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Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronym	Definition
ASL	American Sign Language
BID	Havana Street Business Improvement District
BRT	bus rapid transit
CDOT	Colorado Department of Transportation
CDPHE	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
City and County of Denver	Denver
Commerce City	City of Commerce City
CPUN	Central Park United Neighbors
CPW	Colorado Parks and Wildlife
CTIO	Colorado Transportation Investment Office
DRCOG	Denver Regional Council of Governments
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
EPAC	Environmental Policy Advisory Committee
FAC	Freight Advisory Council
FAQ	Frequently Asked Question
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
GES	Globeville-Elyria-Swansea
HRA	Hispanic Restaurant Association
I-270	Interstate 270
I-25	Interstate 25
I-70	Interstate 70
I-76	Interstate 76
mph	miles per hour
NATA	North Area Transportation Alliance
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NETC	Northeast Transportation Connections
NOI	Notice of Intent
PIP	Public Involvement Plan
project	I-270 Corridor Improvements Project
RNO	Registered Neighborhood Organization
RTD	Regional Transportation District
SACFD	South Adams County Fire District
SACWSD	South Adams County Water & Sanitation District



SCGWP	Sand Creek Greenway Partnership
SCRGP	Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership
SWEEP	Southwest Energy Efficiency Project
TDM	Transportation Demand Management
U.S.	United States
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service

1.0 Introduction

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The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) are preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate potential improvements to the Interstate 270 (I-270) corridor. FHWA and CDOT are the lead agencies for this National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, which was initiated in 2020, initially anticipating an Environmental Assessment (EA). Moving into 2023, CDOT determined a more detailed environmental review was needed and requested that an EIS be prepared.

This technical report documents the public and agency involvement that was completed as part of the project, including various outreach methods used, input received, and plans moving forward.

1.1 Project Description

I-270 in Colorado is a controlled-access interstate highway with two through lanes in each direction between Interstate 25 (I-25) and Interstate 70 (I-70) in central City and County of Denver (Denver) and City of Commerce City (Commerce City) (Figure 1). It has a posted speed limit of 55 miles per hour (mph). The project limits include the I-270 interchanges with Interstate 76 (I-76), York Street, Vasquez Boulevard, and Quebec Street. The project will tie into the I-25 and I-70 system interchanges but improvements to these interchanges are part of projects on I-25 and I-70 and will be designed and approved separately.

The purpose of the I-270 Corridor Improvements Project is to implement transportation solutions that modernize the I-270 Corridor to accommodate existing and forecasted transportation demands. The project needs are:

- Traveler safety on the corridor,
- Travel time and reliability on the corridor,
- Transit on the corridor,
- Bicycle and pedestrian connectivity across I-270, and
- Freight operations on the corridor.

In addition to addressing project needs, CDOT, FHWA, and Cooperating and Participating Agencies have established a key project goal: to minimize environmental and community impacts resulting from the project.

Figure 1. Project Location



2.0 Public Involvement Introduction

Per the CDOT NEPA Manual, “Public involvement is a process by which the influence of various stakeholders is organized in relationship to decision-making. Public involvement acknowledges people’s desire to participate in decisions that they perceive or actually will affect them.” (CDOT, 2024, p. 7-1, 7-4).

2.1 Public Involvement: A Cornerstone of Project Success

Public involvement was more than a requirement; it was a strategic partnership between agencies and communities. By fostering open dialogue, shared decision-making, and mutual

respect, public involvement transformed projects from agency-driven initiatives into community-supported endeavors. This collaborative process ensured that projects aligned with community needs, addressed local concerns, and built lasting legacies.

To achieve these goals, public involvement required a structured approach that integrated the public's input into the decision-making process throughout the project lifecycle. This involved actively engaging stakeholders to gather multiple perspectives, values, and knowledge. By fostering open communication and trust, public involvement enhanced the project development process, leading to more informed, accepted, and sustainable outcomes.

Effective public involvement went beyond meeting regulatory requirements; it empowered communities, informed decision-making, and built trust. By incorporating multiple perspectives, agencies created projects that were not only feasible but also desired by the community. This process involved actively listening to public input, addressing concerns, and making informed decisions that considered economic, environmental, and social factors. By incorporating community perspectives, agencies identified and addressed potential impacts, balanced competing interests, and made informed decisions. Ultimately, public involvement strengthened the relationship between agencies and the communities they served, leading to projects that were more likely to be accepted and supported.

2.2 I-270 Public Involvement Mission

The overall mission of public involvement for the I-270 Corridor Improvements EIS was to create an atmosphere of openness and trust with the public. Community input was vital to the project's success, and the project team was committed to providing meaningful public involvement opportunities throughout the process.

2.2.1 I-270 Public Involvement Goals and Principles

Robust public and stakeholder involvement was critical for the success of the project. The I-270 corridor runs through communities, mixing industrial and residential uses. Enhanced public input and participation at all points of the EIS process ensured meaningful participation. Information related to additional public involvement processes required by Colorado Senate Bill 21-260 are provided in a separate report that is available on the project website (<https://www.codot.gov/projects/studies/i270study>). The public involvement effort is intended to establish and maintain a two-way exchange of information and ideas between the public and the project team regarding corridor issues and priorities.

Public involvement goals for the EIS included:

- Conducting an extensive public outreach effort to gather input from users of the corridor as well as the populations along the project area;
- Ensuring meaningful public participation for all stakeholders;
- Using a grassroots approach, such as setting up tables in front of common community-gathering places to provide project information for neighborhoods directly affected by I-270;
- Informing the public about work in process and continually monitoring community concerns;

- Providing information in a manner that is easy for the public to access and understand;
- Educating the public on the study and the EIS process;
- Working with local businesses, chambers of commerce, community groups, and other organizations to obtain comments from a broad cross-section along the corridor; and
- Ensuring the federal, state, regional, and interested local government agencies are well informed at every stage.

The overall objective of all outreach activities was to ensure that the community had meaningful input into the study, and that the project reflected community input and values. Based on the identified public involvement goals, several principles were developed as the foundation for the public involvement program.

These principles included:

- Facilitating early involvement by public stakeholders in identifying corridor issues and opportunities;
- Building an understanding of the project and transparency for the EIS process;
- Establishing and maintaining productive partnerships with individuals and organizations that are interested in the project;
- Providing project information in English and Spanish, and using a bilingual community liaison to help plan and conduct community outreach;
- Providing additional services at corridor-wide meetings (e.g., meeting locations near transit routes, centrally located venues, American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation, Spanish translation, childcare, services for hearing and visually impaired, as requested), so that residents can participate in the process;
- Using local vendors for reproduction, catering, childcare, and other services as much as possible;
- Being aware of the need to provide information and gather public input in a variety of ways;
- Providing information to the media proactively;
- Maintaining a project record that clearly tracks the public input into the decision-making process; and
- Providing remote meeting opportunities, scheduled calls, or telephone town halls.

These principles supported the goals of the plan and ensured that the EIS process served the public interest.

