# I-25/US 34 Interchange Project Update

## PROJECT STATUS OVERVIEW

To date the Project Team has completed:

- Data collection including topographic surveys, updated traffic counts and forecasts, safety statistics, and existing structure inventories and conditions.
- An extensive Value Engineering process that identified enhancements to the conceptual design of the I-25/US 34 interchange.

The Project Team is now in a position to communicate the updated interchange concept that is advancing to the next phase of outreach and design.

Funding has not yet been identified for construction. Project Development activities are advancing to increase project readiness for future funding opportunities.

## FEEDBACK WE'VE HEARD - ENHANCEMENTS WE'VE MADE

\$300M+ for EIS baseline concept is high – new concept reduces cost by \$70M Vertical scale/visibility to properties is a concern – new concept reduces height by 20'+ Access to properties/local roadways is important – new concept allows more local access US 34 is an important regional facility – new concept has more future traffic capacity US 34 is important for local mobility – new concept has no stops on US 34

## MEET THE PROJECT TEAM

The project team is comprised of CDOT Leadership and consultant support from AECOM and partner subconsultants.

#### **CDOT Project Team**

Corey Stewart – North Program Engineer James Flohr – Resident Engineer Richard Christy – Project Manager

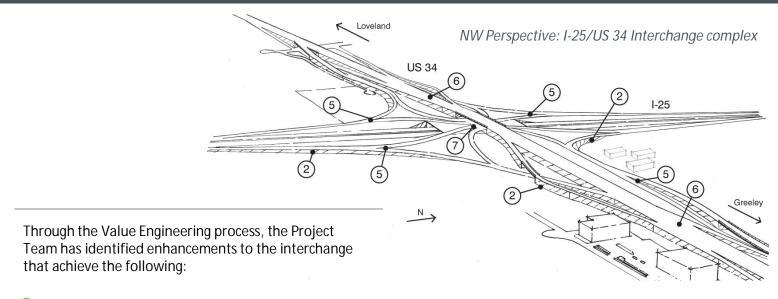
#### **AECOM Project Team**

Alan Eckman – Project Manager Corey Lang – Technical Manager Subconsultant Partners: FHU, TJ&Company, 105 West, EES, BDG Engineering, Yeh & Associates



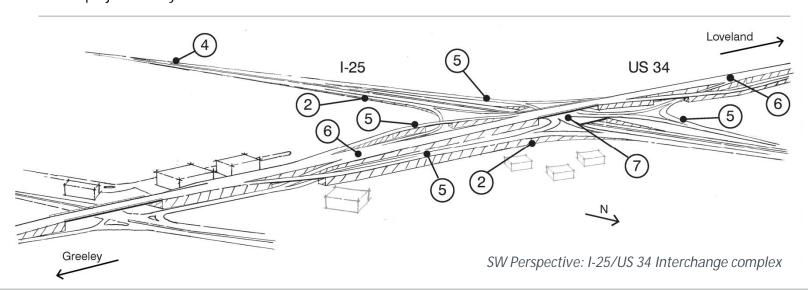
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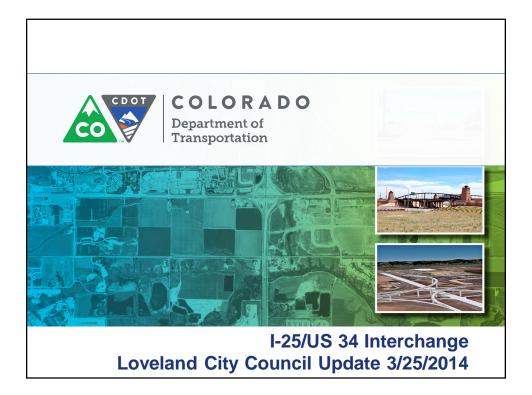
# 125/US 34 DESIGN IN PROGRESS



- 1 Substantially less capital cost (preliminary estimates of \$70M in savings).
- Reduces wall height and length in front of private properties.
- 3 Reduces interchange overall height by 20+ feet and increases visibility to adjacent commercial properties.
- 4 Reduces size of Big Thompson bridge and environmental footprint.
- 5 Allows all ramp grades to be no steeper than 4% for improved operations of heavy trucks.
- 6 Reduces weaving and stops/delays on US 34.
- 7 Less driver confusion—no duplicate destination ramps.

