



## I-270 Corridor Improvements

# Summary of Public Meetings for the I-270 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

### Public Meeting Overview

The 60-day comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement opened Nov. 21, 2025, and closed Jan. 20, 2026. During this time, the Colorado Department of Transportation conducted three in-person public hearings and two informational webinars. These meetings offered the chance for community members to learn more about the alternatives considered and the key findings of the environmental analysis that led to a preliminary preferred alternative.

Attendees had the opportunity to provide comments during the public hearings and ask questions during the webinars. All comments provided during the public hearings, along with comments shared through other project communication channels during the 60-day comment window, will be included in the project's Final Environmental Impact Statement and project file.

## Public Hearings

### Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026

This meeting was held at Adams City High School from 5 to 8 p.m. Attendees had the chance to review 28 bilingual information boards, ask questions of project representatives, listen to an informative presentation and provide comments. Comments could be made publicly following the presentation, via written comment forms, through the online comment form and/or one-on-one to the onsite professional stenographers.

A light dinner was served, American Sign Language and Spanish interpretation services were provided, and a children's activities table was available.

- 19 people signed in at this meeting.
- Two people provided comments to the stenographers.
- 13 people provided comments during the public hearing portion of the meeting.
- Six written comment forms were submitted.

### Saturday, Jan. 10, 2026

This meeting was held at Adams City High School from 9 a.m. to noon. As with the first meeting, attendees could review the 28 bilingual information boards, ask questions of project representatives, listen to an informative presentation and provide comments. Comments could be made publicly following the presentation, via written comment forms, through the online comment form and/or one-on-one to the onsite professional stenographers.

Breakfast burritos were served, American Sign Language and Spanish interpretation services were provided, and a children's activities table was available.

- 22 people signed in at this meeting.
- 12 people provided comments during the public hearing portion of the meeting.
- Four written comment forms were submitted.

### Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026



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A light dinner was served, American Sign Language and Spanish interpretation services were provided, and a children's activities table was available.

- 42 people signed in at this meeting.
- 17 people provided comments during the public hearing portion of the meeting.
- One written comment form was submitted.

## Informational Webinars

### Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026

This hour-long webinar included an informative presentation given in English and Spanish and offered the chance for attendees to ask questions of the project team. American Sign Language interpretation services were also provided.

- 34 people logged on to this webinar.
- Seven questions were asked and answered (see below for the webinar Q&A).

### Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026

This hour-long webinar included an informative presentation given in English and Spanish and offered the chance for attendees to ask questions of the project team. American Sign Language interpretation services were also provided.

- 33 people logged on to this webinar.
- Seven questions were asked and answered (see below for the webinar Q&A).

## Questions & Answers from Online Webinars

### Where can I find the online comment forms and documents?

Visit the project page at [codot.gov/projects/studies/i270study](http://codot.gov/projects/studies/i270study) and click on the Quick Link at the top that takes you to the page for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and State Environmental Reports. This page includes links to each section of the Draft EIS and State Environmental Reports and links to the Draft EIS comment forms.

### What outreach was done specifically targeting the community members who live along the highway?

We've done over 200 outreach events for the project. This has included listening sessions at common community gathering places where project team members set up a table and distributed flyers about the project as a way of offering two-way communication. We've also attended fairs and festivals across Adams County and along the corridor. Again, this is another great way to meet community members where they are and have those crucial conversations. We've had a lot of people fill out comment cards and really stay engaged with the project after we attended those fairs and festivals. We've also given presentations to organizations within the community and on a broader scale to those who might be impacted by I-270. We've also conducted community office hours around the community as well. Anyone interested in our public outreach efforts can find more information in Appendix F of the DEIS.

### What kind of outreach has specifically targeted the Latino community?

All of our materials are bilingual, including the boards at all of our public meetings. We also have a bilingual community liaison team that attends fairs and festivals. They also attend the community office hours so we're being as accessible to as many people as possible. We want to make sure the information about the project is getting out there and that we have a better understanding of how folks use the corridor, so public input is crucial. As far as specifically targeting the Latino community, the tactics mentioned above work with this community. Among the fairs and festivals we've attended are the Adams County Latino Festival and the Hispanic Heritage Festival. We also reached out to Latino organizations like Amigos de Mexico, Cultivando, Latinos in Transit and Adelante.

### I noticed there is a planned overpass over I-270 for bicyclists and pedestrians. Climbing an overpass on a bike can be a lot of work. Is there a reason it isn't an underpass, given the natural physics of bike riding?

An underpass would affect the floodplain. CDOT encourages the public to review Appendix C, the Alternatives Map Books, for a little more information on how we're making that overpass accessible. There is more information on the floodplain impacts in Appendix E8.