2.2.2 Language Assistance

Within the Community Study Area, Spanish-speaking populations were notably high—with Commerce City at 46.8 percent, Welby at 34.5 percent, and North Washington at 48.7 percent. No other languages were prevalent in more than 4 percent of the Census block groups. As a result of the demographic information on language use in the study area and in consultation with CDOT and FHWA, Spanish translations were determined to be necessary for the I-270 corridor project. Additionally, ASL services were recommended and included for public meetings and webinars.

3.0 Community Outreach 2020-2022

CDOT and FHWA began a NEPA process in 2020, initially anticipating an EA. While virtual engagement during the EA process between 2020 and 2022 provided valuable input, constraints of the COVID-19 pandemic limited the potential of outreach. Moving into 2023, CDOT determined a more detailed environmental review was needed and requested that an EIS be prepared. Through the EIS, CDOT committed to expand outreach efforts and strengthen community relationships through increased public participation.

A summary of the public outreach techniques used during the initial period from 2020 to 2022 is listed below:

- Hosted a bus tour through the corridor for stakeholders and elected officials that included Spanish translation;
- Conducted two virtual public meetings (August 17-30, 2020, and December 2-27, 2020);
- Attended small group meetings with businesses and other stakeholders;
- Developed and updated a project website;
- Utilized CDOT's social media platforms;
- Commerce City posted to NextDoor on December 2, 2020;
- Sent media releases and involved media in a proactive manner;
- Met with local and state elected officials as well as advocacy groups;
- Used flyers to notify residences and businesses of virtual meetings and project updates;
- Sent email updates to I-270 project subscribers;
- In July 2020, more than 7,000 direct mail postcards were sent to residents in zip codes 80022, 80216, and 80238; and
- In November 2020, close to 18,000 direct mail postcards were sent to residents in zip codes 80022, 80029, 80216, 80238, and 80221.

3.1 Summary of Public Comments Received during the Virtual Meetings

3.1.1 August 17-30, 2020, Meeting Period Summary

Concerns and suggestions emerged about the I-270 corridor in metro Denver. Participants highlighted severe traffic issues, particularly at the Vasquez Boulevard interchange, which suffers from congestion and safety hazards due to outdated ramp designs and tight merge areas. There was a strong consensus on the need to expand the highway to three or four lanes in each direction, improve ramp geometries, and enhance truck management. Suggestions included extending Express or high occupancy vehicle lanes, avoiding tolls, and improving infrastructure for better traffic flow and safety. Environmental impacts, especially concerning Sand Creek and the Sand Creek Greenway, were also discussed—with calls for mitigation and improved visual appeal. Additionally, there was an emphasis about better pedestrian and bicycle facilities, improved local road connectivity, and effective community engagement to address current needs and future growth.

3.1.2 December 2-27, 2020, Meeting Period Summary

There was a debate about proposed improvements to the I-270 corridor. Many attendees supported adding general-purpose lanes in each direction to address severe congestion, particularly around the Vasquez Boulevard interchange, citing the existing issues with merging lanes and heavy truck traffic. While some favored Express Lanes, others opposed them due to concerns about tolls, environmental impacts, and potential misuse. Participants also recommended redesigning key interchanges, extending the merging lanes, and improving bicycle and pedestrian access. There were calls for a comprehensive approach that balances lane expansions with alternative solutions, such as enhanced mass transit and infrastructure repairs to ensure long-term effectiveness and community well-being.

4.0 Public Involvement Plan Execution (2023-Present)

A Public Involvement Plan (PIP) was developed and implemented when the EIS was initiated in 2023. Summaries of the activities conducted are provided in this report.

To maximize public engagement, the project team employed a range of outreach methods tailored to different community groups. The I-270 EIS outreach process utilized innovative strategies and commonly used tools to encourage widespread participation.

4.1 Public Involvement Plan

The PIP was developed and implemented to achieve expanded outreach goals and guide the EIS process. The PIP is available on the project website (<https://www.codot.gov/projects/studies/i270study/noticeofintent>). The PIP laid out the lead agencies' approach for providing information to and receiving input from the general public and interested stakeholders for the project.

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The PIP outlined objectives, goals, and principles to meet this mission. PIP objectives included identifying interested stakeholders; providing various forums and mechanisms for distributing information; ensuring meaningful opportunities for public participation from communities; encouraging and soliciting comments on all aspects of the process, well before key decision points; incorporating comments/feedback received into the process and key decisions; and ensuring compliance with NEPA and relevant regulations.

4.2 Meaningful Participation and Enhanced Engagement in the Community Study Area

The PIP was developed as a flexible document that was adapted based on the project and public needs and effective approaches to public involvement. The community study area was developed based on Census block groups within one mile of the project area. Outreach techniques for local communities were informed by best practices and recommendations from

CDOT, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and direct community input.

Due to the large percentage of Spanish speakers in the project area and requests from community organizations, FHWA and CDOT developed an Outreach Plan (CDOT, 2023). The purpose was to generate interest in the project and engage residents in the project area along with influential community leaders, organizations, and other agencies.

Strategies of the Outreach Plan included:

- Hosting in-person stakeholder workshops attended by identified stakeholders and those who expressed interest in participating.
- Developing and continually updating a list of monthly community events and festivals, Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO) meetings, volunteer opportunities, and project tours to gather community feedback and distribute educational materials to community members.
- Attending and engaging with residents and businesses at community events, offering Spanish interpretation to gather feedback from Spanish-speaking community members.
- Providing educational materials in local newspapers, magazines, church bulletins, and Facebook and WhatsApp groups.
- Identifying volunteer opportunities to help integrate the project team into the community.

CDOT's intentional efforts to engage local populations are reflected in the scope of outreach approaches, information dissemination methods, and public input opportunities. These methods and approaches have been adapted and expanded over the course of the I-270 project development to focus on project awareness through in-person engagement at community events and sustained involvement through regular stakeholder workshops to ensure affected community members are represented and engaged in the project and have a voice with other decision makers in providing authentic and meaningful community input to support the project development.

4.3 Project Website

The project website (<https://www.codot.gov/projects/studies/i270study>) provided a comprehensive resource for information and updates on the I-270 project. It included an “About the Project” section that outlined the project’s background, goals, and the purpose and need for improvements. A calendar highlighting community engagement opportunities, including events where the project team would be attending was posted. The website also offered a feedback form where community members could share their input and ask questions, along with contact information for reaching the project team directly. Links to related projects and studies and the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS and supporting NOI information were provided to give context and additional background. A gallery of photos offered a visual overview of the project area and progress, and a link to stay informed and connected allows visitors to sign up for updates and announcements. Additionally, the website included summary information on past and ongoing community outreach efforts to demonstrate how public feedback has shaped the project. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the I-270 project provided essential information about the EIS process, including its

purpose, the need for highway improvements, and various alternatives under consideration. They explained differences between general-purpose and Express lanes, addressed critical bridge repairs, outlined strategies for engaging with the community, and collected input.

4.4 Comment Forms

Comment forms were distributed at public and community meeting in both English and Spanish, and all meeting materials are provided in these languages. Online comment forms were also available as a convenient way for the public to share feedback on specific project aspects, without attending a meeting.