The Project Team is excited to communicate these enhancements to the agencies, stakeholders, and property owners in the project vicinity.







#### **Agenda**

Overview of Project Life Cycle

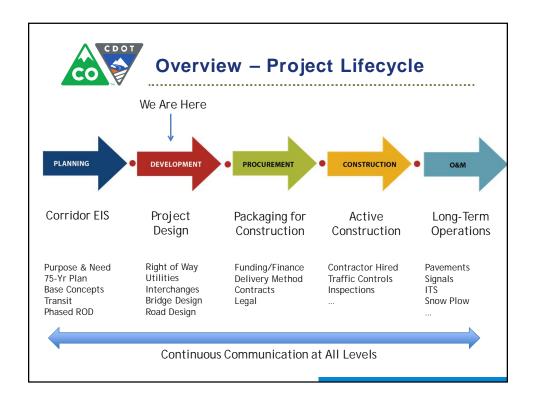
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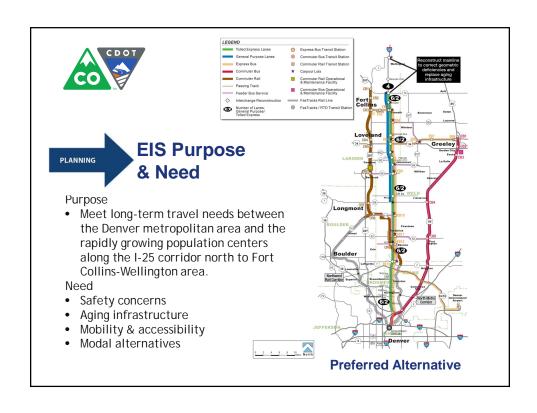
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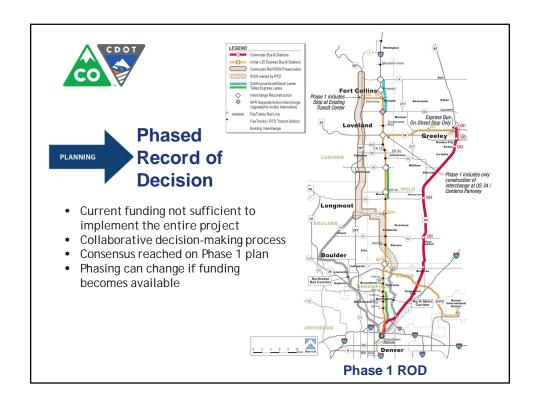
Bicycle/Pedestrian and Transit Integration

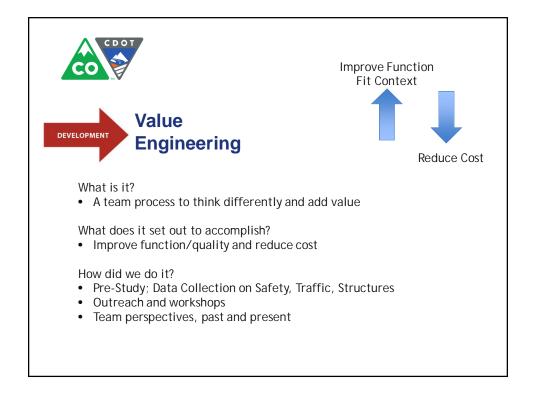
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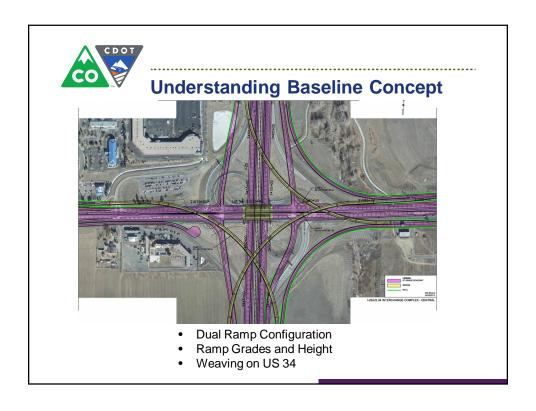
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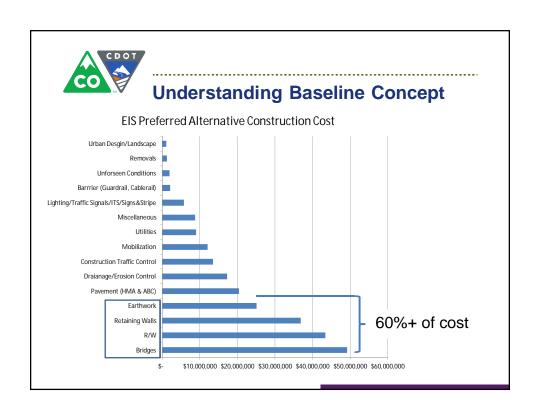










