

How to Make Your Comments Count

PURPOSE OF TONIGHT'S MEETING:

Listen to your opinions regarding the Revised Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Revised Draft) for the I-70 Mountain Corridor

We invite you to learn about the past and current aspects of the I-70 Mountain Corridor Project study, including the details of the proposed Preferred Alternative in the Revised Draft. Please visit the stations, ask questions, and listen to the presentation. Then provide your comments about what has been done and where we are heading.

HOW PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE DIFFERENT THAN PUBLIC MEETINGS:

Unlike public meetings, public hearings do not include a "question and answer" session. Instead, public hearings are held to specifically gather formal comments about the project, which will be addressed formally, in writing, as part of the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). We do, however, encourage you to ask questions of project representatives during the Open House.

To comment orally during the hearing:

- If you wish to speak during the public hearing, before the presentation begins, sign-up at the "Public Comments Station."
- Approach the microphone when your name is called.
- You will have a three minute time limit, which will count down on the screen when you begin speaking.
- You may also provide a oral comment to the court recorder.

WHY PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE DIFFERENT THAN PUBLIC MEETINGS:

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires that public hearings collect public comments in a formal manner, including the certified transcripts of the proceedings from a court reporter, to ensure the fair and equal treatment of all public comments, regardless of whether they are submitted orally or in writing. The objective is to gather formal public comment that will be used to shape future decisions regarding this important project.

COMMENT TIPS AND GUIDELINES (ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMENTS):

- Ask questions of project representatives during the Open House - this will help you become informed about the issues you plan to comment upon.
- Include sources for any facts and figures you cite so that we can review the data and better respond to your comment.
 1. Reference a specific chapter or station of the Revised Draft if possible. You may also reference a public hearing station topic as observed at the meeting.
 2. Where possible, include a direct quote from the Revised Draft – this will help to provide a clearer description of the topic area of concern to you. You may also reference a specific station from the evenings meeting.
 3. Include specific addresses, street crossings, or nearby intersections when you reference actual locations.
- Offer additional solutions to items you feel should be researched further or handled differently.
- Tell us both sides - In addition to areas where you have concerns or issues with the Revised Draft, we also want to hear about the sections of the document with which you agree.
- Comments must be received no later than **November 8, 2010**. Make sure you submit your comment in time to ensure it will be reviewed and responded to in the Final PEIS.



Public Hearing

October 2010

Public Hearing Agenda

Welcome to the CDOT Revised Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Revised Draft) Public Hearing for the I-70 Mountain Corridor

The agenda for the public hearing is as follows:

5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Open House and Written Comments

If you would like to submit an oral comment, please pre-register at the oral comment registration table. Comments may also be dictated orally to the court recorder.

6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

General Presentation

The project team will summarize the Revised Draft and an overview of the analysis conducted to date.

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Oral Comment Submission, Open House & Comments

Oral comments will be submitted by pre-registered participants immediately following the general presentation. All meeting participants are invited to return to the Open House and to submit comments in writing, electronically at the computer comment stations or directly to a court reporter.

