



PROJECT:	I-70 Frontage Road Improvement (Old US 40/CR 314)
PURPOSE:	PLT/TT #6
DATE/TIME HELD:	April 5, 2012 9:00am – 12:00pm
LOCATION:	Idaho Springs City Hall – 1711 Miner Street, Idaho Springs, CO

## Meeting Minutes

### 1. Agenda Review, Introductions

Construction ad date is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>, bid opening May 10<sup>th</sup>, and start in June to be completed in the fall. Construction target is \$6.25 million, consistent with project estimate. If any funds are left over, those funds go to other elements of the project. Phase I wall façade will be constructed and paid for as part of the Twin Tunnels project. Phase II is not included in project budget but the current cost estimates are as follows, western decision area is \$5.1 million, gravel road is \$1.8 million, and \$3.4 million is for the rest of the work to the east.

### 2. Project Status, Updates

- Environmental includes on-going coordination with EA Twin Tunnels team and Clear Creek County. Final CDOT CatEx for 128 is completed. CCC will review documentation as part of 1041 review.
- Rafting coordination on March 7<sup>th</sup> – great turn out, almost all of the 15 rafting companies attended. Discussed what is to be expected. Everyone felt pretty comfortable with the protocols and communication that will be put into place. Requested follow up meetings: one after the construction is done (fall 2012) and one before the Twin Tunnels project begins construction.
- Bicycle coordination: One scheduled race that would be affected, Red Rocks Century ride – worked out an agreement for that race. Also, will allow through access when not working – most evenings and weekends there will be a safe passage, but not necessarily will be paved. During detour will have a separated path on the hill side.

### 3. Summary of Design and Implementations

Review of study area and location of Phase I and Phase II.

- Decisions made – cross sections, nail soil wall, tiering, aesthetic direction, rail treatment, cross walk design, two phases at Bell property, traffic control during construction.



- West extent of Phase I – little bit of work west of the bridge and a portion of Wall 7
- Parking Area – communicated with Xcel where to put their box.
- No Work Zone – will be completed in Phase II
- Wall locations – two tiered walls
- Simulations that show railing, fill wall, cut walls, as well as I-70
- Rafting company wants to make sure rocks will not be added to the river and that river remains passable. Per environmental commitments, no impacts will be allowed into the river. The river enhancements will be a different project and rocks and improvements that will be added to the river will be coordinated with the rafting company.
- Construction Plans (SWMP) show willow plantings in front of the fill walls. Rock will also be at the base of the walls with willow wattles to be added to help shield the view of the rock rumble that is currently out there. Twin Tunnels final design – will also discuss vegetation options for these areas on the north side of Clear Creek.

#### 4. Summary of Environmental Review

Prior to construction, CDOT biologists will fence off protected areas, noxious weed areas, wetlands, power plant, Bell property.

Aesthetics and visual impacts – working with Mike and the contractor will minimize the visual impacts during construction.

Xcel is on schedule – running into some very large rocks during construction

Signing for road closure – can we say we are OPEN for rafting company? Can and will add sign sign that says All Businesses Open. Move Road Closed sign down to where it is actually closed and not before the Clear Creek Rafting access. CDOT needs to coordinate with Xcel – maybe add a sign that says local access only or closed to through traffic. Will take care of it today. Xcel will be there up to June 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### 5. Next Steps

Mitigation commitment tracking sheet – table that shows mitigation commitments. Will have this populated and will send out to PLT. Will be carried through during construction. Encompasses Phase I and Phase II. Includes commitments from the CatEx and commitments as part of the construction specifications.



Construction Phase CSS lifecycle begins – PLT to re-charter before June 1<sup>st</sup>. Want to have PLT continue through the construction phase. Wanting to stay on top of this and the process continues and commitments made over the last nine months are followed through.

Phase II May 2012 meeting with CCC – Next steps for Phase II – what are things we can do now to move forward. CDOT will contact CCC the week of April 16<sup>th</sup> to coordinate a meeting for Phase II.

Frontage Road Project elements assigned to Twin Tunnels – Previously discussed

- Impacts of I70 bridge reconstruction
- Detour construction details
- Buffer seeding/restoration
- Cut wall façade construction

Additional Items

- Involve key CCC and Idaho Springs officials in final wall aesthetic application decisions
- Rafting Company Coordination – October 2013 and March 2013 meetings
- Ongoing bicycling community coordination
- Continue sending monthly newsletter updates to Frontage Road stakeholders
- CDOT will develop:
  - An updated property ownership map
  - A list of local agency agreements, commitment letters, and local agency letters
  - CDOT and CCC will develop an IGA to address maintenance and procedures for furthering design and construction of Phase II elements.

## 6. Project Chronology

Wrap up frontage road construction in October 2012

Twin Tunnels 3 packages

1. Prep work - December 2012



- Begin tunnel, walls, and bridge construction
  - Build transitions to use one mile of cr314 – will not need to close cr314 while they are construction transitions
  - Reinforce doghouse rail bridge to carry interstate traffic
2. Tunnels widening - April 2013
- Detour of interstate traffic onto the cr314
  - Tunnel new eastbound bore
  - Widen eastbound I70
3. Restore CR 314 - November 2013- March 2014
- Return traffic to I70 alignment
  - Remove detour and restore CR314
  - Things are changing

Team will send out a newsletter the end of April.