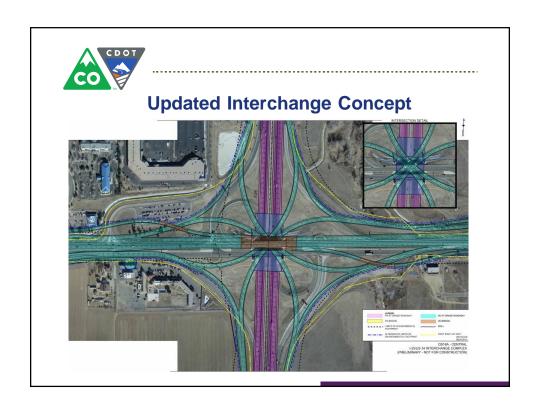


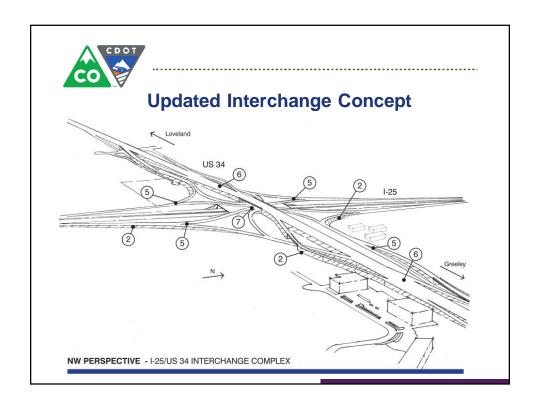


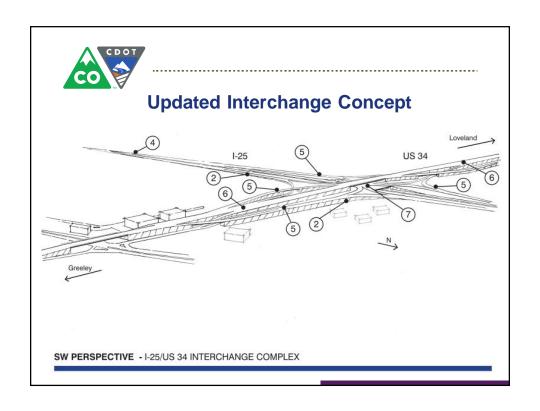
#### **The Value Engineering Process**

- Outreach with Agencies/Stakeholders
- Generated ideas to improve operations/reduce cost
- Reduced and combined ideas
- Explored
  - Pros/Cons
    - Phasing/Costs
    - Operational Benefits
    - Longevity
    - Risks and Next Steps
- Outreach with Agencies/Stakeholders









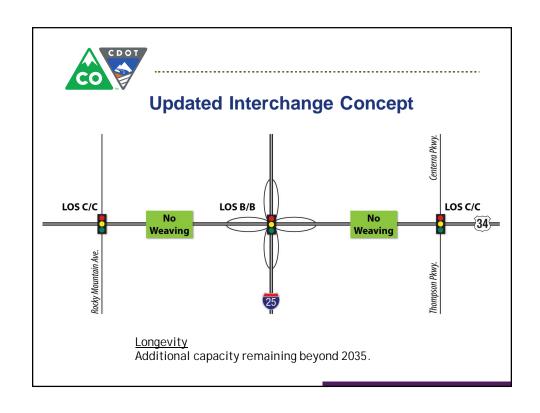


### **Benefits of Updated Interchange Design**

- Reduces height and increases visibility
- Reduces Big Thompson bridge and environmental footprint
- All ramp grades improved operations for heavy trucks
- Reduces weaving and stops/delays on US 34
- Less driver confusion/no duplicate destination ramps
- Additional future capacity
- Substantially less capital cost, 25%

