



FLOYD HILL DESIGN - I-70 MOUNTAIN CORRIDOR

Floyd Hill PLT Meeting #11

JANUARY 28, 2021 | 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

I-70 Floyd Hill Project

Meeting Summary

PLT Meeting #11

Welcome and Agenda Review

Jonathan Bartsch, CDR, convened the meeting with self-introductions. The meeting purpose was to review project updates, confirm the CSS/CMGC commitment tracking process, and review materials/discuss upcoming virtual public engagement.

Project Updates

- **Greenway and CR 314**: Final design is complete. Currently working on the right of way acquisition. The Greenway is targeting advertising in April 2021, with construction starting in June 2021, and wrapping up in the fall of 2021. CR 314 is targeting advertising in June 2021, and construction will begin in late July/August 2021. CR 314 and the Greenway will likely wrap up in 2022.
- **Westbound PPSL / MEXL**: Construction will be done Spring/Summer 2021. Currently, working in Idaho Springs and on paving portions of the project.
 - **PLT Question**: Would it be helpful if CSS participants developed a punch list of questions on the MEXL project?
 - **Answer (Jeff Hampton)**: Yes, we would love to hear your input.
 - **Comment** by Mayor Hillman, Idaho Springs: Jeff Hampton has been responsive, and really amazing. We will be happy to have our parking lots back.

ACTION: PLT members to put together MEXL punch list.

CSS Commitment Tracking Sheet // Review

Taber Ward, CDR Associates, walked the group through the CSS Commitment Tracking Sheet and reviewed TT comments and changes. The PLT made a few

suggestions, and these changes were noted in the CSS Tracking Sheet document (*attached*).

ACTION: Taber Ward to connect with CSS Commitment Tracking ITF to confirm final TT and PLT comments on Tracking Sheet.

Review of TT Meeting #23

TT Meeting #23 was held on January 13, 2021.

The TT made changes and suggestions to the following:

- 1) CSS Commitment Tracking Sheet
- 2) NEPA Impacts and Mitigation Summary
- 3) Floyd Hill CM/GC Process Overview

These changes were incorporated and reported back out to the PLT.

Mandy Whorton, Peak Consulting, presented the TT's specific input on the NEPA Impacts and Mitigation Tables:

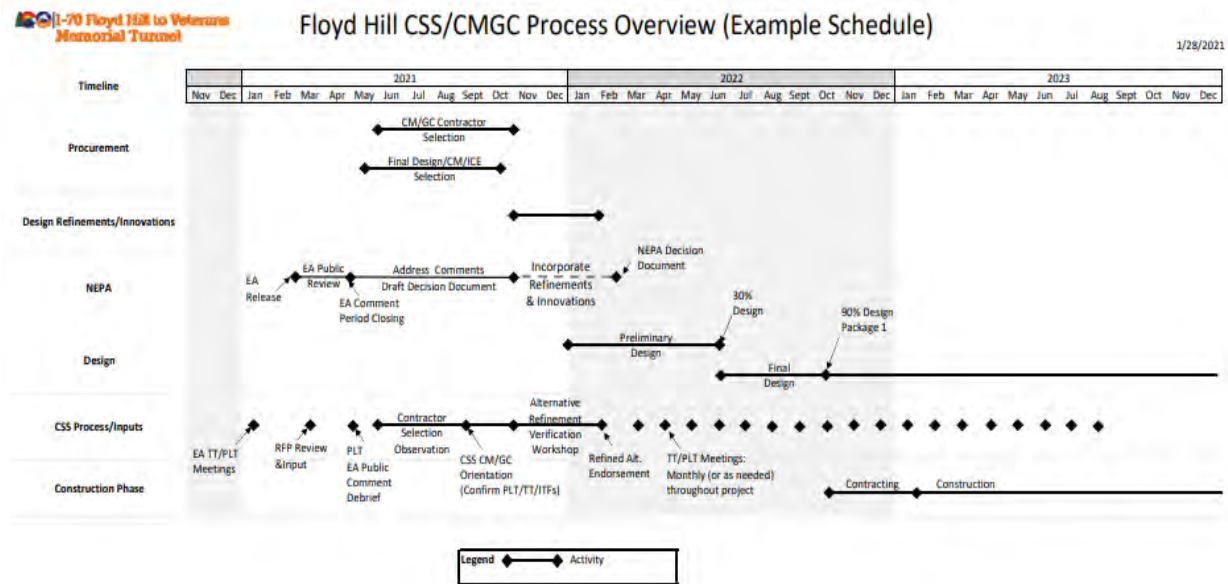
TT Input on Impacts and Mitigation Summary Tables