General comments or questions could also be submitted at any time via e-mail and were accepted through the project website. Input received through email or online comments (outside of specific events) included comments emphasizing the urgency for additional lanes on I-270, citing existing issues, such as severe potholes, poorly designed ramps causing traffic jams, and dangerous backups. Some feedback also criticized recent improvements focusing on repairs rather than increasing lane capacity and inquiries about potential right-of-way acquisitions and the project timeline.

The project team reviewed all submitted comments. All feedback was considered and incorporated into the project, as appropriate. Comments received during the scoping period from 2020-2023 are summarized in the Scoping Summary Report (Attachment A) as well as the comments received during the NOI comment period.

4.5 Public Meetings

CDOT hosted three rounds of public meetings as part of the Draft EIS process. In-person meetings occurred at Eagle Point Recreation Center, and the virtual meetings occurred on Zoom. Table 1 provides information about the meetings. Public meeting materials are available on the project website (<https://www.codot.gov/projects/studies/i270study/public-involvement>).

Table 1. Public Meetings

Meeting	Format	Date	Attendees
Public Meeting #1	In-person	October 10, 2023	80
Public Meeting #2	In-person	April 17, 2024	47
Public Meeting #2	In-person	April 20, 2024	41
Public Meeting #2	Virtual	April 18, 2024	30
Public Meeting #3	In-person	January 29, 2025	60
Public Meeting #3	In-person	February 1, 2025	52
Public Meeting #3	Virtual	January 30, 2025	20
Public Meeting #3	Virtual	February 4, 2025	21

4.5.1 Public Meeting #1 - October 2023

Public meeting 1 occurred as a scoping meeting that introduced the EIS process and educated the public about the project purpose and need and the history of the corridor, along with preliminary proposed alternatives.

Topics included:

- Project background and schedule
- Project purpose and need
- Corridor safety/traffic models, including Origin and Destination Study
- Critical bridges
- Proposed alternatives
- Environmental and community resources
- Land use, right-of-way, and air quality
- Considerations for bicycles, pedestrians, and transit
- Community priorities/how to stay involved

Public notices for this meeting included the following:

- CDOT website:
 - Project page updated: September 22
 - CDOT News site updated with after meeting release: October 16
- Email notification sent to project list: September 26 and October 9
- 38,000 mailers/postcards sent to the following zip codes on October 3:
 - 80024
 - 80216
 - 80221
 - 80238
- Flyers distributed to elected officials and posted at local events and neighboring businesses
- Social media postings:
 - Facebook/Instagram: October 5
 - LinkedIn: October 5
 - NextDoor: October 10
 - X: October 17
- Media advisory sent on October 3, 10, and 16
- Media coverage:
 - Commerce City Connected article: September 29
 - 9News: October 4
 - Denver Gazette: October 4
 - Denver 7 Live interview: October 5

4.5.2 Summary of Public Comments

The I-270 Corridor Improvements Project aims to modernize the corridor and to meet current and future transportation needs, focusing on traveler safety, transit options, bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, travel time reliability, and freight mobility while minimizing environmental impacts. Community feedback highlighted the concerns about increased traffic, air quality, and safety; with suggestions for adding lanes; improving bike and

pedestrian infrastructure; and enhancing transit options. There were strong preferences included adding three general-purpose lanes with an Express Lane and improved environmental and aesthetic features. There was also strong support for better communication with surrounding communities, and addressing current issues, such as potholes and traffic congestion.

4.5.3 Public Meeting #2 - April 2024

Public meeting 2 focused on reviewing a variety of potential project alternatives, including proposed improvements for bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit. The project team developed and assessed several alternatives based on the project purpose and need. Valuable community input helped refine the project alternatives and expand the range of options considered.

Topics included:

- How to get involved
- Project background and schedule
- Project purpose and need
- Traffic models, including Origin and Destination Study
- Public involvement approach
- Environmental Impacts (right-of-way; bicycle/pedestrian facilities; air quality; socioeconomics; waters, wetlands, and wildlife)
- Proposed alternatives, including alternative evaluation and screening
- Definition and feedback on the Community Study Area boundary

Public notices for this meeting included the following:

- CDOT website:
 - Project page updated: April 5, 23, and 24; May 7 and 16
 - CDOT News site updated with meeting announcement: April 12
- Email notification sent to project list: April 12
- 56,000 mailers/postcards sent to various routes within the following zip codes on April 3:
 - 80640
 - 80221
 - 80022
 - 80024
 - 80239
 - 80216
 - 80011
 - 80238
 - 80207
 - 80229
- Flyers distributed and posted by elected officials, local events, and neighboring businesses
- Social media postings:

- Facebook/Instagram: April 11
- LinkedIn: April 11
- Nextdoor: April 12
- X: April 12
- Media coverage:
 - Commerce City Connected advertisement published: April and May editions
 - Commerce City Sentinel advertisement published online and in print: weeks of April 8 and April 15
 - La Ciudad ad published in newsletter: weeks of April 8 and April 15
 - El Comercio News - website: April 5-20; social media - 4 posts on each platform (Facebook, Instagram, and X): between April 5 and April 20; newsletter: April 12; print: April 18
 - Entravision digital display ads (59,000 impressions) and social media ads (90,000 impressions) ran: April 13-20
- Media coverage:
 - CBS News Colorado: March 7
 - Connecta Colorado interview: unknown run date

4.6 Summary of Public Comments

At the round of meetings, more than 70 percent of attendees engaged actively, with many providing comments and expressing interest in further involvement. Discussions revealed strong support for the I-270 corridor project, highlighting its necessity and overdue nature, especially given the perceived neglect of the area compared to other parts of Denver. Participants offered thorough feedback on project alternatives by emphasizing the need for lane expansions and improvements, including specific suggestions for Express Lane operations, environmental enhancements, and better public outreach. Notably, these comments focused on the effectiveness of proposed alternatives—with varying opinions, including additional lanes, Express Lanes, or bicycle/pedestrian improvements. Specific location-based recommendations were also provided, including improvements to interchanges and considerations for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Overall, the feedback underscored a broad interest in ensuring the project addresses traffic issues, incorporates community needs, and enhances the corridor's environmental and aesthetic qualities.

4.7 Public Meeting #3 - January/February 2025

Information about the various design improvements under consideration was presented, and participants were asked to share input about the alternatives they felt should be moved forward, any concerns they might have for the I-270 project, how to improve outreach, and how to enhance environmental or community resources.