### If the project can't be funded all at once, does CDOT have the money to complete all phases of the project?

CDOT has secured funding to complete the first phase of the project. While we're completing that first phase of the project, we'll work to secure funding for the rest of the project.

## Questions & Answers from Online Webinars (continued)

### **How long will construction last and how can I stay updated during construction?**

Construction will take place for about five years, starting in late 2026 or early 2027. Our outreach during construction will be very similar to the outreach that's done on other construction projects. We will have a dedicated webpage with project information and you'll be able to see the project costs and scope. Traffic impacts will be shared through cotrip.org and the COtrip planner app so you can plan your trips ahead of time. If there are specific traffic impacts within adjacent neighborhoods we'll do flyering and we might send postcards. We'll also use our social media platforms to broadcast project information and if there are neighborhood impacts we'll use Nextdoor. We'll also try to prioritize one-on-one communication with anyone who might be directly impacted. We will do as extensive outreach as we can.

### **Was a train or light rail considered for this project and what are the reasons for not pursuing more public transportation options?**

For more information on transportation alternatives considered, the public should refer to Chapter 3, and more information on traffic impacts can be found in Appendix E1.

### **Is there going to be an official comment period tonight for participants?**

There will not be an opportunity for oral comments during the webinar, but we will take comments through the project's official comment channels. We have online comment forms, you can send the project team an email, call our information hotline, or send a letter to CDOT's Holly office.

### **Does the EIS account for the extra demand that studies would project that widening a freeway will induce? Or is it only for the physical act of the project?**

Within the DEIS pages we have Appendix E2, the Traffic Technical Report, that includes information on travel demand modeling in the year 2050.

### **Could you provide a little more information about the recommended community enhancements?**

Detailed information on the community enhancements can be found in the Community Analysis State Environmental Report. About 1.5% to 2.5% of the total project cost will be put into nine community enhancements. That process is meant to be flexible and we haven't committed to anything yet other than the broad idea of the nine enhancements referenced in the webinar. We want to work with the community throughout the entire project to provide as much value as we can with these community enhancements.

### **If trucks can use the Express Lane, how are you defining trucks? Are they civilian trucks, or a commercial truck with multiple axles?**

Both civilian trucks like a pickup truck and multiple axle trucks like large commercial vehicles can use the Express Lanes.



## Questions & Answers from Online Webinars (continued)

### **Will CDOT move forward to EPA current or previous standards or meet any minimal EPA oversight at the federal government's reduced oversight?**

We have two different air quality reports that we produced, one of which was a federal document that is analyzed in the Environmental Impact Statement. The other one we did as a state requirement. These reports evaluate air quality based on two distinct methods, which really benefit the different ways of interpreting air pollution. Both reports, however, provide a comparative emissions inventory that estimates the total pollutants the project would produce by 2050. Anyone interested in the two different models and two different analyses and results should refer to Appendix E3, Air Quality Technical Report and the Air Quality State Environmental Report.

### **How long will construction take and what will you do for local residents to help minimize the impacts of living through construction?**

Construction could take about five years to completely build out the project. The first phase involves rebuilding the critical bridges and will take an estimated three years. We recognize the impacts of construction and are looking at mitigations to those impacts. We're looking at ways to reduce noise during construction and making sure we develop detour plans well in advance of any impacts to any roadways. We're also making sure we continue to talk with the neighbors to understand how we can continue to get better every day. When we excavate soil, for example, we want to make sure we have measures in place that prevent it from getting into the local drainage system. We'll continue air quality monitoring during construction and will make this information available to residents so they know in real time what the air quality looks like during construction. We'll have a collaborative, dynamic process to make sure that we're in the community and that our work zones make sense and people know how to get through.

### **Is this project final or what are the next steps?**

The project is not final. This is a Draft Environmental Impact Statement. We will be receiving all your comments and putting together a report of all substantive comments with our responses. That report will then be published in a Final Environmental Impact Statement and there will be a final decision document known as the Record of Decision.

