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6.0 Comments on the Draft EIS

CDOT conducted an extensive, multi-year public involvement and agency coordination program for the I-270 Corridor Improvements Project (project). Engagement included regular coordination with federal, state, local, and Tribal agencies and broad outreach to corridor residents, businesses, and users. Over the course of project development, CDOT held or participated in more than 200 outreach events (including community fairs and festivals, stakeholder workshops, community presentations, individual outreach, and community office hours) to maintain two-way communication and gather input to inform the National Environmental Policy Act process.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and CDOT published the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register on November 21, 2025, initiating a 60-day public comment period that concluded on January 20, 2026. During the comment period, CDOT accepted comments via an online form, email, voicemail, postal mail, and in person at public hearings.

To announce the public comment period, CDOT implemented a multi-channel notification campaign (postcards to nine zip codes, door-to-door flyers near I-270, multilingual media outreach, social media, community newsletters, and faith-community notices) that publicized how to access the Draft EIS and participate in the comment process. The Draft EIS was made available on CDOT's project website for the duration of the comment period and remains available for reference.

Three in-person public hearings were held at Adams City High School on January 8, 10, and 13, 2026, with Spanish and American Sign Language interpretation, bilingual boards, a formal hearing period with professional stenographers, and opportunities for written and verbal comment. In total, 227 submissions (some with multiple comments) were received during the comment period; all comments were logged, reviewed, and considered by the project team. Informational webinars with English/Spanish presentations and live questions and answers were also conducted on January 7 and January 15, 2026.

Substantive topics and responses are summarized in Chapter 5.0 of the Final EIS, and resulting revisions are captured in the Errata (Final EIS, Chapter 2.0). Substantive comments addressed alternatives, community impacts and mitigation, construction concerns, traffic and mobility, environmental resources, outreach, and funding. Individual responses to comments are provided in Appendix C of the Final EIS. Copies of all comment submissions received, including the responses to comments within each submission, are

located in Appendix C, Comments Received on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, of the Final EIS.

The complete engagement record and materials are provided in Chapter 6.0 and Appendix F of the Draft EIS, with updates and comment summaries included in the Final EIS (Chapter 2.0 and Chapter 5.0, respectively). The Draft EIS and Final EIS, including the Errata, document the full list of outreach methods, timing, and materials.

Public input informed FHWA's decision in this Final EIS/Record of Decision (ROD), including the identification of the Selected Alternative and the commitments carried forward to construction.

All documents associated with the Draft EIS and Final EIS/ROD, including comments and responses to Draft EIS comments, are available on the project website (<https://www.codot.gov/projects/studies/i270study>).