Topics included:

- Project background
- Purpose and need
- EIS activities
- Proposed alternatives

- Area-specific improvements
- Environmental issues of focus in the EIS
- Public engagement and involvement

Public notices for this meeting included the following:

- CDOT website:
 - Project page updated: Dec. 2, 2024
- Email notification sent to project list: Dec. 13, 2024
- 58,354 mailers/postcards sent to the following zip codes on Jan. 7, 2025:
 - 80640
 - 80239
 - 80238
 - 80221
 - 80216
 - 80207
 - 80022
 - 80011
 - 80229
- Flyers/Posters distributed and posted at local events and neighboring businesses at the following locations:
 - Eagle Point Recreation Center
 - Focus Points Family Resource
 - Kids First Center
 - Adam's Hope Center
 - Swansea Recreation Center
 - Over 5,000 flyers distributed to 12 schools in Adams 14 District
- Media advisories and press releases sent to English and Spanish language outlets coverage by:
 - Colorado Community Media
 - Commerce City Connected
 - 9News
 - La Ciudad
 - Univision
 - Telemundo
- Social Media and Digital Engagement:
 - 20 Nextdoor neighborhoods reached (~32,000 subscribers)
- Social media campaigns launched on:
 - CDOT social media pages
 - Community partner accounts
 - Connecta Colorado

- Newsletter Distribution:
 - Five versions of newsletters sent to 600 recipients via Mailchimp
- Community Partnerships:
 - Adams 14 District
 - Focus Points
 - Central Park United Neighbors (CPUN)
 - Adelante Community Development
 - Havana Street Business Improvement District (BID)
 - Boulder Latino Chamber of Commerce
 - Hispanic Restaurant Association (HRA)
 - National Western Center's Community Advisory
 - Lupitas Camino a la Esperanza
 - Impulso Negocio
 - And others

4.8 Summary of Public Comments

At both in-person meetings, attendees talked with project staff and other attendees about the project and how they could get involved. The attendees were engaged, and many filled out comment forms and/or left comments on post-it notes on the roll plot. Attendees also had questions about the construction process and the project's timeline. Many offered opinions on their preferred alternative moving forward and additional elements that could or should be considered.

Comment cards revealed strong community support for advancing the I-270 project, with many attendees emphasizing that improvements are long overdue and would benefit both Commerce City and interstate users. Attendees frequently cited the corridor's current state as dangerous, congested, and visually unappealing. While no comments expressed direct opposition, there were several concerns and suggestions. Air quality emerged as the most pressing environmental issue, while safety and congestion were identified as the primary concerns overall. Participants also expressed interest in protecting or enhancing environmental resources, like water and green space, increasing public transit options, and gaining a clearer understanding of project funding. Some concerns were raised about Express Lanes and tolling, noise walls potentially blocking business visibility, and design details at specific locations.

4.9 Events and Festivals

During the summer of 2024, the project team participated in a variety of local events, including sporting events, festivals, and farmers markets. These events provided the opportunities to distribute project information, answer questions, and gather input from community members.

In addition to engaging with a large number of residents, these events helped the team expand the project's community network and gain a deeper understanding of the organizations and interests present in the project area. Table 2 provides a detailed list of the events and festivals attended by the project team.

**Table 2. Events and Festivals**

Date	Event
2023-05-20	Summer Kick off Adams County, Rotella Park, Welby Summary: The primary objective of the summer kick-off event was to identify community organizations and gauge public interest in I-270 improvements within Adams County. Key findings include strong community interest in project updates, a predominantly Adams City attendee base, high I-270 usage, and speaking primarily English and Spanish, with a notable Afghan representation.
2023-06-06	Dahlia Trailhead Bike and Walk Tour, Sand Creek Drive, Commerce City Summary: The site visit to the Sand Creek Greenway Trail underscored its significance as a community asset. While the trail offers recreational benefits, challenges related to homelessness, litter, and safety were observed. Opportunities for improvement include enhanced signage, vegetation management, and community engagement to address safety and environmental concerns.
2023-08-01	National Night Out, Adams County Fairgrounds, Brighton Summary: The project team engaged with the community at National Night Out, an annual event fostering police-community partnerships. By distributing informational materials at the South Adams County Water & Sanitation District (SACWSD), the team gathered valuable feedback. Residents overwhelmingly expressed urgency for I-270 improvements, including additional lanes, enhanced safety measures, and emergency pull-off areas.
2023-08-03	Adams County Fair, Adams County Fairgrounds, Brighton Summary: The project team met with elected officials from multiple cities at a shared information booth during the Adams County Fair, a major community event attracting more than 80,000 attendees annually. The fair provided an opportunity to engage with an audience with multiple perspectives and promote collaboration among local governments.
2023-08-19	Town Hall Event, 7887 East 60th Avenue, Commerce City Summary: The project team distributed informational materials at a Commerce City Town Hall event hosted by Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet. Resident feedback highlighted critical I-270 issues, including safety hazards, severe congestion, frequent accidents, and urgency for pothole repairs. Residents expressed appreciation for the project initiation.
2023-08-23	Ribbon Cutting for Empowerment Apartments, 6200 Dahlia Street, Commerce City Summary: The project team attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Empowerment Apartments complex. While introducing the I-270 project, the project team gathered feedback from attendees, including local agency representatives, Empowerment staff, and Adams County Commissioners. The overwhelming consensus was I-270 traffic congestion is a significant and worsening problem.



Date	Event
2023-09-16	Welby Days Event, Rotella Park, Welby Summary: The I-270 team attended the Welby Days event and engaged with community members, including Mapleton School District Superintendent and Adams County Commissioner O'Dorisio. As a vibrant community gathering, Welby Days provided an opportunity to connect with residents and share project information.
2023-11-11	South Adams County Fire District Event, Fire Station 28, Commerce City Summary: South Adams County Fire District (SACFD) held its inaugural Community Fire Safety Day on November 11, 2023. The event featured local firefighters, paramedics, and community safety partners. Numerous organizations participated, including the National Fire Safety Association, Platte Valley Ambulance, American Red Cross, and several local government agencies.
2024-01-12	Cafecito Networking Event, Virtual Summary: Attended a virtual networking event called Cafecito. Introduced the I-270 project, emphasizing the importance of public input, especially from minority communities. Cafecito is a weekly or bi-weekly virtual networking group focused on community engagement.
2024-03-23	Minil-Con: Superhero Themed event, Bison Ridge Recreation Center, Commerce City Summary: The project team distributed flyers and engaged with the public. Attendees received information about upcoming I-270 public meetings (April 2024). Common concerns expressed by residents included congestion and road conditions on I-270. Overall, the project team distributed approximately 50 flyers and spoke with numerous residents about the project.
2024-05-27	Commerce City Memorial Day Parade, Veterans Memorial Park, Commerce City Summary: The I-270 team engaged with the community at the post-Memorial Day Parade event. A project information table was strategically placed to maximize visibility near the parade judging area. Team members provided project overviews and gathered public input and feedback.
2024-06-01	Thorntonfest, Carpenter Park Fields, Thornton Summary: The I-270 and I-70 project teams participated in Thorntonfest, a large community event. By sharing a booth, the teams distributed project materials and interacted with thousands of attendees, gathering valuable feedback on project priorities.
2024-06-08	Adams County Pride, Riverdale Regional Park, Brighton Summary: Adams County Pride celebrated pride with live entertainment, art, and family-friendly activities. The I-270 team participated by hosting a table to engage with the community and gather feedback on the project.