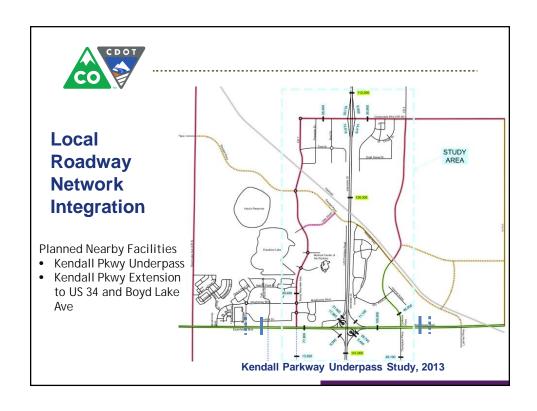


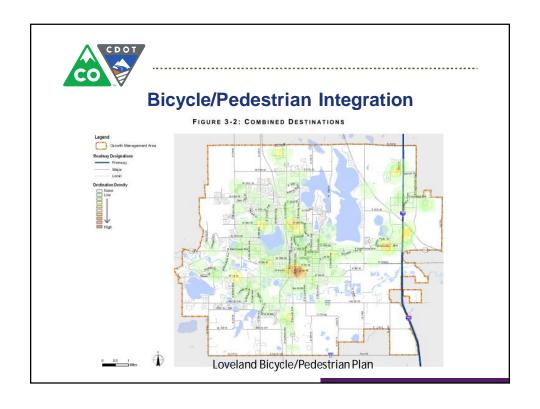


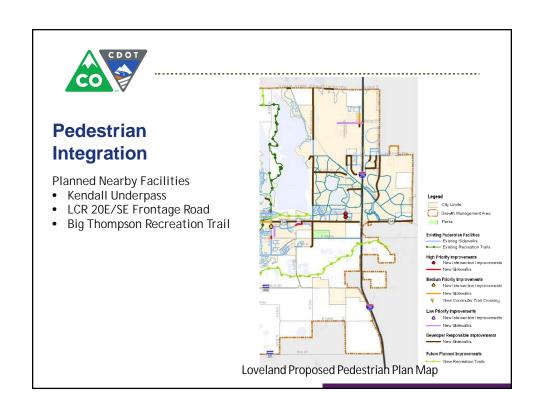




## **Concept Video of Operations**





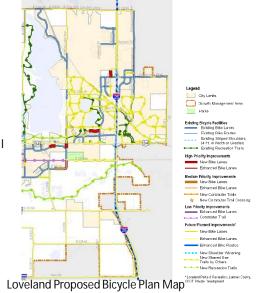




# Bicycle Integration

Planned Nearby Facilities

- Kendall Underpass
- NW Frontage Road
- LCR 20E/SE Frontage Road
- Big Thompson Recreation Trail





#### **Transit Integration**

Near-Term Express Bus (CDOT Division of Transit and Rail Project)

- Continue using existing Park-N-Ride location at I-25/US 34
  - Potential Park-N-Ride modifications to allow for buses

