

Region 1 West Program 425 A Corporate Circle Golden, CO 80401

# Floyd Hill - Project Leadership Team

## **Meeting Summary**

## February 10, 2023, 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

# CDOT Golden - Lookout Mountain Conference Room and Virtual (Zoom)

## 1. Introductions, Agenda Review, General Updates

CDR Associates opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss:

- Schedule Overview & Review Notable Accomplishments to date
- Project Updates, Design Refinements, East Section FOR, and 1041 Process
- Public Information Review for March Public Meeting

Project Leadership Team (PLT) members confirmed the meeting agenda with no changes.

#### 2. Schedule Overview & Notable Accomplishments

- The Project Team provided an overview of Accomplishments to date including:
  - Fully Revised Preferred Alternative (RPA '23) by end of 2022
  - Federal Grant of \$100 million to close the funding gap
  - Signed FONSI as of Jan 12, 2023
  - Broke ground on Early Projects
  - "Mother Project" continues On Schedule

#### 3. Project Updates, Design Refinements, East Section FOR, and 1041 Process

- The Project Team indicated that the FOR (90%) Review of the East Section had gone well and construction is still on track to begin in June of this year.
  - **PLT Question:** Hasn't construction of the project already begun? After the groundbreaking ceremony?
  - Project Team Response: The Early Projects (Genesee Wildlife Crossing and Homestead Roundabout) have begun construction, but this would mark the start of construction on the "Mother Project."



- **PLT Question:** What will be the first steps in construction for the East Section?
- **Project Team Response:** Rock Cut will be the first step.
- **PLT Question:** Can we stay updated with an internal newsletter or something of that nature to understand how that will impact traffic?
- Project Team Response: Certainly. However, we anticipate that Rock Cut to be complete in 1 to 2 weeks, so it will hopefully not have a huge impact on traffic for much time.
- PLT Question: When are the other sections anticipated to reach FOR (90% Design)?
- Project Team Response: It is anticipated that the West Section FOR will be complete in August of 2023, construction slated to begin in late 2023-early 2024. The Central Section FOR is anticipated in June 2024, with construction slated to begin in June of 2025.
- The Project Team then provided an update on recent design refinements discussed to reach the 90% Design stage. These included:
  - East Section wall types
  - East Section Bridges
  - East Section Drainage Elements
  - PLT Question: The Drainage Elements for the East Section do not feel decided or understood fully within the TT. For example, where will the water go after being directed away from the roadways?
  - Project Team Response: The overall plan is clear, at 90%. Details can be further discussed and refined within the TT. This will definitely include further discussion of salinity/water quality and how to capture goals within our Commitment Tracking Sheet.
- Lastly, the Project Team indicated that a conditional 1041 Permit has been submitted to Clear Creek County. The hope is to discuss this permit in the upcoming County Commissioners meeting in March.



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## 4. Design Innovations Public Information Update

Having reviewed major updates and answered PLT questions about the project status, the Project Team directed conversation towards a discussion of the materials prepared for the upcoming public meeting.

Joy Wasendorft, CIG, passed around copies of the Public Meeting slides, boards, and anticipated marketing efforts. She described the format of the Public Meeting: a presentation and open house in person at Clear Creek High School with informational boards around the room relating to the Early Projects and the "Mother Project." There will be no formal Q&A period, but rather an opportunity after the presentation for participants to walk around the room, review the boards, and talk with project team members.

Joy then walked the PLT through the draft meeting slides and boards. She pointed out a few areas in question/open to PLT comments. For example, whether or not to include specific information on project cost and funding. The PLT suggested that, rather than displaying the exact numbers, stating that the project is fully funded as of 2022 through a combination of state and federal funding.

Joy indicated that a Google Drive folder with all these materials will be shared with the PLT. She asked the PLT to provide comments on the slides and boards by Friday February 17th.

In addition to comments on these materials, Joy indicated that her team would value input on the marketing effort for this public meeting as well as the top 3 takeaways from this public meeting. The PLT appreciated this idea, suggesting that there be a slide at the beginning and end of the presentation specifically stating these 3 takeaways.

#### 5. Wrap Up & Next Steps

As the meeting drew to a close, the PI Team indicated that the PILT will be convening for their first meeting on March 9th from 12-1pm. This group will guide the PI moving forward.





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The Project Team thanked all PLT participants for joining both in person and online and made a note for everyone to keep an eye out for an email reiterating the input asked for during today's meeting.

# Summary of Action Items:

**ACTION:** CDR to send PLT Google Drive folder with Public Meeting materials for review as well as additional questions requested by P.I. team.

**ACTION:** PLT members to review and provide comments and ideas on Public Meeting materials, marketing, and messaging by Friday Feb. 17th.

#### Attendees

Cindy Neely, Amy Saxton (Clear Creek County); Andy Marsh (Idaho Springs); Joe Behm (Central City); Margaret Bowes (I-70 Coalition); Wendy Koch (Town of Empire); Liz Cramer, Brian Dobling (FHWA); Kurt Kionka, Tyler Brady, Jeff Hampton (CDOT); Joy Wasendorf, Emily Wilfong (CIG Public Relations); Anthony Pisano (Atkins); Matt Hogan, Austin Knapp (Kraemer); Mandy Whorton (Peak Consulting); Cara Potter (CDR Associates)