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2024-06-19	Commerce City Juneteenth Event, Pioneer Park, Commerce City Summary: The Commerce City Juneteenth Celebration at Pioneer Park celebrated the historical significance of Juneteenth. The event featured community activities, such as live music, free food, and family-friendly entertainment. The I-270 team was present at the celebration, engaging with attendees at a table to gather valuable public input.
2024-06-20	Small Business Expo (Latino Chamber of Commerce), CU Boulder Summary: The Latino Chamber of Commerce hosted a Bilingual Small Business Expo at CU Boulder's Leeds School of Business, focusing on supporting Latino entrepreneurs through workshops, panel discussions, and networking opportunities. The event emphasized bilingual communication and provided resources to help businesses thrive.
2024-06-27	Music in the Park/Commerce City Summer Shindig, Fronterra Park, Commerce City Summary: The I-270 team engaged with the community at Music in the Park/Commerce City Summer Shindig. A project information table was set up so team members provided project overviews and gathered public input and feedback.
2024-06-29	World Refugee Day Celebration (African Leadership Group), Aurora Summary: The African Leadership Group hosted the World Refugee Day Celebration in Aurora, honoring the resilience and contributions of refugees. The I-270 team participated by hosting an informational table, engaging attendees with project updates, and gathering valuable public input to ensure the voices of immigrant and refugee communities are reflected in planning efforts for the corridor.
2024-07-20	4th Annual Cultivando's EcoFiesta, Fairfax Park, Commerce City Summary: The CDOT team had a positive experience at the event, with an elevated level of community engagement. Collaborations with Green Latinos and Cultivando were established, and the CDOT team collected valuable feedback through comment forms and conversations with attendees. Key concerns centered around public transit options and commercial vehicle traffic management along the I-270 corridor.
2024-07-20	Havana Street Global Night Market, Leezakaya - Parking Lot, Aurora Summary: The Havana Street Night Market is a monthly event in Aurora featuring food vendors, shopping, and entertainment. Held on Saturday evenings from 6 pm to 10 pm.
2024-07-25	Commerce City Summer Shindig/Music in the Park, Pioneer Park, Commerce City Summary: The I-270 team engaged with the community at Music in the Park/Commerce City Summer Shindig. A project information table was set up so team members provided project overviews and gathered public input and feedback.



Date	Event
2024-08-03	Adams County Fair, Adams County Fairgrounds, Brighton Summary: The project team met with elected officials from multiple cities at a shared information booth during the Adams County Fair, a major community event attracting more than 80,000 attendees annually. The fair provided an opportunity to engage with an audience with multiple perspectives and promote collaboration among local governments.
2024-08-06	National Night Out, 6595 East 70th Avenue, Commerce City Summary: National Night Out is an annual event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. The I-270 project team engaged with both the local policing forces and members of the public.
2024-08-08	Federal Heights Summer Social, Ruston Park, Federal Heights Summary: At the Federal Heights Summer Social held at Ruston Park, the I-270 team engaged with attendees by setting up an informational booth. The event provided an opportunity to share details about the project, answer questions, and collect input from the community.
2024-08-10	Globeville-Elyria-Swansea (GES) Coalition Neighborhood Block Party, Valdez Perry Library, Denver Summary: The I-270 team participated in the GES Coalition Neighborhood Block Party held at the Valdez-Perry Library in Denver. The team hosted an informational table to engage with community members, share project updates, and gather valuable public input on transportation needs and concerns in the area.
2024-08-17	Global Fest, Aurora Municipal Center, Aurora Summary: The I-270 project team participated in Aurora's 11th annual Global Fest, which was held at the Aurora Municipal Center Great Lawn. This vibrant, family-friendly event celebrated the city's communities with performances, food trucks, an international marketplace, and activities. The festival included highlights, such as a Parade of Nations, a Global Flavors competition, and showcases, like dance and music. The team hosted a table to engage with attendees and gather public input regarding the project.
2024-09-15	Adams County Latino Festival Summary: The event was hosted at Riverdale Park. The attendance was very high from the beginning of the event; hundreds of people came to visit each booth to get resources information. Over 30 people engaged in discussions, and 10 comment cards were filled out, in both English and Spanish. A majority of the comments were positive regarding the project. The public emphasized traffic issues as a good reason to start the I-270 improvements.
2024-9-22	Hispanic Heritage Festival Summary: The project team had a table at the festival and engaged with attendees throughout the event.



Date	Event
2024-10-25	Adams 14 Schools Trunk or Treat Summary: The project team handed out candy and engaged with residents at the annual Halloween Trunk or Treat.
2025-03-05	Adams City Middle School Boutique Reopening Summary: The community was highly engaged with the booth, showing strong interest in the anticipated start of construction on I-270. People often complimented the project boards for being clear and informative, particularly in illustrating the different lane options. There were questions about the construction timeline and future engagement opportunities. People commented about congestion during rush hour and poor on-ramps.
2025-03-13	Adams City High School Carnival Summary: The community was highly engaged with the booth, showing strong interest in the upcoming I-270 construction. Parents praised the project boards for being clear and informative, especially in explaining the different lane options. Common questions included the construction timeline, the purpose of adding lanes, and how decisions will be communicated. Comments highlighted frustration with congestion, dangerous potholes, and the length of the survey, though many were positive and excited about the upcoming changes.

4.10 Presentations and Meetings

Targeted outreach through meetings and presentations with community groups, elected officials, and other interested organizations was essential to the success of the I-270 project. These gatherings complemented stakeholder workshops by providing opportunities for in-depth discussions and tailored information sharing. By directly engaging with specific audiences, the project team gathered valuable insights, addressed concerns, and built support for the project. Effective communication and collaboration with these groups were critical to ensure the project aligns with the community's needs and priorities. See Table 3 for information related to these presentations and meetings.

Table 3. Presentations and Meetings

Date	Summary
2023-05-02	Regional Transportation District (RTD) Public Hearing for Hispanic Community (Virtual) Summary: RTD is implementing fare changes to improve affordability. Key changes include a free fare pilot for youth younger than 19, lower overall fares, simplified fare options, expanded discounts, and new fare programs.
2023-05-04	Cultivando Coordination Meeting (Virtual) Summary: Cultivando is a non-profit organization deeply rooted in the Commerce City Latino community. Offering services such as health promotion, leadership training, and socioeconomic education, Cultivando actively seeks community input. Potential



Date	Summary
	collaborations with the I-270 project include joint community outreach, sharing project information, and leveraging Cultivando's environmental expertise.
2023-05-09	Moms Clean Air Force Meeting (Virtual) Summary: Moms Clean Air Force is a non-profit organization focused on protecting children from poor air quality. By partnering with organizations, such as CDOT, Moms Clean Air Force aims to create a healthier environment for everyone.
2023-05-11	Green Latinos (In-person) Summary: Green Latinos is a community organization focused on socioeconomic issues, particularly within the Latino community of Adams County. Prioritizing community engagement and transportation options, such as bus rapid transit (BRT), the organization emphasizes the importance of building trust and collaborating with other environmental groups. Green Latinos' insights can inform the I-270 project's outreach and planning efforts.
2023-05-19	Cafe con Lit - Latinos in Transit (Virtual) Summary: Christina Villarreal offered guidance to Latino business owners. She discussed government programs aiding minority businesses, common challenges faced by Latino entrepreneurs, and the value of networking and resource utilization. The goal was to equip Latino business owners with knowledge and a supportive community to help their businesses thrive.
2023-05-24	Commerce City (Virtual) Summary: CDOT and Commerce City met to discuss collaboration on the I-270 project. The city offered to assist with community outreach and communication efforts, including sharing project updates and participating in local events. Both parties agreed to maintain open communication, especially regarding upcoming road closures.
2023-06-07	Adelante (Maria Zubia) - Latin American non-profit meeting (Virtual) Summary: Adelante Community Development is a leader in equipping Latino businesses with the digital tools, so they succeed. By offering technology training and sustainable business practices, they are helping entrepreneurs navigate today's competitive market. Given Maria's considerable influence on the Hispanic community as both a non-profit leader and Commerce City business owner, building a relationship with her is essential for the success of the I-270 project.
2023-07-31	Adams County Commissioners Meeting (Virtual) Summary: Met virtually with Adams County Commissioners O'Dorisio (District 4) and Baca (District 5) to reintroduce the I-270 project and discuss outreach strategies. Provided messaging for commissioners to share with constituents who are increasingly frustrated by severe traffic congestion, particularly at the 60th and Vasquez intersection. Collaborated with county communications to develop advertising materials.



