



WB I-70 Floyd Hill | CDOT Project #21912

Project Leadership Team - Kick Off Meeting

September 13, 2017

Meeting Summary

Introductions and Overview

CDR, Jonathan Bartsch, welcomed the group and participants introduced themselves.

It was noted that in the Floyd Hill process, the Project Leadership Team (PLT) and Technical Team (TT) meetings will use a standardized agenda and PowerPoint to ensure predictability and that the PLT/TT are aware of the key topics to be discussed prior to meetings.

Project Schedule

Target Dates

- Data collection and Alternatives Development – beginning Fall of 2017
- NEPA/Design – Winter of 2017 through Spring of 2020
- Complete design followed by construction of Summer of 2020 (Subject to funding)

Other Project Efforts

- WestBound (WB) Peak Period Shoulder Land (PPSL)
 - TT has started looking at the corridor on a foot-by-foot basis
 - Initial Issues Task Force meetings have been held (Section 106, ALIVE and SWEEP)
- Idaho Springs Transit Center
 - Idaho Springs is continuing work on acquiring property
- Colorado Boulevard Reconstruction

- West end is open, construction on the east end of town.
- Projected to conclude in June 2018
- Concept Development Process (CDP) Final Report
 - The report has been finalized and has been posted to the GDRIVE. and website (<https://www.codot.gov/projects/i-70mountaincorridor/concept-development-process>).

ACTION ITEM: Confirm Concept Development final report is on GDRIVE

- Fall River Road Bridge
 - A public meeting at the St. Mary’s HOA was held and positively received. General public support for building of a roadway bridge was expressed.

ACTION ITEM: Post Fall River Road HOA meeting notes on the GDrive

CSS Process

- Kevin Shanks briefly discuss the overall CSS flow chart, that includes the Context Statement, Core Values, Critical Issues, and Evaluation Criteria. The Context Statement shown is the latest version that was developed for the WB PPSL project. It is intended as a starting point for this project; it is not suggested as the Context Statement for Floyd Hill.
 - It was noted that in the WB PPSL process, Recreation was added as a Core Value; this is something for Floyd Hill to consider.

CSS Tracking Schedule

- The draft TT schedule was reviewed and it was noted that the goal is to keep the group on track and outline the issues. The schedule isn’t driven by the Project Staff; it is the TT’s schedule and they will determine it.
- However, the schedule does include certain milestones to keep the decision making moving forward.
- It is anticipated that the PLT will meet roughly on a quarterly basis or as needed.

Project Charter

- The Floyd Hill PLT roles, responsibilities and expectations were discussed by Jonathan.
- The PLT leads the project, identifies relevant materials, identifies the TT, champions the CSS process through all phases of a project, and moves the project forward by enabling efficient decision making.
- Other PLT responsibilities?
 - We need to discuss with each other what is on our minds in terms of desired outcomes for the project; not the process but the content. Besides discussing the formal Purpose and Need statement, we should get specific about what each of us is thinking about. What are the kinds of outcomes each stakeholder wants to see, as we may be using a different set of judgments to evaluate the alternatives.

PLT members were asked what they need in terms of Charter elements. Answers included:

- To hear from each about goals/success factors
 - Make a commitment to meeting others' goals
- Willingness to compromise and creating an atmosphere of open-mindedness
- Linking discussions and ensuring communication between teams (PLT, TT, and ITFs); the PLT should know the process steps and thought processes for the TT
 - Notes posted to the shared GDrive folder
 - PLT copied on TT/ITF communications, TT copied on PLT/ITF communications, etc.
- Conduct process check-ins during the Floyd Hill project to ensure we are on the right track
- Incorporate lessons learned from CDP and Twin Tunnels projects
- Focus on issues, including the pros/cons
- Empathy and understanding of different viewpoints
- Positivity in communications and a focus on the issues
- Address issues in meetings, face-to-face
- Ensure the right people are on the right teams (PLT, TT, and ITFs)

- Coordination and communication among primary representatives and alternates so that there isn't back-tracking

ACTION ITEM: Draft and distribute a Charter for PLT Review

Team Members

The meeting invitees discussed the PLT and TT membership.

Project Leadership Team

| Name | Affiliation |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cindy Neely/Tim Mauck | Clear Creek County |
| Wendy Koch | Town of Empire |
| Kelly Larson/Shawn Cutting [ALT] | FHWA |
| Ron Engels | Gilpin County |
| Lynnette Hailey/Margaret Bowles [ALT] | I-70 Coalition |
| Carol Kruse/Adam Bianchi [ALT] | USFS |
| Neil Ogden | CDOT Project Manager |
| Steve Harelson | CDOT Program Engineer |
| Vanessa Henderson | CDOT Environmental Manager |
| Anthony Pisano/Carrie Wallis [ALT] | Consultant Project Manager |
| Jonathan Bartsch/Taber Ward [ALT] | CDR - Project Facilitator |

ACTION ITEM: Clarify with Margaret and Lynette regarding role of I-70 Coalition members, i.e. representing the entire corridor.