- **Air quality companion report** will be issued with EA; interest in aerosols and results from Clear Creek County monitors
 - **PLT Question:** Are all of the air quality monitoring efforts being coordinated (i.e., the work of CDPHE, CDOT, Clear Creek County, etc.)? Will CDPHE review the air quality report?
 - **Answer:** The air quality companion report will reviewed at the same time as the EA. CDPHE has reviewed the regulatory conclusions of the EA but do not have official review responsibilities for the companion report; however, they are engaged and will be provided with the companion report along with the EA.
- **Cultural Resources** – Clear Creek County objects to the finding of no adverse effect for the Colorado Central Railroad under Tunnel Alternative, South Frontage Road. Note that this objection is documented and discussed in the EA.
- **Section 4f** – Clear Creek County objects to the 4f interpretation of the Colorado Central Railroad and Hidden Valley Open Space Park as not being Section 4f resources. Note that this objection is documented and discussed in the EA.
- **Hazardous Materials** – mineralization only affects west portion of the project, so dewatering may not be an issue Project-wide

- **Land Use and Right of Way** – Clear Creek County objects to the Tunnel Alternative, South Frontage Road because it is inconsistent with the Greenway Plan and plans for Hidden Valley Open Space Park
- **Water quality** – permanent BMPs are now referred to as control measures; will be changed globally
- **Wildlife and Aquatic Species** – concern that impacts to trout were underrepresented and that additional mitigation may be needed; this input was received in follow up after the meeting because of audio issues with Gary Frey, Trout Unlimited, at the meeting.
 - **PLT Question:** Will Gary Frey’s correspondence be part of the EA?
 - **Answer:** Gary Frey’s comments and CDOT’s responses are in the TT #23 Meeting Summary. CDOT encouraged Gary to review the EA and technical reports and submit comments if he had concerns or if he had additional mitigation suggestions.

CSS Process and Overview Schedule

Neil Ogden, CDOT, reviewed the Floyd Hill CSS/CMGC Process Overview DRAFT (subject to change).



PLT Question: When will the NEPA Public Review Period start?

Answer: The EA review is expected in late February/early March, depending on CDOT and FHWA signatures. The comment period will be at least 30 days and will extend to April 15, 2021.

PLT Question: Would it make sense to incorporate multiple ITFs, like in Vail Pass? How will we integrate ITFs?

Answer: When the PLT/TT membership is reconfirmed, we will look at the PLT/TT/ITF integration process, e.g. fewer TT meetings and specialized ITFs where subject matter experts are pulled in for targeted topic areas. There will be efforts to coordinate and co-develop a process with the PLT to ensure that CSS input is efficient and aligned. We will continue SWEEP, ALIVE, and a Recreation ITF.

Vanessa Henderson clarified the Vail Pass ITF process. She noted that ITFs were identified during the EA process, and others were put together as the project moved forward. The Vail Pass circumstances were different than Floyd Hill because that project had only a high-level design (about 5-10 percent), and design exceptions could not be reviewed based on that level of design. Additionally, that project had a Section 106 commitment to develop aesthetic guidelines for the historic context of Vail Pass, which required an ITF focus. For Floyd Hill, it might be appropriate to have an EMS or Design Exception ITF, but this is not clear at this time. Once a contractor is onboard, we will have a better sense of how to establish and coordinate the correct ITFs.

PLT Question: When will we learn how the project is being packaged?

Answer: Once the contractor/final designer is on board, they will help inform what makes sense to deliver based on the phasing plan. Public comment that we receive could also help inform these discussions. The environmental team is interested in how phasing could be less disruptive and how mitigation commitments could be implemented early to reduce construction impacts.