## Summary of Outreach

Date	Target Organization/Entity	Type of Outreach	Message Summary	Link/Result
Multiple dates	Followers of CDOT, Adams County and Adams District 14 social media channels	Social media posts	Information on release of DEIS, public hearings and how to comment	<a href="#">CDOT posts</a> <a href="#">Adams County post</a> <a href="#">Adams 14 post</a>
12/15/25	80+ organizations, community groups and businesses in the metro area	Information toolkit with graphics	Details on public meetings and how to provide comments	<a href="#">Information toolkit</a>
12/15/25	Hispanic radio stations	Pitched to Hispanic radio and TV outlets (KBNO 1280 AM / 977 FM and KNRV 1150am-961FM)	Details on public meetings, purpose of the project and how to provide comments	<a href="#">Talking points</a>
12/15/25 and 12/29/25	KOA and KCFR radio stations	Pitched reporters and producers at each station	Details on the meetings and how people can provide comments	<a href="#">Backgrounder page</a>
12/16/25	Residents of Commerce City and north metro communities	Distributed 58,212 postcards to nine Denver-area zip codes	Details on three in-person and two online meetings	<a href="#">Postcard</a>
12/16/25	Residents in Rose Hill neighborhood adjacent to I-270	Door-to-door flyer distribution to about 400 homes	Details on public meetings and how to provide comments	<a href="#">Flyer</a>
12/28/25, 1/4/26 and 1/11/26	Residents of Welby and surrounding communities who attend Assumption Catholic Church	Advertisement in weekly church bulletin	Call for public comments with link to website	<a href="#">Church bulletin ad</a>
12/29/25	Commerce City residents	Article in Commerce City Connected newsletter	Details on public meetings, purpose of the project and how to provide comments	<a href="#">English article</a> <a href="#">Spanish article</a>
12/31/25	Residents of Commerce City and north metro communities	Social media: CDOT Facebook	Details on public meetings, purpose of the project and how to provide comments	<a href="#">Link</a> Views: 10,831 Interactions: 22 Likes: 17
1/4/26-1/8/26	Commerce City residents	Banner ads placed in Commerce City Sentinel	Details on public meetings and the project	<a href="#">Link</a> <a href="#">Link</a> <a href="#">Link</a>
1/4/26	Northeast Denver and northwest Aurora residents	Events posted on Front Porch website	Details on public meetings and the project	<a href="#">Calendar information</a>
1/5/26	Hispanic media outlets	Pitched to Univision, Telemundo, El Comercio de Colorado	CDOT press release	<a href="#">Press release</a>
1/5/26	Interview at KNRV with Rodolfo Cardenas	Radio station interview	Details on public meetings, purpose of the project and how to provide comments	<a href="#">Script interview with KNRV (Hablamos Hoy)</a> <a href="#">Clip interview</a>

## Summary of Outreach (continued)

Date	Target Organization/Entity	Type of Outreach	Message Summary	Link/Result
1/5/2026	Residents of Commerce City and north metro communities			<a href="#">Link</a> Views: 8,845 Interactions: 30 Likes: 17
1/6/2026	<b>Shared to the following groups/neighborhoods:</b> Nextdoor Adams Heights, Nextdoor 25 - York, Nextdoor Commerce City 2, Nextdoor Locust St, Nextdoor Adams City, Nextdoor Vasquez Blvd, Nextdoor Monac Park, Nextdoor Commerce City, Nextdoor Central Park, Nextdoor Northeast Park Hill, Nextdoor Elyria Swansea, Nextdoor Globeville, Explorador Calle, City View, Corona Village, Devonshire Square, Hannah, Dupont, Commerce City, Calahan, Beeler Park, Montbello, Aurora, Bluff Lake, Bluff Lake Aurora, Lost Dog, Z Moline, Peterson, Morris Heights, North Aurora/Fitzsimmons, Gateway, Parkfield, Green Valley Ranch, Green Valley Ranch II, Walden St, First Creek Village, Fairway Villas, DIA, Caraway Apartments, Briarwood, Appleblossom, Harris Park, 73rd and Sheridan, Bishop Park, Federal Heights, Federal Heights Ward I, Parknorth, North Creek, Alta Ridge, 92nd and Grove, Federal Heights Ward II, Center Park, Center City, Far Horizons, Lake Arbor, Arbor Green, Harlan, Environs, Hyland Greens, Hyland Greens East, Madison Hill, Hyland Village, Hyland Hills, Castlegate, 9100 Vance, Church Ranch Blvd, Westcliff, Waverly Acres, Sheridan Green, Promenade, W 104th Ave, Sync36, Interlocken Loop, Green Knolls, 120th & Main Broomfield, Greenway Parks, Alta Harvest Station, Industrial Lane, Broomfield, Arvada, Broadway St, Western Hills, Twin Lakes, Westle, Northview Estates, North Metro, City View, Timber Lodge, York and 78th, Welby Glen, Thornton, Riverdale Farms, Work Yards	Nextdoor social media post	Details on public meetings, purpose of the project and how to provide comments	<a href="#">Link to post</a>
1/8/2026	Residents of Commerce City and north metro communities	Social media: CDOT Facebook event	Details on public meetings, purpose of the project and how to provide comments	<a href="#">Link</a> Views: 2,629 Interactions: 0 Likes: 0

## Media Coverage

See [this report](#) for details on media coverage.