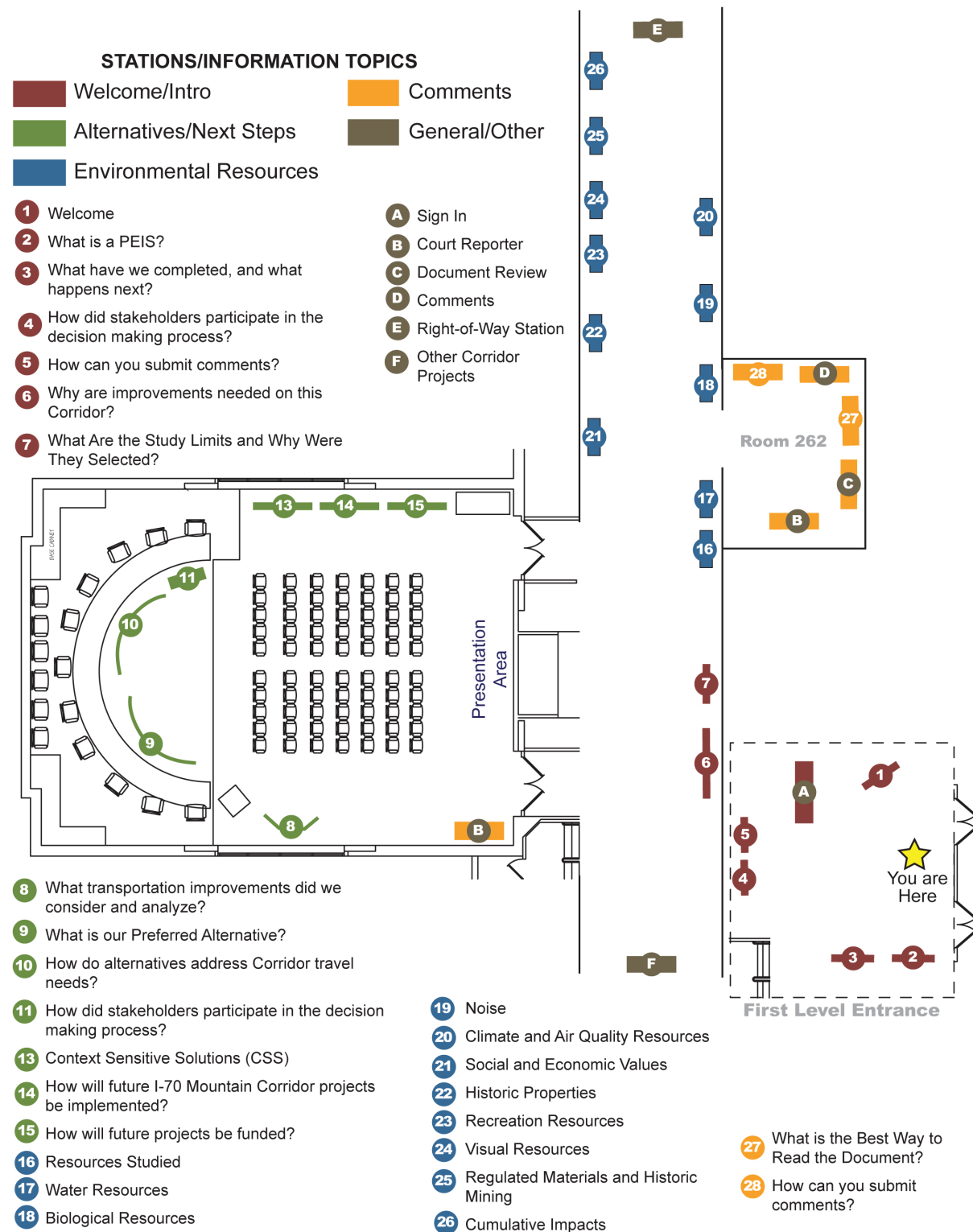
Ways to Comment

1. Dictate your comments to the Court Reporter during the Open House.
2. Speak at the microphone (3 minute time limit) following the presentation.
Please sign up at the Public Comments Station for your turn to speak.
3. Fill out a Comment Form and place it in the comment box at the Public Comments Station.
4. Submit a comment electronically by visiting our website - www.i70mtncorridor.com.
5. Comments must be received by November 8, 2010, mail comments to:
I-70 Mountain Corridor Revised Draft PEIS, c/o Wendy Wallach, CDOT Region 1,
18500 East Colfax Avenue, Aurora, CO 80011.

Public Hearing Board Stations Map

I-70 Mountain Corridor Project Fact Sheet

CDOT Headquarters



Project Fact Sheet

Fast Facts about the I-70 Mountain Corridor

- Interstate 70 is the only east-west interstate to cross Colorado. It is the major corridor for access to established communities and recreational areas that are important contributors to the quality of life and the economic base in the state.
- Weekend travel time in 2035 will be about three times higher than today.
- Weekday travel time in 2035 would be more than double what weekday travel time was in 2000.
- The Eisenhower-Johnson Memorial Tunnels are expected to have 55 percent more weekend traffic in 2035 than today. Weekday demand is expected to increase 85 percent.
- Currently, between Silverthorne and C-470, free flow travel time is between 50 minutes and 55 minutes. By 2035, peak period weekday and weekend travel times will be about 115 minutes and 160 minutes.
- Because of poor travel conditions in the Corridor in 2050, around 9 million people who would use the I-70 Mountain Corridor to reach destinations will instead choose not to travel in the Corridor.

Project Map

