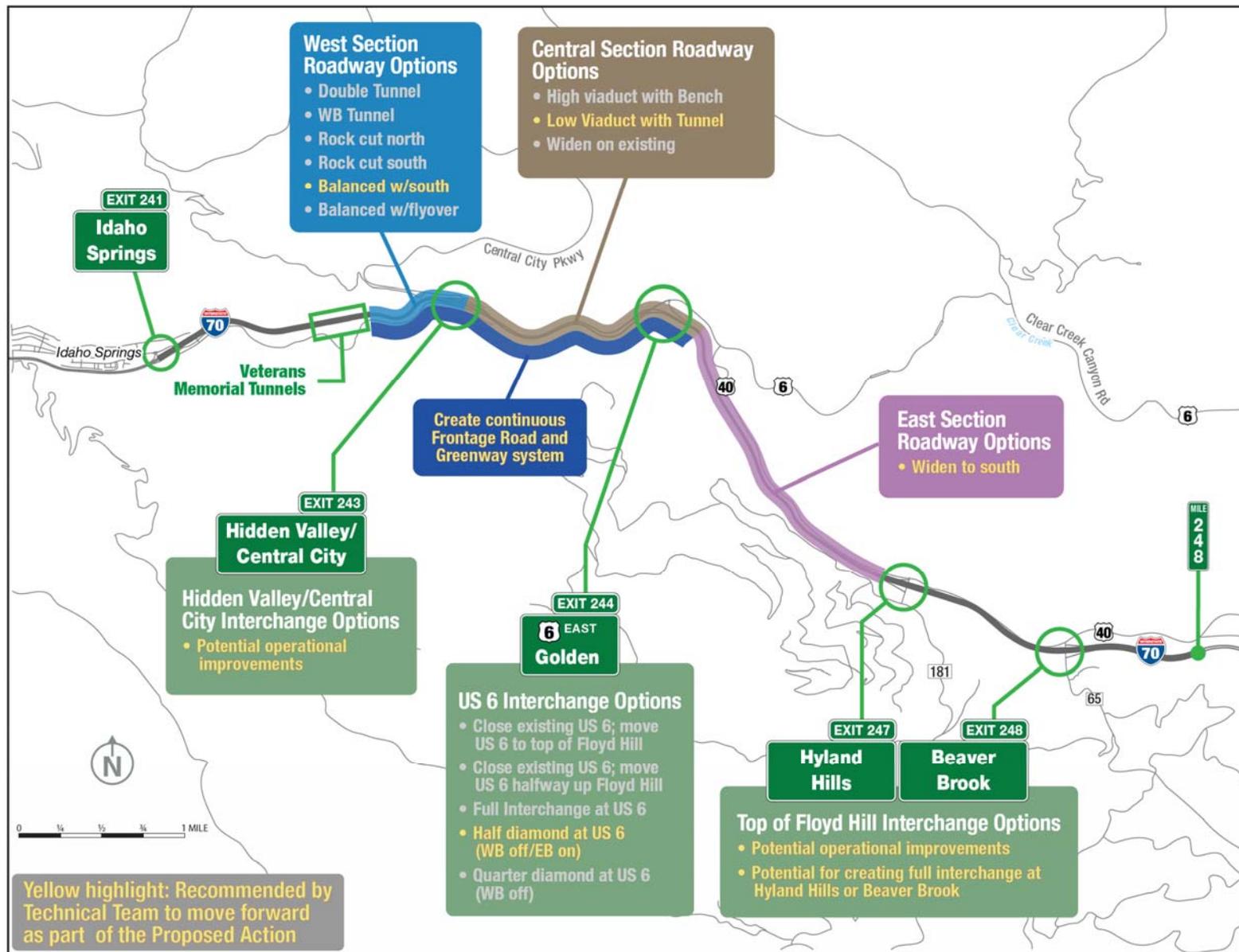
- **Safety concerns** due to congestion, substandard geometry with tight curves, and steep grades
- **Aging and deficient infrastructure**
- **Insufficient infrastructure** for pedestrian and bicycle users between US 6 and Idaho Springs
- **Lack of road redundancy** and parallel routes between US 6 and Idaho Springs which **hinders emergency response times** in case of emergencies



Major Elements of Proposed Action Considered



Major Elements of Proposed Action Recommended



Current NEPA Process

The following resources will be evaluated as part of the Environmental Assessment (EA).

- ▲ Air Quality
- ▲ Archaeology
- ▲ Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
- ▲ Cumulative Impacts
- ▲ Environmental Justice
- ▲ Energy
- ▲ Farmlands
- ▲ Floodplains
- ▲ Geologic Resources and Soil
- ▲ Hazardous / Solid Wastes
- ▲ Historic Resources
- ▲ Land Use
- ▲ Noise
- ▲ Noxious Weeds
- ▲ Paleontology
- ▲ Recreation
- ▲ Right of Way
- ▲ Section 4(f)
- ▲ Section 6(f)
- ▲ Socioeconomics
- ▲ Threatened and Endangered Species
- ▲ Transportation
- ▲ Utilities
- ▲ Vegetation
- ▲ Visual / Aesthetics
- ▲ Water Quality
- ▲ Wetlands and other Waters of the US
- ▲ Wildlife / Fisheries

There will be a public review period with a public hearing once the EA is completed.

Please fill out a comment form if you have any concerns that should be considered during the resource evaluation process.



Project Schedule

