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Second round of open houses for relocation study are to be held

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will hold another series of open houses for the R2C2 (Rail Relocation for Colorado's Communities) study.

CDOT is examining the economic feasibility of moving through-freight rail traffic from the Front Range to Colorado's Eastern Plains. Participants in the study are BNSF Railway, the Union Pacific Railroad (UP), the Regional Transportation District (RTD) as well as regional and local stakeholders.

Open houses initially were held in the spring 2008.

R2C2 will host a second round of Open Houses this fall, allowing the public to comment on the draft findings of the study and to develop a further understanding of the benefits, costs and issues associated with implementing such a rail bypass project.

The open houses will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., with a formal presentation at 5 p.m. The meetings are scheduled as follows:

October 7 - Limon Community Center 477 D Avenue, Limon

October 8 - Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments 14 S., Chestnut Street, Colorado Springs

October 9 - Las Animas Elementary School, 530 Poplar Avenue, Las Animas

October 14 - Morgan County Fairgrounds, Old 4-H Exhibit Hall, 750 Ellsworth Street, Brush

October 15 - Denver Regional Council of Governments, 1290 Broadway Street, Wolf Creek Pass Room, Denver

October 23 - City Council Chambers, Pueblo, City Hall, 1 City Hall Place, Pueblo

October 28 - Strasburg Recreation Center, Legion Hall 56423 Westview, Strasburg

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You may also visit the study website at www.dot.state.co.us/railroadstudy/default.asp .