

**I 70 Mountain Corridor PEIS
Collaborative Effort Meeting April 23-24
Summary Notes**

Overarching Guiding Principle

A guiding principle was highlighted by the group: That transportation infrastructure and improvements should not be developed unless they are needed.

Progress Toward a Recommended Alternative

Though deliberations are not complete, and a complete package of recommended transportation improvements is still to be developed, the Collaborative Effort agreed that a recommended alternative will be a multi-modal solution that contains the following elements:

- An Advanced Guideway System (AGS) is a central part of any recommended alternative. The group acknowledges that many questions remain regarding the implementation of an AGS including identifying appropriate technology and alignment. Also, the group emphasizes the importance of immediate commitment to the evaluation and implementation of an AGS.
- A suite of safety and mobility improvements were identified by the group as being high priority improvements to the highway to be addressed in the near term.
- Before any additional transportation improvements take place, the effectiveness of improvements and remaining travel demand will be evaluated by a multi-stakeholder committee.
- The CE will specify a date a no-later-than-date before which this evaluation will take place.

Drafting a Recommended Alternative

A small drafting group was identified to draft language and report back to the group in May:

- Representative from CDOT
- Representative from FHWA
- Cynthia Neely
- Thad Noll
- Gary Frey
- Art Ballah

The CE also recognizes that there are many possible unforeseen scenarios and contingencies that may impede or abate the need for the development of transportation improvements. These could include technological, political, environmental or economic contingencies. The specific task of this group is to identify specific language for the recommended alternative including “triggers”, “thresholds” or “conditions” that allows for meaningful guidance for near-term projects, but also has the flexibility to adapt to future developments.

Next Meeting

Next Meeting is May 29 at The Keystone Center

