



I-70 Mountain Corridor CSS ALIVE Working Group Meeting

Attendees: Bill Andree/CDOW
Shane Briggs/CDOW
Lynne Deibel/USFA
Keith Giezentanner/USFS
Julia Kintsch/SREP
Peter Kozinski/CDOT
Tom Kroening/ CDOW
Carol Kruse/USFS
Alison Michael/USWFS
Pat Noyes/Pat Noyes & Associates
Jeff Peterson/CDOT
Monica Pavlik/FHWA
Vernon Phinney/USFS
Chad Salli/Town of Vail
Jo Ann Sorensen/Clear Creek County
Dehn Solomon/JF Sato
Gary Spinuzzi/CDOT
Adam Springer/Clear Creek County
Dylan Taylor/SREP
Tim Tetherow/JF Sato
David Wieder/CDOT

DATE: July 17, 2008
LOCATION: Silverthorne Pavilion

Introduction

Peter Kozinski welcomed the group and explained the main purpose of the meeting was to review the entire list of LIZs and make sure the group agrees the final thirteen are still the top priorities.

Revised Goals, Outcomes and Actions

The group reviewed the revised Goal and Outcomes and Actions and agreed the changes made were satisfactory. There were no additional comments.

Review of all LIZs and the 13 in the ALIVE Memorandum of Understanding

The group reviewed ALIVE Progression of Linkage Interference Zones list and the Linkage Zone Progression graphic which recreated the evolution of the 13 LIZs carried forward to the MOU.

At the first meeting of the original ALIVE group 38 LIZs were identified. During subsequent meetings these LIZs were refined, combined, or eliminated to create the final list of thirteen.

JoAnn Sorensen said that she will confirm that land ownership has changed to Clear Creek County Open Space between MM 235 & 240.

Julia Kintsch will provide the COMAP contact info to Peter Kozinski and Tim Tetherow so that they can access that data layer, which provides a more comprehensive picture of ownership. This may have an impact on the priority of the LIZs.

The group questioned what types of structural barriers were mapped. **Tim Tetherow will refine the structural barrier information to indicate what they are and if they are manmade or natural.**

The Animal Vehicle Collisions (AVC) data was provided by the State Patrol and only indicate reported auto accidents. CDOT Maintenance keeps data on any animal fatality. Some sections of the highway used data from different sources. The group agreed that consistent data needs to be used throughout the corridor. **Jeff Peterson will update State Patrol data and review Division of Wildlife and CDOT maintenance data.**

The thirteen LIZs were weighted for Lynx Linkage Areas and these may have changed. **Gary Spinuzzi will confirm the Lynx Linkage areas with Tim Fresques.**

Peter Kozinski said he would like the assignments to be completed as soon as possible so the information can be distributed to the group via email before the next meeting. **Bolded items should be sent to Peter by August 1st.**

The group agreed that all of the thirteen LIZs are high priority but they will have to be flexible in the order they get done. It was suggested that the group meet once a year to review CDOT's upcoming projects as they can align their funding and insure that the projects are taking the MOU commitments into consideration. There are also going to be privately funded projects that should take the LIZs into consideration and ad-hoc meetings could be held for those projects. **The group would like the thirteen LIZs in the MOU distributed to CDOT resident engineers and maintenance staff who work in the corridor. CDOT needs to develop a process internally to ensure coordination with the ALIVE recommendations.**

Southern Rockies Ecosystem Project Update

Julia Kintsch said that they are ready to start their field work as soon as they receive CDOT Transportation Commission approval. She would like the group to use their data to make the final decision on the LIZ priorities.

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 2nd from 9:30 – 11:30 at the Silverthorne Pavilion. The purpose of the meeting is to review the updated table and to identify and discuss upcoming CDOT projects in the corridor for opportunities to address the priority LIZs.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.