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GRAND AVENUE BRIDGE

New Information on Alternatives

Since November 2011, CDOT, with FHWA, has conducted an extensive public outreach and information program about the project's Environmental Assessment (EA) process and the status of the alternatives evaluation. At the Public Open House on August 22, the project team will present new information on the two basic alignments that have been studied since June. Public feedback will be considered in the team's final recommendation for the Preferred Alignment that will be evaluated in the EA.

The alignment alternatives have gone through three levels of evaluation in increasing detail. Numerous public events and other meetings have updated the Glenwood Springs and surrounding community with information at each step and documented public feedback. That feedback, combined with technical analysis, has resulted in reducing the initial 12 alignment alternatives to 2 with options. The next step is to choose one of the alignments for the EA. This will be followed by further public process to define what type of bridge will be built, how it will be built to minimize impacts, and how it should fit into the context of Glenwood Springs.

Public Open House

Wednesday, August 22nd - 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Glenwood Springs Community Center
100 Wulfsohn Road • Glenwood Springs, CO

5:00 to 7:30 Open House with exhibits. Opportunity to ask questions, learn more about Alternatives 1 and 3, and provide ideas and comments.

For more information:
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Para informacion en Español llamen a Brann Greager al numero 720-359-3046.

Accommodations are in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. For any special accommodations,call Tom Newland at 970-927-4645, or the TDD number for the hearing impaired at 1-800-659-3656.

Key Public Information Events

November 15, 2011
Public Scoping Meeting
- Critical Success Factors
- Draft Key Issues
- Draft Context Statement

April 14, 2012
Public Open House
- **Results of Levels 1 and 2A Evaluation** 1
  - 12 alignment alternatives (single bridge, couplets, rehabilitation)
- **Draft Purpose & Need and Goals**
- **Existing bridge condition information**

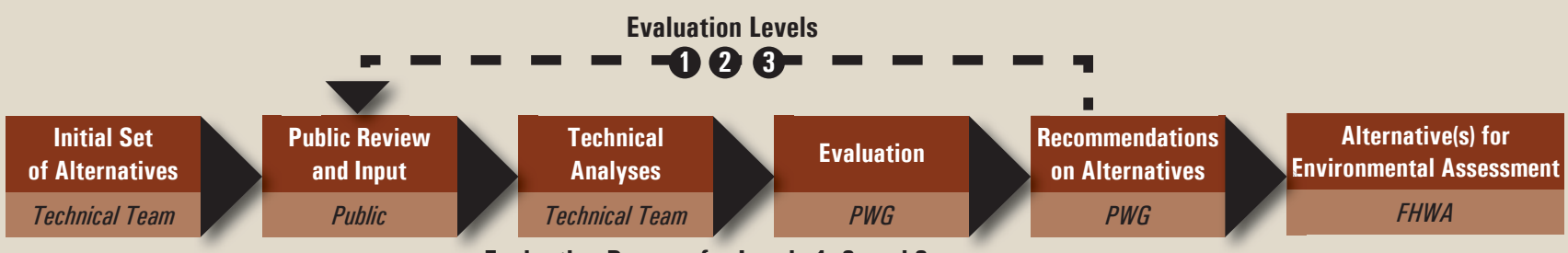
June 6, 2012
Public Open House
- Results of Level 2B Evaluation 2
  - 4 alignment alternatives

June 25, 2012
Newspaper Ad
- **Results of Level 3A Evaluation** 3
  - 2 alignment alternatives with options

July 31, 2012
CDOT/DDA Joint Open House
- 2 alignment alternatives with options (new traffic, visual, and development information)

August 22, 2012
Public Open House
- 2 alignment alternatives 3 with options (updated traffic, visual, and pedestrian/bike information)

Updated information on project status and alternatives under consideration has been communicated at public open houses, the Stakeholder Working Group meetings, organizations, press releases, one-on-one meetings, group meetings, and presentations to the Glenwood Springs City Council and the Garfield County Board of County Commissioners.



Evaluation Process for Levels 1, 2, and 3

What's Next?

- Preferred Alignment (early September)
- Bridge type and construction phasing with public input (September-December)
- Agency Review of Environmental Assessment (Spring 2013)
- Public Hearing (March-April 2013)
- Decision Document (October 2013)
- Design (approximately 1 year after Decision Document)
- Anticipated construction start (late 2014)

New Information for Alternatives

During the public process, there were requests for additional information that would help the public better understand how Alternatives 1 and 3 would work. Since June, the project team has further studied traffic circulation for the Alternative 3 intersection options, how the two alignments fit into the downtown area, and how the two alternatives connect to existing and proposed pedestrian and bike networks.

Examples of that new information are provided on the next page. At the August 22 Public Open House, there will be additional exhibits and computer simulations for Alternatives 1 and 3, with their options. The project team will consider public feedback from this meeting in determining which alignment will be selected for the bridge.

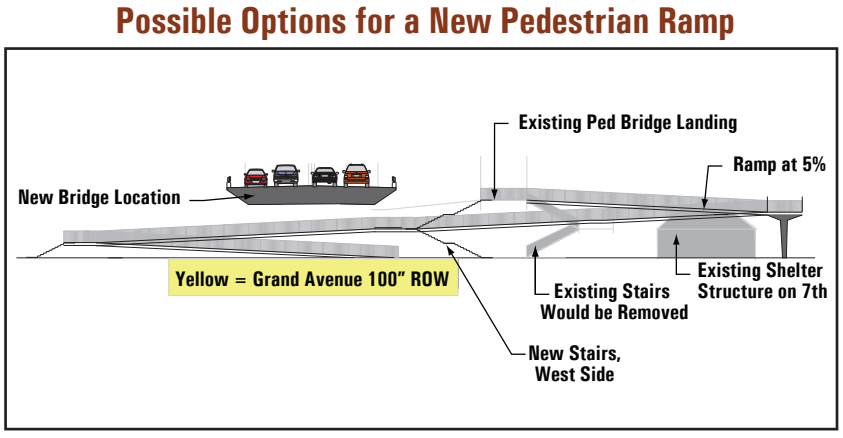
More information about the evaluation and screening process is available at www.coloradodot.info/projects/sh82grandavenuebridge - click on Alternatives Development.