Date	Summary
2023-08-17	SACWSD Meeting (In-person) Summary: Met with SACWSD staff to discuss outreach strategies and project updates. SACWSD expressed interest in staying informed about project developments, given the challenges experienced with previous projects.
2023-08-17	Councilman Oscar Madera (Ward 1) Project Outreach Meeting (In-person) Summary: Initial outreach to Councilman Madera identified key concerns about traffic impact, project cost, and environmental effects. There is interest in potential partnerships and broader community engagement. Addressing these issues will strengthen the project's relationship with the councilman and the community.
2023-08-24	Commerce City Councilwoman Jennifer Allen-Thomas Meeting Summary: Initial outreach efforts were conducted with Councilwoman Jennifer Allen-Thomas (Ward 2) to introduce the I-270 project and promote the October 2023 public meeting. Councilwoman Allen-Thomas expressed interest in fostering partnerships with Adams 14 School District, local non-profit organizations, and distributing project flyers in neighborhoods along the I-270 corridor within Wards 1 and 2.
2023-09-11	Commerce City Council Meeting Summary: Attended the Commerce City Council meeting to provide project overviews and invitations to the upcoming public open house. Distributed project flyers to council members and city staff. Introduced the project liaison and project manager to the council and city staff.
2023-09-28	North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) Meeting (In-person) Summary: Team members participated in the NATA meeting, distributing open house flyers to attendees. Additionally, productive meetings occurred with Shawn Poe from Commerce City; Josh Sender from Adams County; and Lisa Hough, CEO of Adams County Regional Economic Partnership.
2023-11-15	Vasquez EA Public Meeting (In-person) Summary: CDOT attended the Vasquez EA Public Meeting. While the primary focus was on the Vasquez project, CDOT received inquiries about I-270 lane closures and the project timeline. There was also interest in potentially collaborating with Northeast Transportation Connections (NETC) for improved bicycle and pedestrian access across I-270, and it was evident that traffic congestion on I-270 remained as a significant public concern.



Date	Summary
2023-11-15	Greenway Visioning Workshop (In-person and Virtual options) Summary: The Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership (SCRGP) gathered feedback from the community about the future of the greenway through workshops. Key themes: Shade, lack of kid-friendliness; nature experiences (scenery, fresh air); community engagement (events) Valued aspects: Connection to nature; recreation opportunities Ideas for improvement: Shade structures; events and programs; educational signage; art installations; improved safety measures (lighting, signage) Next steps: Prioritize improvement ideas based on community input; develop future plans for the greenway Additional Notes: The greenway is a 13-mile path, which is popular with cyclists; SCRGP organizes events and programs along the trail; more workshops are planned for 2024.
2023-11-21	SCRGP discussion (In-person) Summary: CDOT and SCRGP discussed potential volunteer opportunities. Both organizations expressed interest in collaborating to build team cohesion and strengthen community ties. Potential volunteer projects include trash cleanup, weed removal, and graffiti removal. Logistics for volunteer participation, such as waivers and project coordination, will be further discussed.
2023-12-01	Green Latinos Stakeholder Involvement meeting (In-person) Summary: CDOT met with Green Latinos to discuss the I-270 project. The group expressed concerns about potential negative impacts on air quality, public health, and the community's well-being. CDOT provided a project overview and emphasized their commitment to community engagement. Both parties agreed to continue the conversation and explore potential partnerships to address community concerns.
2024-01-04	Adams County, Commerce City and CDOT Coordination Meeting Summary: The meeting focused on project updates, coordination with stakeholders, and next steps for the I-270 Corridor Improvement Project (project). Key Points: Project Updates, Stakeholder Engagement, 60th Avenue Issue Next Steps: Action Items - CDOT Provide additional information on remote control median access. Share ride-along notes with relevant stakeholders. Schedule a project update presentation for Adams County. Ensure that public outreach updates are coordinated through appropriate channels. The project team will explore grant opportunities for the 60th Avenue improvement project.



Date	Summary
2024-01-24	Meeting with Representative Rutinel and Chief of Staff Logan Souder Summary: The meeting included Logan Souder, Chief of Staff for Representative Manny Rutinel, and Representative Manny Rutinel. The discussion focused on project information and outreach efforts. Both Logan Souder and Representative Rutinel responded positively to the information presented. Key Points: Representative Rutinel, who has a background as an attorney with Earth Justice and is actively involved with socioeconomics, expressed a strong interest in receiving regular updates and ongoing communication about outreach and analysis.
2024-01-31	Green Latinos Stakeholder Involvement meeting (In-person) Summary: A meeting occurred with Green Latinos to discuss the I-270 project. Both parties expressed a shared interest in understanding and addressing community impacts. Potential collaboration on public outreach and further partnership opportunities will be explored in an upcoming follow-up meeting.
2024-02-01	Adams County, Commerce City and CDOT Coordination Meeting Summary: I-270 project meeting - Weekly updates, stakeholder workshops, and government building collaboration emphasized. Project timeline and 60th Avenue shutdown discussed. Community outreach and potential Green Latinos partnership explored.
2024-02-13	Adams County Board of County Commissioners Study Session Summary: The I-270 project is advancing with a focus on bridge repairs, project phases, public input, and funding. Safety concerns prompted urgent bridge maintenance. The project timeline includes environmental studies, bridge construction, and ongoing public engagement. Funding options are being explored, and potential project expansions are considered.
2024-04-04	Adams County, Commerce City and CDOT Coordination Meeting Summary: I-270 project meeting - Project updates, stakeholder feedback, and 60th Avenue plans discussed. Continued outreach and agency coordination emphasized. Next steps include presentations, grant exploration, and design refinement.
2024-04-11	Commerce City Senior Commission Meeting Summary: Attended a Commission meeting to present the I-270 project. Commissioners expressed limited knowledge of the corridor, prompting a suggestion to assess their familiarity. Valuable commuting insights were shared.
2024-04-11	Adams County Virtual Meeting Summary: Attended virtual GoogleMeet and discussed the project alternatives analysis and addressed concerns about freight.



