



## **Public Outreach January 2016**

### **Background**

The I-70 East project team has been, and continues to be, committed to public outreach and involvement through the environmental planning process and on through construction. CDOT has spent more than a decade studying the I-70 East Corridor. This effort has involved a community outreach and involvement process far exceeding any effort in CDOT history. Because the reconstruction of I-70 East most directly impacts the neighborhoods of Elyria and Swansea the bulk of this outreach has focused on the residents, businesses owners and other key stakeholders from these neighborhoods.

### **Outreach Techniques**

The I-70 East project team used a variety of techniques to communicate with the public:

- Door-to-door survey of 26,000 households
- More than 200 in-person community meetings
- 28 block meetings
- 26 corridor-wide meetings
- 17 working group meetings
- Two corridor-wide Telephone Town Halls
- In-person surveys of Swansea Elementary School parents
- Frequent door-to-door outreach to residents closest to the highway
- Attendance at dozens of community events, church fairs and school events
- Regular community leaders coordination meetings
- Thousands of informational flyers
- Email updates and active website with Spanish translation
- Establishment of the Community Design Advisory Committee (CDAC) to finalize project aesthetics

### **I-70 East Project - Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to Today**

- 2003: Began EIS process
- 2008: Draft EIS Published, no Preferred Alternative identified
- 2011-2012: Preferred Alternative Collaborative Team (PACT) process and review of previously considered alternatives - led to development of Partial Cover Lowered Alternative
- 2014: Supplemental Draft EIS published, preliminarily identified Preferred Alternative, received nearly 900 comment submittals
- 2014-2015: Colorado High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) outreach surrounding the public-private partnership and the procurement process
- 2015-2016: Parallel procurement process with developer selection in fall 2016

- 2016: Final EIS published, identified Preferred Alternative, Record of Decision expected in summer 2016
- 2017: Financial close and construction scheduled to begin

### **Ongoing Public Outreach and Involvement**

- Late-2015/early 2016: Aesthetics outreach
- February 2016: Final EIS Public Hearings
- March 2016: Outreach on final design of cover
- Summer 2016: HPTE Pre-Final Request for Proposals public meeting
- 2017-2022: Construction outreach through the developer and CDOT

For detailed information on the I-70 East project, visit <https://www.codot.gov/projects/i70east>, <http://www.i-70east.com/>, and <https://www.codot.gov/programs/high-performance-transportation-enterprise-hpte/projects/i-70/i-70-east-1>.