#### Long-Term Express Bus

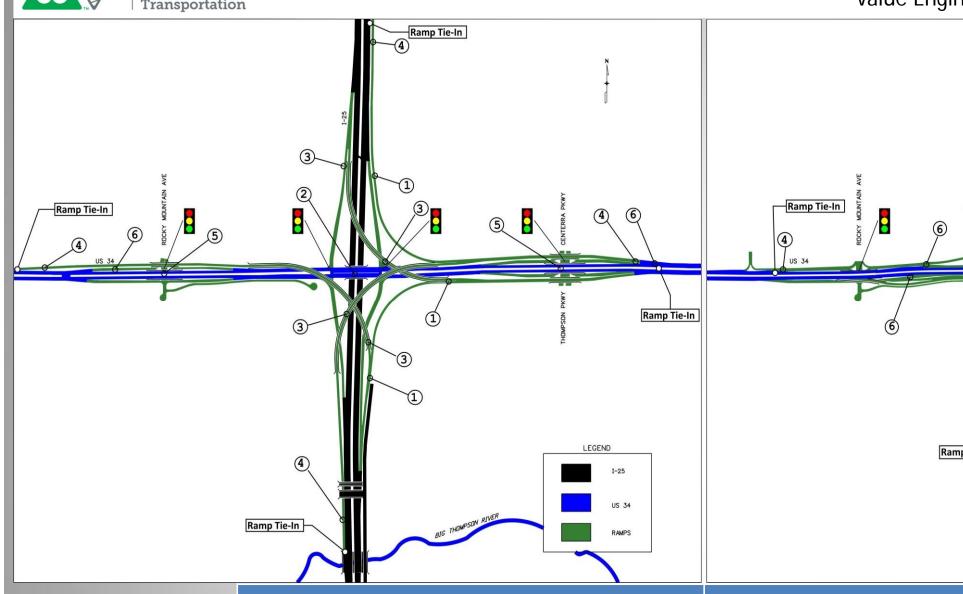
- Use EIS identified Express Bus Stop on I-25 between US 34/Crossroads, near proposed Kendall Pkwy Underpass
  - Could be operated with or without I-25 Bus Slip Ramps, although I-25 Bus Slip Ramps would provide highest bus efficiency

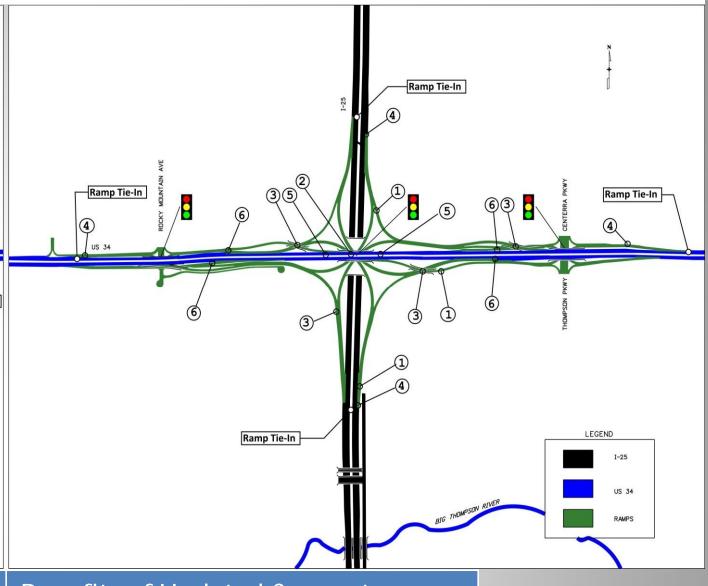


#### **Next Steps / QA**

- Continue design for better understanding of R.O.W., utilities, costs, phasing and packaged implementation.
- Complete the FHWA documentation and procedures to advance the design concept
- Work with local agencies, property owners/ developers to continue to refine details and define partnerships
- Seek funding and phased implementation opportunities







#### Challenges of Baseline Concept Benefits of Updated Concept 1. Height of walls, vertical scale, and visibility to properties 1. Reduced walls and overall height of interchange by over 20 feet 2. Multiple ramp exit/entry from I-25 and US 34 2. Less driver confusion - no duplicate ramps 3. Long (over 1-mile) and steep single lane ramps on 3. Shorter and reduced grade ramps with fewer structures elevated structures 4. Length of ramps causes increased footprint, difficulty in 4. Shorter ramps reduce footprint, maintain better road maintaining road access, and higher Right of Way costs access, and lower Right of Way costs 5. Signals/stops on US 34 causes higher emissions and safety 5. No signals/stops on US 34 with reduced emissions and improved safety concerns 6. Weaving and signals on US 34 constrain future capacity 6. Reduces weaving and signals on US 34 and allows additional future capacity 7. High cost - over \$300M 7. Reduces cost by Approx.. \$70M