Date	Summary
2024-02-05	Stakeholder Member Meeting (In-person) Summary: Debra Bullock (affiliated with the Commerce City Chamber, SACFD Board, and Commerce City Historical Society) offered to distribute flyers and requested further details about planned improvements at the East 60th Avenue and Vasquez Boulevard intersection. Key Points: Ms. Bullock expressed her readiness to support the project by distributing flyers. Additionally, she sought more information about upcoming improvements at the East 60th Avenue and Vasquez Boulevard intersection.
2024-02-28	Green Latinos Meeting (Virtual) Summary: The meeting occurred virtually with representatives from Green Latinos. Overview: We discussed various strategies for collaborating on outreach efforts. Key Points: During the meeting, we explored potential joint approaches for implementing outreach initiatives in partnership with Green Latinos.
2024-03-20	Cultivando Leadership Meeting (In-person) Summary: Team members met with Rocio Franco from Cultivando Leadership to enhance the project's outreach. Cultivando is a Colorado-based non-profit dedicated to empowering Latino communities, primarily mothers and youth. Rocio expressed interest in collaborating on community events and assisting with public meeting promotion. This partnership will be instrumental in incorporating multiple perspectives into the project.
2024-03-28	Focus Points Meeting (In-person and Virtual options) Summary: The meeting provided an overview of the I-270 project, including its current phase and the ongoing environmental study process. A strong emphasis was placed on community engagement, with the project team committed to addressing concerns and building trust. Key topics included project timeline, traffic impacts, air quality, and potential project features. The community expressed concerns about increased traffic during construction and neighborhood impacts. The project team pledged to maintain open communication through ongoing community outreach efforts.
2024-04-11	Green Latinos (In-person) Summary: Green Latinos is a community organization focused on socioeconomics, particularly within the Latino community of Adams County. Prioritizing community engagement and transportation options, such as BRT, the organization emphasizes the importance of building trust and collaborating with other environmental groups. Green Latinos' insights can inform the I-270 project's outreach and planning efforts.



Date	Summary
2024-04-19	Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEET) (Virtual) Summary: SWEET is a Denver-based non-profit dedicated to sustainable practices across the southwestern United States. By partnering with SWEET, the I-270 project can integrate environmentally friendly solutions, which will support the development of infrastructure improvements that contribute to a more sustainable and environmentally responsible transportation corridor.
2024-05-02	Adams County, Commerce City, and CDOT Coordination Meeting Summary: The meeting focused on providing updates on the project.
2024-05-08	New America School Summary: This meeting was conducted as a roadshow presentation, which helped display and communicate information about the EIS to stakeholder groups, community organizations, elected officials, and others.
2024-05-13	EGS & Partners Presentation (In-person) Summary: The meeting provided an overview of the I-270 project, including project status, environmental studies, and potential design alternatives. Community engagement was emphasized, with a focus on gathering feedback and addressing concerns. Key topics included traffic congestion, air quality, project funding, and potential impacts. Community members voiced concerns about Express Lanes, safety, and increased traffic on local roads during construction. The project team committed to ongoing community outreach and addressing the raised issues.
2024-05-17	African Leadership Group Summary: This meeting was conducted as a roadshow presentation, which helped display and communicate information about the EIS to stakeholder groups, community organizations, elected officials, and others.
2024-05-17	Amigos de Mexico Meeting (In-person and Virtual options) Summary: The meeting provided an overview of the I-270 project, including its timeline, environmental study, and potential design options. The project team emphasized the importance of public involvement and outlined their commitment to community engagement. Community members expressed concerns about increased traffic, safety, and potential impacts on businesses. Specific questions were raised regarding lane widening, emergency access, and traffic mitigation strategies. The project team committed to exploring solutions to address these concerns. The meeting concluded with a discussion on the need for public education campaigns focused on safe driving practices, emergency response, and carpooling.
2024-05-21	Adams County Council Study Session Meeting Summary: Council supports I-270 project but expresses concerns about freight truck safety, Express Lanes, funding, and transit options. Emphasizes traffic flow, high-speed transit, and Adams County's freight role.



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2024-05-21	CPUN Meeting (In-person) Summary: The meeting focused on providing updates on project communication channels. Attendees were informed about the project website, comment cards, office hours, and stakeholder workshops. The importance of community engagement was emphasized, with a request for attendees to share project information with others. Participants received electronic copies of the project presentation and comment cards.
2024-05-23	NATA Presentation (In-person) Summary: CDOT presented the I-270 project to NATA, outlining plans to improve traffic, safety, and transit while minimizing environmental impacts. While NATA expressed unanimous support, concerns were raised about freight, Express Lanes, tolling, and traffic connections. CDOT was commended for its community outreach efforts.
2024-05-28	Sand Creek Greenway “Many Destinations” Meeting Summary: CDOT team provided a project overview of the I-270 project, including alternatives and to discuss design improvements.
2024-06-03	Commerce City Council Presentation/Study Session Summary: The council expressed concerns about Express Lanes, traffic flow, air quality, noise, public transportation, pedestrian safety, community impact, data collection, and project alignment with community needs. While supportive of the I-270 project's overall goals, the council emphasized the need to address potential negative impacts on residents, the environment, and traffic congestion before moving forward. CDOT must provide detailed information and solutions to these concerns to garner wider community support.
2024-06-06	Adams County, Commerce City and CDOT Coordination Meeting Summary: The meeting focused on providing updates on the project. Project Updates: The team discussed project timelines, design updates, and public outreach efforts. Stakeholder Engagement: Meetings with Adams County and other agencies were discussed, including plans for future presentations and collaboration. Project Specifics: Details on bridge maintenance, Vasquez work, and potential improvements to the 60th Avenue crossing were shared. Overall, the meeting centered on project advancement and coordination among stakeholders.
2024-06-08	I-270 Project Agency Coordination Meeting Summary: I-270 EIS coordination meeting - CDOT and FHWA initiated formal collaboration. Project overview, agency roles, and EIS process discussed. Alternatives presented. Agency feedback received.



Date	Summary
2024-06-18	SACFD Board Presentation (In-person) Summary: The I-270 project aims to improve safety and traffic flow on a dangerous highway. The presentation highlighted the high crash rate due to congestion and poor road conditions. The project seeks to enhance safety, reduce congestion, improve transit, and accommodate increased traffic. Public input has emphasized safety and congestion concerns as well as the desire for better bicycling, walking, and transit options.
2024-06-20	Hispanic Chamber - Business Round Table (In-person) Summary: The I-270 Improvement Project aims to revitalize a congested and aging highway. Key goals include enhancing safety, reducing travel times, expanding transit options, improving pedestrian and bicycle access, accommodating increased freight traffic, and minimizing environmental impact. A comprehensive environmental study is underway to inform about potential solutions for this crucial corridor.
2024-06-27	Cultivando Presentation (In-person) Summary: The I-270 corridor is facing severe congestion and outdated infrastructure. This project aims to improve traffic flow, safety, public transit, pedestrian and bike access while minimizing environmental impact. Currently in the environmental impact study phase, the project seeks public input to refine potential solutions.
2024-08-01	Adams County, Commerce City and CDOT Coordination Meeting Summary: I-270 project update - Project timeline, public outreach, design, and agency coordination discussed. 60th Avenue bridge improvements explored. Aesthetic improvements and traffic control considered. Action items include aesthetic examples, Adams County coordination, and grant exploration.
2024-08-15	Impulso Negocio Presentation (In-person) Summary: Questions about smell from Suncor and Waste Management; whether the project would increase taxes; if other community improvements would be considered; traffic impacts during construction; and how long construction would last.
2024-08-22	Commerce City Environmental Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC) Presentation (In-person) Summary: Provided project updates on the alternatives being evaluated. Answered questions and discussed project schedule and EIS comment and outreach opportunities. The committee expressed interest in bike and pedestrian options, air quality monitoring, neighborhood cut-through traffic impacts, and air quality and noise impacts.

