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Happy Leap Day everyone,

This is your February 2012 newsletter update for project C 0703 – 378 (18648): I-70 Frontage Road. If anyone finds that I have not included something that needs to go out to all stakeholders and team members or finds an error please let me know as soon as possible so I can correct it. If you know anyone who needs to be added to this newsletter list please send the contact information to Benjamin Acimovic. If you have questions please check our website, or contact me or any of the team.

Don't forget, all the project meeting presentations, meeting minutes, graphics and documents are posted on the website for your review at:

<http://www.coloradodot.info/projects/i70frontageroad-idahosprings>

[Project Leadership Team/Technical Team/CSS:](#)

As of PLT meeting #5 on January 31st, the PLT had endorsed all the project elements with the exception of the aesthetic facing of the cut walls and the design of the pedestrian/bicycle rail on the fill walls.

The CDOT project team continued to research the aesthetics, constructability, environmental impacts, safety and maintenance issues with dry stacked rock walls, shotcrete walls, and formliner walls. The team met with county officials and received comment from the PLT and other interested stakeholders. The result was a decision to build soil nail walls as the structural element for this project. Where the soil nail walls extend above 15 feet a second tier will be constructed. The preferred treatment for both tiers was identified as a natural rock facade.

The construction of the final aesthetic treatment will be assigned to the Twin Tunnels contractor in order to provide consistency with the walls being constructed for the Twin Tunnels project. The colors of the natural rock facade have not been selected and will be determined based on available, appropriate rock that best matches the surrounding hillside as determined by the project team and input from community members.

The CDOT project team researched the aesthetic and safety features of the pedestrian / bicycle railing. The project team provided a number of options to County officials to review for constructability and maintenance concerns. On Wednesday February 21, 2012 the PLT received an email containing the two options which the County and project team agreed best met the goals for the corridor. The PLT unanimously selected the horizontal railing design.

An updated visual that includes the fill walls, rails, and conceptual cut walls is available on the Frontage Road Website.

[Issue Task Force Updates: \(UPDATED\)](#)

There was a Section 106 meeting on February 16th 2012. The group addressed eligibility and effects for both the Frontage Road and Twin Tunnels projects. The group agreed that the Cat Ex will include measures to minimize harm to locally important community resources during the Frontage Road's construction phases. These measures will be included as part of the Frontage Road project's final plans and specifications.

There were no additional ALIVE or SWEEP issue task force meetings in February 2012 but you can find all the issue task force presentations and meeting minutes at the link below.

<http://www.coloradodot.info/projects/i70twintunnels/plt-technical-team/issued-task-forces>

If you have any questions about the PLT/TT or the CSS process for the I-70 Frontage Road Project, please contact Janet Gerak at Janet.Gerak@dot.state.co.us or (303) 365-7043.

[Design Progress: \(UPDATED\)](#)

The design team is making final changes to the Final Office Review (FOR) plan set and will be posting it to the project website when it is completed. The FOR is scheduled for March 15th, 2012. The FOR Specifications and Plans will be available on the Frontage Road Website on Friday March 2nd, 2012 and limited hard copies will be provided to Clear Creek County and City of Idaho Springs offices.

If you have any questions about the design progress for the I-70 Frontage Road Project, please contact Benjamin Acimovic at Benjamin.Acimovic@dot.state.co.us or (720) 951-6151.

[Project Development Schedule: \(UPDATED\)](#)

Clear Creek County's Annual Rafting Company Coordination Meeting	March 7, 2012
Final Office Review (FOR) Meeting	March 15, 2012
April 2012 PLT/TT Meeting #6	April 5, 2012 9 AM - Noon in
Idaho Springs	
Project Advertisement	April 19, 2012
Construction	June – October 2012

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project so far! If you have any questions, additions, corrections, concerns, or comments please feel free to contact me or Jim Bemelen at (303) 757-7010 at your convenience.

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