Technical Team Membership

| Name | Affiliation |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Lynnette Hailey/Margaret Bowles [ALT] | I-70 Coalition |
| Ray Rear | Central City |
| Mike Raber | Clear Creek Bikeway User Group |
| JoAnn Sorenson/Tim Mauck [ALT] | Clear Creek County |
| Randall Navarro | Greenway Authority |

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| Martha Tableman | Clear Creek Open Space |
| John Muscatell/Bill Coffin [ALT] | Community |
| Holly Huyck/Dave Holm [ALT] | Clear Creek Watershed Foundation |
| Tracy Sakaguchi | CMCA |
| Joseph Walter/Brandon Marette [ALT] | CPW |
| Steve Cook | DRCOG |
| Kelly Babeon | Fire/Safety |
| Rick Albers | Law Enforcement/Safety |
| Nicolena Johnson | EMS/Safety |
| Kelly Larson | FHWA |
| Andy Marsh/Mike Hillman [ALT] | Idaho Springs |
| Leslie Klusmire | Gilpin County |
| Gary Frey | Environmental/Aquatic Resources |
| Adam Bianchi/Leslie McFadden [ALT] | USFS |
| Tom Gosiorowski | Summit County |
| Steve Durian/ Yelena Onnen | Jefferson County |
| Steve Harelson/Neil Ogden/Vanessa Henderson | CDOT |
| Anthony Pisano/Carrie Wallis [ALT] | Consultant Project Manager |

- **PLT Agreement: PLT and TT Membership**
- **ACTION ITEM:** Extend invitation to Jefferson County, confirm CPW membership on Floyd Hill TT
- **ACTION ITEM:** Reach out to TT members to ensure participation in process.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Create a Contact List: PLT, TT, Additional Resources/SME
- **ACTION ITEM:** Add language to the Charter regarding ability to add members during the process, if needed.
- Question: Is there someone on the TT that represents air quality?
 - CDOT and the consultant team have experts for each resource, including air quality, and those resources will be brought in to TT meetings as needed.

Issue Task Force Teams

The roles of the ITFs were discussed including how the teams will be formed.

- Section 106—Established by Programmatic Agreement, developed along with the PEIS. Will set up first meeting soon
- SWEEP— . Established by MOU, developed along with the PEIS. Need to determine names for the Floyd Hill SWEEP group – first meeting likely won't be until late 2017 or early 2018.
- ALIVE—Established by MOU, developed along with the PEIS. Need to determine names for the Floyd Hill ALIVE group – first meeting likely won't be until late 2017 or early 2018.
- Other ITFs as needed – TT members determine – will set up on an as-needed basis. One topic discussed as a potential ITF, was the issues at the top of Floyd Hill.

Desired Outcomes

The PLT talked about their initial thoughts regarding the Floyd Hill project outcomes. The following are discussion notes:

- Ensure recreation access while addressing the capacity of the forest to handle the additional use. Consider wildlife movement in this area, including fish passage.
- Want a project that is a distinct visible enhancement, looks better than it does today.
- A showpiece, like Glenwood Canyon, with recreation facilities and the highway acting in concert with each other.
- Recreational access at the bottom of Floyd Hill, improving and formalizing rafting access and support facilities. Increase wildlife movement.
- Identify a realistic alignment that can be funded.
- Minimize impact to the travelling public during construction.
- Build a highway that functions correctly and is beautiful.
- Improve safety and move traffic while not destroying the environment.

- In addition to moving traffic, develop and implement a workable traffic management plan at the top of Floyd Hill.
- At the base of Floyd Hill, creation of intersections with greenway and trail connection, and wildlife crossings (overpass or underpass).
- A route for an AGS, more than it is not precluded. Want to see that that route is still possible and where.
- Adherence to and regard for the Aesthetic Guidelines and Engineering Design Criteria.
- Improve access to Central City.
- Address the technical aspects of integrating the preferred alignment with the interchanges.
- Long-standing - the alternative should work for 30 years, not have problems immediately after opening.
- Explore Public Private Partnerships to create enhancements.

I-70 Mountain Corridor CSS Training

- An initial training draft has been developed and it is expected that key Floyd Hill and PPSL project team members will participate in the training. It is anticipated that consultant staff, CDOT staff, and local jurisdiction members will also participate.
- Working on final draft for training now, in coordination with David Singer from CDOT, with the first training in October of 2017.
- Depending on the reception, the CSS training may be expanded to include other project teams (the Vail Pass team was suggested) and the broader I-70 Collaborative Effort.

Next Steps, Agreements and Action Items

PLT Agreement: PLT and TT Membership

Action Item: Draft Charter for PLT review, add to the charter the ability to add members during process.

Action Item: Create a Contact List: PLT, TT, Additional Resources/SME

Action Item: Doodle Poll for next PLT meeting, week of September 25.

Action Item: PLT provides text regarding the project specific Context Statement/Core Values

Action Item: PLT sends information regarding the ‘charge’ or direction for the TT, to be discussed at next PLT meeting.

Action Item: Confirm Concept Development Final Report is on GDRIVE

Action Item: Post Fall River Road HOA meeting notes on the GDrive

Action Item: Follow up with TT members to ensure participation in process

Action Item: Clarify with Margaret and Lynette regarding role of I-70 Coalition members, i.e. representing the entire corridor.

Action Item: Extend invitation to Jefferson County, outreach to CPW

Action Item: Schedule CSS training and determine invitee list.

Attendees

Kevin Shanks, Carol Kruse, Steve Harelson, Neil Ogden, Kelly Larson, Vanessa Henderson, Cindy Neely, Tim Mauck, Ron Engels, Wendy Koch, Carrie Wallis, Anthony Pisano, Spencer Dodge, Gina McAfee, Jonathan Bartsch, Mike Hillman, Ben Acimovic, Kevin Brown, Randy Wheelock