

# I-70 & Kipling Interchange Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) Study



CDOT in cooperation with local communities and other agencies is preparing this Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) Study to identify and assess potential transportation improvements at the interchange of I-70 and Kipling Street (SH 391).

## PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

The purpose of the I-70 and Kipling Street interchange project is to reduce congestion, improve safety, optimize operations, and accommodate multimodal connections at the I-70 and Kipling Street interchange.

## NEED FOR THE PROJECT

The existing design and configuration of the interchange no longer accommodates travel demands. Kipling Street is an important transportation corridor supporting mobility and economic activity in Wheat Ridge, Arvada, and Jefferson County. Improvements are needed to:

- Meet current and future traffic demands
- Improve operational efficiency of the interchange
- Improve traveler safety through the interchange
- Accommodate multimodal connections



## AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THIS STUDY

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)  
City of Arvada  
City of Wheat Ridge  
Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)  
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)  
Jefferson County  
Regional Transportation District (RTD)

## COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Ask questions or provide comments to project personnel (with name tags).
- Fill out a comment sheet and drop it off at the sign-in table or send it in later.
- Illustrate your ideas on the maps.
- Use the contact information to the right to provide your comments.

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## Questions and Answers

### **Q: *What is a Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) study?***

A: A PEL study implements an approach to transportation decision-making that considers environmental, community, and economic goals early in the planning stage. The documentation and public and stakeholder outreach completed during the PEL study will be carried through project development, design, and construction. This approach:

- Minimizes duplication of effort
- Promotes efficient and cost-effective solutions and environmental stewardship
- Reduces delays in project implementation

### **Q: *What are the project study limits?***

A: The project study limits include I-70 from Ward Road to Wadsworth Boulevard. Along Kipling Street, the project limits are 44th Avenue to 51st Place. The study will focus on improvement recommendations at the I-70 and Kipling Street interchange. However, investigating the larger study area will help the project team more fully understand current and future traffic and environmental conditions, resulting in better improvement recommendations for the interchange.

### **Q: *What are the major elements of this study?***

A: This study will include:

- Data collection and research regarding existing multimodal transportation conditions, transportation infrastructure, and environmental conditions
- Forecasts of future traffic volumes
- Development of a range of improvement options
- Evaluation of these options resulting in recommended improvements
- Prioritization of recommendations to identify short-term and long-term projects
- Identification of potential funding sources
- Coordination with local agencies and community members throughout the process

### **Q: *What will the product of this study be?***

A: This study will develop recommended improvements to reduce congestion and improve operations and safety at the I-70 and Kipling Street interchange. The study will provide a plan for future short- and long-term improvements, which will be used by CDOT, Jefferson County, and the cities of Arvada and Wheat Ridge for project implementation.

### **Q: *When will recommendations from this study be constructed?***

A: The timeline for physical improvements is dependent on funding availability. Currently, \$32.6 M (in 2008 dollars) is allocated in the Denver Council of Regional Governments (DRCOG) Regional Transportation Plan for interchange reconstruction. The funding is currently estimated to become available in 2024. Phasing of improvements is likely and this study will provide a plan for the reconstruction of the interchange.

### **Q: *Where can I find more information about the project and submit a comment?***

A: Visit the project web page: <http://www.coloradodot.info/projects/i70kiplingpel>



# UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

## **Location: Kipling Street (State Highway 391) between 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue and I-70**

In July or August 2012, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will begin a resurfacing project on Kipling Street between 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue and I-70. The project will rotomill and pave approximately 1.5 miles of Kipling Street in asphalt and rehabilitate the bridge deck over Clear Creek.

This section of Kipling Street was last reconstructed in 1994 and has since been patched and repaired by CDOT maintenance crews, but is in poor condition.

A contractor has not yet been selected for the project so the start date is tentative. The project is tentatively scheduled to be completed by the end of October 2012.

### **GENERAL TRAFFIC IMPACTS:**

- One lane of northbound and southbound Kipling Street will be closed Sunday through Thursday from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. More information about the construction schedule and possible traffic impacts will be released as the project moves into construction.

More information about the project, email us at [info@dot.state.co.us](mailto:info@dot.state.co.us) or call 303-757-9228. To receive free road information updates from CDOT via wireless device or e-mail, visit [www.coloradodot.info](http://www.coloradodot.info) and click on the green cell-phone icon in the upper right-hand corner. The link takes you to a list of items you can subscribe to, including *Denver Metro Area*.

# COMMENT SHEET



## I-70 & Kipling Interchange Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) Study Public Meeting #1 April 25, 2012

Please provide comments below regarding the information presented at this meeting.

Study Introduction/Purpose & Need - Do you agree with the Draft Purpose & Need? Why or why not?

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Existing Traffic Conditions:

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Existing Roadway Features:

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Environmental and Community Resources:

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Alternative Modes:

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What ideas do you have to reduce congestion and improve operations and safety at the interchange?

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