Virtual Public Engagement

Mandy Whorton reviewed the virtual public engagement boards and virtual meeting room. She noted that the boards had been provided for PLT review prior to the meeting and that the intent of this review was to consider breadth and flow of information rather than wording changes on individual boards. She also said she would review the virtual meeting room but that the content of some of the boards in the virtual room had not been updated (the current versions were distributed by email and reviewed at the meeting). The EA will be out for public comment for at least 30 days.

Discussion highlights and actions are noted below:

ACTION: CSS Process Board: Show it as a loop so it doesn't look like it is over.

Question: What are "benefitted receptors"?

Answer: This is a term FHWA and CDOT use to describe people who benefit from of a noise abatement measure (the noise model has receivers that measure/project noise levels, and the receptors represent households). The project will send a questionnaire to owners and occupants (benefitted receptors) to determine if the recommended noise wall is desired. If 51% or more say they want the noise wall, it will be included in the project.

ACTION: The Meeting Boards will be redistributed, and PLT Members will send in additional edits by next Thursday, February 4, 2021.

Mandy reviewed the virtual room meeting platform. The virtual room was very well received by PLT members.

Question: How will notifications be distributed for this meeting?

Answer: The notifications will be similar to previous meetings. There will be a flyer distributed in community locations and provided via email to the project list and to PLT/TT members to distribute through their channels. We will also send out a postcard with the EA and meeting availability and comment process. We anticipate more social media promotion and would appreciate cross promotion through those channels with the PTL/TT members.

Next Steps:

Boards and Virtual Meeting Room will be reviewed by CDOT Executive team.

ACTION: PLT to provide any suggestions for the virtual room

ACTION: Add people in virtual room so it doesn't look so stark and empty.

What we need from the PLT

- Review display and notification materials and send comments to Mandy
- Review virtual meeting room to provide input on usability
- Help with cross promotion, esp. social media (late February 2021)

ACTION: PLT will help amplify the voice and reach of the Virtual Engagement noticing process to try to drum up participation.

Actions, Agreements and Next Steps:

- Next PLT Meeting – May 2021

- Review EA Comments
- Discuss Procurement
- Finalize CSS Commitment Tracking Sheet (February 2021)
- EA release/Virtual Public Engagement (February/March-April 2021)
- Procurement (May-November 2021)
- E-mail communication and project status updates (February-May 2021)

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Attendees

Neil Ogden, Vanessa Henderson, Jeff Hampton, Tyler Brady (CDOT); Mike Hillman (Idaho Springs); Amy Saxton, Cindy Neely (CCC); Stephen Strohming (Gilpin County); Lynnette Hailey (I-70 Coalition); Anthony Pisano, Tyler Larson (Atkins); Melinda Urban (FHWA); Kevin Shanks (THK); Mandy Whorton (Peak Consulting); Jonathan Bartsch, Taber Ward (CDR Associates)

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January 28, 2021

CDOT I-70 Mountain Corridor



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1. Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Review
2. Corridor Project Updates
3. TT #23 Meeting Summary
4. CSS Process Overview and Schedule
5. Virtual Public Engagement
4. Next Steps



