

FINAL Meeting Minutes

Project: CDOT Region 3 – SH 82 Grand Avenue Bridge

Purpose: PLT Meeting # 2

Date Held: August 4, 2011

Location: CDOT Conference Room (Glenwood Springs)

Attendees:

CDOT:	Josh Cullen, Joe Elsen, Tammie Smith, Roland Wagner
City of Glenwood Springs:	Bruce Christensen, Shelley Kaup (alternate)
FHWA:	Eva LaDow (by phone)
Garfield County:	Jeff Nelson
Eagle County:	Eva Wilson
Glenwood Hot Springs:	Kjell Mitchell
Glenwood Springs Chamber:	Doug Harr
Historic Preservation Commission:	Gretchen Ricehill
Pitkin County:	Brian Pettet
Downtown Development Authority:	Leslie Bethel
Colorado Bridge Enterprise:	Charlie Trujillo, Josh Laipply (alternate)
Jacobs:	Craig Gaskill, Jim Clarke,
TSH:	George Tsiouvaras
Pat Noyes and Associates:	Pat Noyes
Newland Project Resources:	Tom Newland

Copies: PLT Members, Gina McAfee, Jeff Simmons, Zane Znamenacek, File

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

INTRODUCTIONS

1. Josh Cullen, CDOT, introduced himself as the Project Manager and explained the staffing changes at CDOT.
2. Craig Gaskill, Jacobs, introduced himself and presented a summary of projects he has worked on the Western Slope and in the Glenwood Springs area.
3. PLT introduced themselves and offered some of their expectations for the Grand Avenue Bridge project:
 - No harm comes to downtown or the downtown businesses, and the project actually enhances the downtown.

- No harm comes to the Hot Springs Pool
- The project solves the functional and structural problems in a way that enhances the city

PLT ROLE

1. The role of the PLT was discussed. Craig outlined the roles and responsibilities of the PLT as to lead the project, enable decision making, and champion CSS on the project. Since this is a federalized project, the final decision-maker for this project will be FHWA. More information on the PLT role and the PLT Checklist can be found at <http://i70mtncorridorcss.com/decision>

BRIDGE ENTERPRISE FUND

1. Improvements to the Grand Avenue Bridge will be funded by the Bridge Enterprise Fund. The Bridge Enterprise Program drives the funding which is applied to improvements to the bridge itself, as well as anything required to optimally function that bridge. The NEPA Purpose and Need will define the function of the bridge.

The current bridge has a functional sufficiency rating of poor. A request was made for more information on the sufficiency rating, breaking out those elements that are functional and those that are structural. There is a desire to understand the issues more fully.

PLT CHARTERING

1. The PLT members agreed to conduct a chartering session at the next PLT meeting and to begin planning for a project visioning workshop with a broader group of stakeholders.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

1. Craig presented the organizational chart for the project, pointing out the multi-disciplinary structure of the Project Management Team, team functions, the PLT, Issues Task Forces, and the Project Working Group. The project development and preliminary design phases are scheduled for completion in approximately 2 years.
2. The project will follow a Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) approach. Craig discussed the overall process approach and presented public involvement principles that will be incorporated into the project: legitimate, effective, and responsive.

ISSUES

1. The CSS and NEPA process will identify issues and minimize effects of the project. Jim Clarke presented a number of the issues the team is aware of, including historic districts and properties; impacts to downtown businesses during design and construction; geothermal resources and the Hot Springs; and traffic needs during construction.
 2. George Tsiouvaras presented various concepts of how the bridge could be constructed with minimal impacts.
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NEXT PLT MEETING

1. The next PLT meeting will be scheduled in late September or early October using the online Doodle calendar tool. General discussion about preferred days indicated the following days of the week worked best:
 - Wednesday
 - Thursday afternoon (not the 3rd Thursday of the month)
 - Friday morning

ACTION ITEMS:

Jacobs Team:

1. George to provide information on bridge sufficiency rating (what is bridge's current rating, what variables factor into that rating, etc).
2. Send out Doodle survey and schedule next PLT meeting.
3. Develop draft chartering document and send to PLT about two weeks prior to next meeting.