

I-70 Mountain Corridor ***Traffic & Revenue Study***

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Welcome to the first edition of the “Electronic Update” – our brief, timely report on the latest events happening with the I-70 Mountain Corridor Traffic & Revenue (T&R) Study.

If you’re receiving this Update, it’s because you’ve been identified as a member of the Project Leadership Team (PLT), Technical Team (TT), an Issues Task Force (ITF), or you’ve asked us to keep you advised of progress on this remarkable endeavor to improve transportation on the I-70 Mountain Corridor.

The next briefing for the Technical Team will be the morning of **February 26, 2014 in Frisco**. Following that there will be a Project Leadership Team meeting on **March 26, 2014, at 1pm, in Idaho Springs**. We had major interest and passionate participation at our last meeting on Dec. 5. Outstanding progress was made as we discussed the Proposed Alternatives to improve the Corridor.

Here’s what’s transpired since the meeting:

- Input from our meeting significantly moved the dialogue forward.
- With the modeling assumptions finalized, Louis Berger is making good progress on the travel forecasting model.
- The Project Team has recently completed the [preliminary alternative designs](#). The Project Team is also determining quantities and costs for the revenue model.
- The [Issues Task Forces](#) are completing their work, summaries of which are available on the project website.

More about all of these efforts on March 26.

For those of you receiving the Update for the first time, it may be important to review an overview of the project.

What Are We Studying?

In 2013, CDOT initiated a study to explore potential effective long-term solutions to congestion in the I-70 Mountain Corridor between C-470 and Silverthorne to determine if the proposed remedies are economically feasible, publicly acceptable and can be constructed with minimal public funding. During this process the various teams are exploring the feasibility options of multiple alternatives, leading to a long-term transportation solution.

There's a New Website!

The project is also defined in new copy on the CDOT website (<http://www.coloradodot.info/projects/i-70mountaincorridor/trafficrevenuestudy>) that explains the scope of the T&R Study and provides contact information. As the Proposed Alternatives are narrowed, we'll use the website to constantly update the project's status.

How Can I Get Involved?

The Project Leadership Team, Technical Team and Issues Task Forces include a variety of stakeholders including representatives of corridor communities, local governments, businesses, tourism and local economic interests, and state and federal agencies, including CDOT and the Federal Highway Administration. If your entity or organization would like to participate in the meetings, simply reach out by e-mail to the CDOT Project Manager, Benjamin.Acimovic@state.co.us to be added to our meeting invitation and Update list. Meeting dates will also be posted on the project website.

Tell Me About the Project Team

Parsons Transportation Group's Denver office will develop the practical engineering solutions that will add capacity and infrastructure, along with needed improvements to the corridor.

Louis Berger Group's T&R study is aimed at determining whether proposed improvements will generate enough revenue to sustain financial success of the project.

Ernst & Young will verify the cost and revenue projections, providing support to CDOT decision making.

Looking Ahead

As the Project Team advances through the Level 1 analysis, upcoming coordination includes:

- February 26, 2014 Technical Team Meeting Review of Alternatives, Cost, Modeling and Revenue
- March 26, 2014 Project Leadership Team Review of Alternatives, Cost, Modeling and Revenue
- April 23, 2014 Technical Team/Project Leadership Team Meeting, Review of Level 1 Screening

A FINAL REMINDER - the March 26 Project Leadership Team will receive a presentation on the alternatives, costs, modeling and revenue associated with the proposed improvements to the I-70 Mountain Corridor. The meeting will be at 1pm in Idaho Springs, with specific details to follow.

For further information about the project, contact Benjamin Acimovic, CDOT project manager at

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