Corridor Project Updates



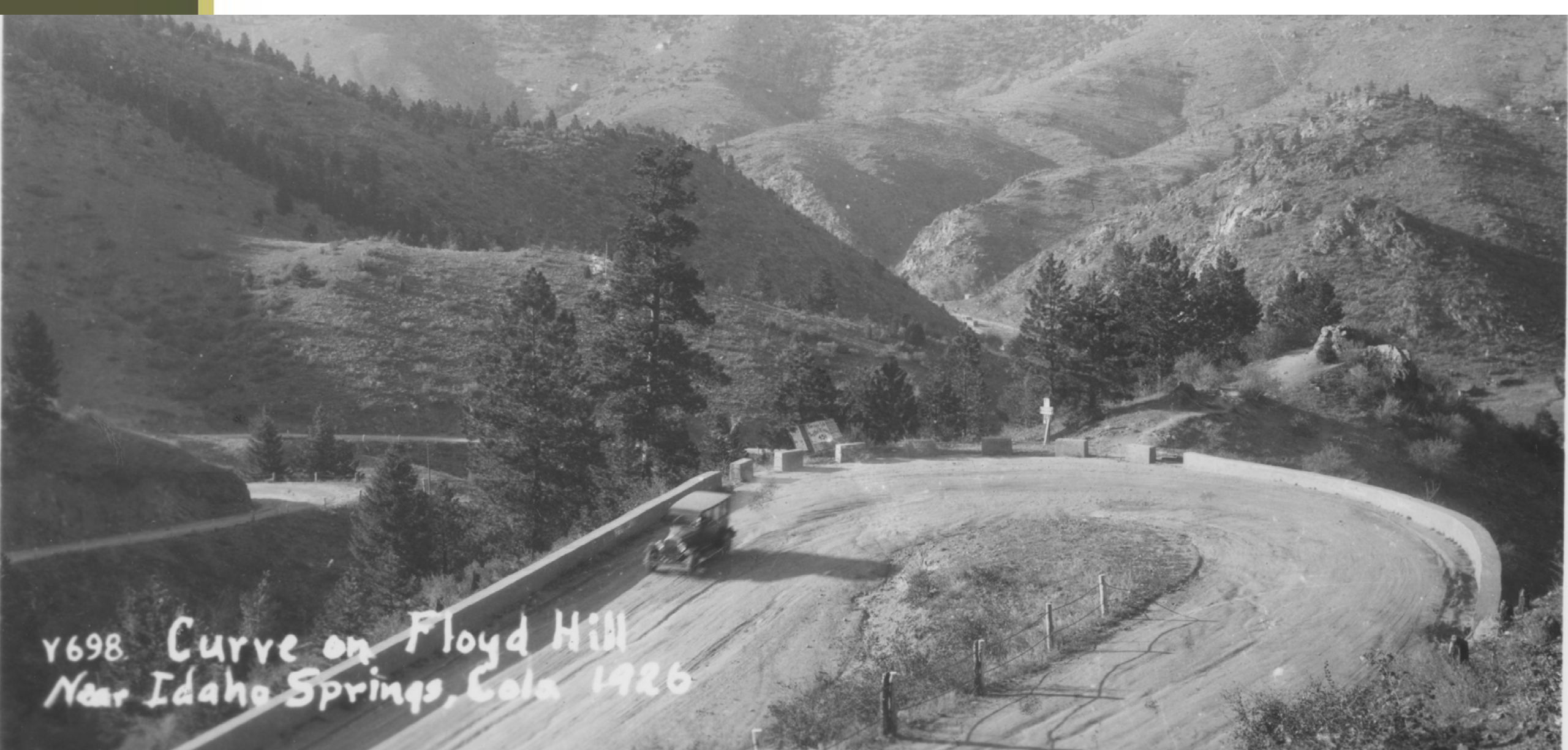
Technical Team #23 Meeting Summary



CSS Commitment Tracking

ITF and TT Report Out

- ITF Meetings (November 4th, 19th and December 3rd)
 - Cindy, Amy, Margaret, John, Holly
- Development of CSS Tracking Spreadsheet
- Draft of CSS preamble with “how-to” guide
- TT Review on 1.13.21 – feedback incorporated
- CSS Tracking will be incorporated into RFP



