# **PUBLIC MEETING #1**

**NEPA and Preliminary Design Project** 

March 23, 2017

### PROJECT UPDATE

A Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study of the I-70/Kipling Street Interchange was completed in July 2013. This detailed transportation study provided a plan for future improvements to reduce congestion, optimize operations, improve safety, and accommodate multimodal connections at the interchange.

In late 2016, the Colorado Department of Transportation moved the project forward into the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Preliminary Design phase. This phase is expected to last almost 18 months.

The first step of this process is to determine the Preferred Alternative for the interchange configuration. Building upon the PEL Study recommendations and incorporating consideration of new information available following the PEL Study, the benefits and impacts of the Single Point Urban Interchange, Traditional Diamond Interchange, and Diverging Diamond Interchange configurations were evaluated.

The Diverging Diamond Interchange configuration is being recommended as the Preferred Alternative because it will provide substantial safety benefits for all modes of travel in addition to improved vehicular operations.

## PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC MEETING

Exhibits are arranged around the room to present the project background and current project, the post-PEL Study alternatives evaluation, and the recommended Preferred Alternative.

Your comments will be reviewed prior to confirming the Preferred Alternative and moving into an Environmental Assessment to fully investigate the anticipated benefits and impacts of the proposed project.

#### Public Meeting #1 Agenda

Open House: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Presentation: 6:00 PM



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## WAYS TO COMMENT

- Talk with project personnel during tonight's open house or contact them following the meeting
- Fill out a comment sheet and leave it at the sign-in table or mail it in later
- Type your comment on the project web page comment form:

www.codot.gov/projects/i-70-kipling-interchange