Examples of Visuals That Will Be Shown at the Public Open House

New Bridge with Existing Pedestrian Bridge

This visual simulation shows how one of the bridge alternatives with the existing pedestrian bridge might appear looking west from 7th Street. Views of the bridges from multiple locations for all of the alternatives will be shown.

Possible Options for a New Pedestrian Ramp



One of the south side pedestrian options is a new pedestrian ramp adjacent to 7th Street that will meet Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements.

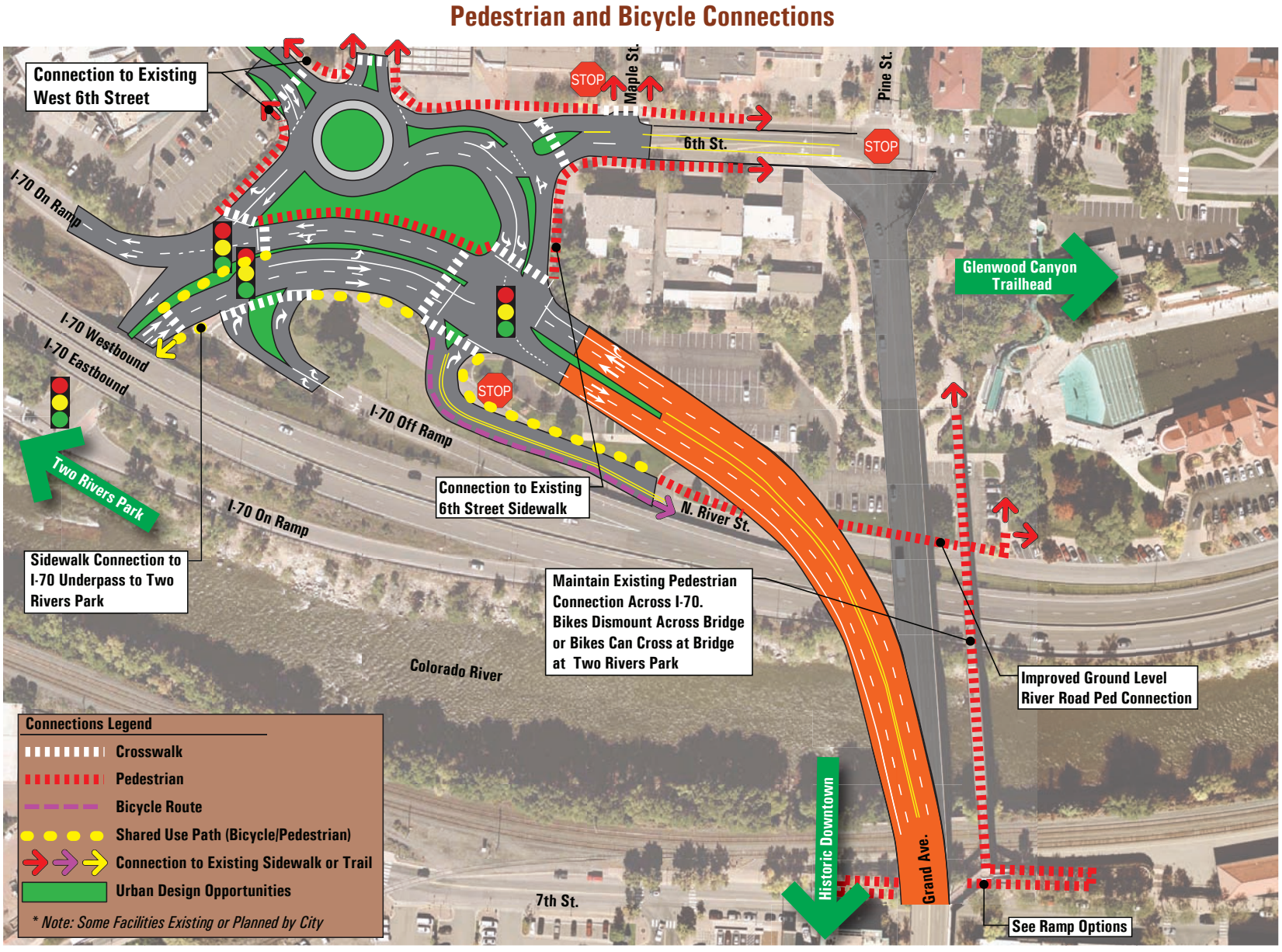
Traffic Circulation

Traffic simulations show how cars move around the intersection and roadway network to get to and from I-70, 6th Avenue, and downtown. There will be traffic simulations for all Alternative 3 intersection options.

Changes to View Sheds

A new structure can potentially impact existing view sheds. Visualizations with views from I-70, the Hot Springs Pool, and downtown will illustrate these changes.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Connections



The Glenwood Springs Comprehensive Plan, adopted by the City of Glenwood Springs, includes plans for pedestrian and bike trails. Several options consistent with the Comprehensive Plan have been developed and will be shown at the Public Open House.