Y698. Curve on Floyd Hill
Near Idaho Springs, Colo. 1926

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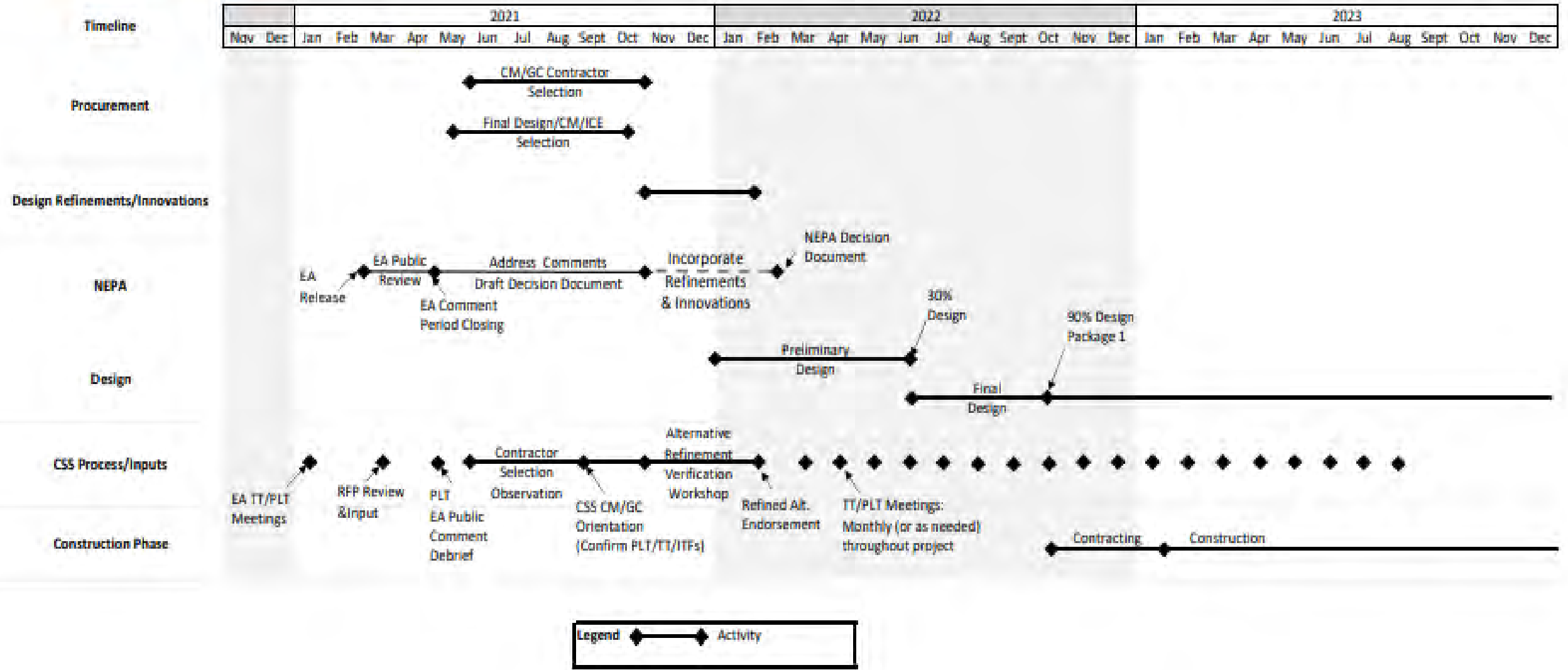




CSS Process Overview and Schedule

Floyd Hill CSS/CMGC Process Overview (Example Schedule)

1/28/2021



- TT Suggestion to review PLT/TT membership before moving into the next Alternative refinement process.
- Check in with the PLT on this process





Virtual Public Engagement

- **Approach discussed at the October 21, 2020 PLT**
- **PLT input**
 - Virtual meeting format should be effective; making it feel like previous meetings would be helpful
 - Emphasize PLT, TT, and ITF involvement in Project development
 - Provide information on how to comment and what comments mean/how they are used
 - Need to add historic Section 4(f) to the materials

➤ **What we need from the PLT**

- Review display and notification materials (today)
- Review virtual meeting room to provide input on usability (today – in progress)
- Help with cross promotion, esp. social media (late February 2021)

➤ **Display Materials**

- Instructions on how to navigate the virtual room
- Project Background
- Purpose and Need
- Alternatives
- Express Lanes
- Construction
- Environmental Impacts
- Next Steps
- Stakeholder Input and Commenting

➤ **Notices/Announcements**

- Flyers (email and posted in community)
- Postcards
- Press releases and newspaper ads
- Social media



Next Steps

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- Finalize CSS Commitment Tracking Sheet
- EA release/Virtual Public Engagement
- PLT Meeting in May 2021
- Procurement
- E-mail communication and project status updates