Date	Summary
2024-10-22	Meeting with Green Latinos (In-person) Summary: Green Latinos expressed frustration with not receiving notification of the NOI publication. They wanted to clarify that their participation in the EIS does not mean that they support the project. Air quality and health impacts are critically important to them and that improving air quality be a project need. CDOT does not believe that air quality can be a project need but will look into how to engage community on the issue at a regional level. Clarification was provided on transit and bicycle/pedestrian elements.
2024-10-29	Meeting with the Freight Advisory Council Summary: Project presentation to the quarterly meeting of the Freight Advisory Council, a group of private and public freight industry and transportation planning members with expertise and interest in the state's freight mobility network. The Freight Advisory Council (FAC) serves as a forum for the private sector to discuss commercial transportation needs, influence transportation policy, and collaborate with partners to develop a transportation system that supports the economic vitality of Colorado by providing for the safe, efficient, coordinated, and reliable movement of freight.
2025-01-27	Adelante Small Business Breakfast Meeting Summary: CDOT and NETC addressed key questions and concerns from business owners about the project, including construction phasing and schedule. Attendees requested more communication about construction impacts. Updates will be shared through the project website, media, e-blasts, and social media, with a specific request to communicate through Adelante. Concerns were raised about increased neighborhood traffic from detours. Commuter travel surveys and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plans are in place to address this. Options to provide free RTD ticket books or subsidies for rides is being explored.

4.11 Community Office Hours

Community office hours were designated periods, where project representatives were present within a community to provide information and address questions or concerns about a project. The goal of community office hours was to foster open communication, build trust, and ensure that the public felt informed and involved in the project.

Community office hours occurred at Eagle Pointe Recreation Center on the following dates:

- May 28, 2024
- June 25, 2024
- July 30, 2024
- August 27, 2024
- September 24, 2024
- October 29, 2024
- November 19, 2024

4.12 Listening Sessions

A community listening session was a gathering where attendees shared their thoughts, opinions, and concerns about a specific topic or project. These sessions were open and took place at popular community destinations, allowing participants to express themselves freely.

In the context of the I-270 project, these listening sessions directly engaged residents to gather their feedback on the proposed improvements (see Table 4). These sessions were hosted in community locations and included Spanish-speaking staff.

Table 4. Listening Sessions

Date	Location	Key Issues
2023-12-03	Mama's Café	Traffic congestion, pedestrian and bicycle safety, public transit reliability, safety concerns, air quality
2023-12-04	Eagle Pointe Recreation Center	Severe traffic congestion, safety issues, and lack of pedestrian/bicycling infrastructure, air quality, land use
2023-12-07	Anythink Library	Need for more transit options, traffic congestion, pedestrian and bicycle safety
2023-12-09	Eagle Pointe Recreation Center	Traffic congestion and safety, pedestrian and bicycle safety, public transit reliability, air quality, and environmental preservation
2023-12-13	Eagle Pointe Recreation Center	Severe westbound congestion, safety concerns (driver behavior and road conditions), need for better pedestrian/bicycle infrastructure
2023-12-15	Anythink Library	Congestion near Vasquez, reliable transit, improved bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure, noise, trash, and environmental concerns impact quality of life
2023-12-20	Adams County Human Services Center	Traffic and reliability for commuting to work and airport, poor pavement conditions, avoid using I-270 due to bad traffic and aggressive trucks, air quality
2023-12-22	Anythink Library	Don't use I-270 because it's too congested. Would like more transit options, and love the A-line to downtown.

4.13 Stakeholder Workshops

In March 2024, CDOT began hosting stakeholder workshops to better understand community concerns and to gather input on the project, proposed alternatives, and potential environmental impacts and mitigation measures. Initially designed to explore the community context and vision, these workshops have evolved into a collaborative forum for an open, respectful debate and discussion about transportation and community values, directly shaping the project development.

The workshops brought together a mixed group of participants, including residents, businesses, and representatives from local service and environmental organizations, alongside decision makers and other agencies working in the project area, including CDOT. Suggested by environmental organizations, the workshops were intentionally set up to allow for discussions on multiple disciplines, incorporating perspectives from community leaders, local

businesses, transportation providers, and other stakeholders familiar with the area and its unique challenges.

The workshops were facilitated and conducted in both English and Spanish. Each session included a blend of educational components, such as guest experts and background information, and collaborative discussions to address project and community concerns. Workshop topics were developed collaboratively by participants, focusing on key issues of greatest interest (Table 5 summarizes the stakeholder workshop topics).

These regular workshops fostered consistent engagement, allowing participants to build on prior discussions and develop a deeper understanding of the project’s context and potential impacts. They were instrumental in defining the scope of the EIS, identifying critical issues, and building community understanding. The workshops continued throughout 2024 and 2025.

Table 5. Stakeholder Workshops

Date	Format/Attendance	Summary
2024-02-06	Virtual (English/Spanish) Project team: 11 Stakeholder: 14	Planning meeting to initiate stakeholder workshops. Review the I-270 project background, define goals for the upcoming stakeholder workshops, and establish ground rules for collaboration. Key topics include project challenges, community values, and environmental considerations. Participants will also provide feedback on workshop logistics to ensure effective engagement and thorough preparation for the stakeholder sessions.
2024-03-05	In-person (English/Spanish) Project team: 11 Stakeholder: 14	Develop common understanding of project, project area, and alternatives to be considered. Understand stakeholder goals and project success factors.
2024-03-19	In-person (English/Spanish) Project team: 10 Stakeholder: 14	Overview of traffic modeling and 2050 traffic demand. Review and evaluate project alternatives developed to date. Review and evaluate project alternatives developed to date. Discuss pros and cons of project alternatives and features.
2024-04-30	In-person (English/Spanish) Project team: 8 Stakeholder: 13	Review public meeting input. Discuss alternatives screening and recommendations for EIS alternatives. Suggest topics for future meetings.
2024-05-28	In-person (English/Spanish) Project team: 8 Stakeholder: 14	Discuss freight operations, transit operations and facilities, and emergency response. Presentations by regional freight and transit experts.
2024-06-25	In-person (English/Spanish) Project team: 4 Stakeholder: 15	Discuss interchanges, auxiliary lanes, and Express Lanes. Presentations by project design staff and Executive Director of Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO), the business enterprise responsible for Colorado’s Express Lanes.

Date	Format/Attendance	Summary
2024-07-30	In-person (English/Spanish) Project team: 7 Stakeholder: 16	Bicycle, pedestrian, and water quality updates. Discussion of air quality data, evaluation efforts, and best practices. Presentation by CDOT research principal investigator for regional air quality monitoring.
2024-08-27	In-person (English/Spanish) Project team: 13 Stakeholder: 8	Reviewing potential construction phasing and best practices. Discussion of socioeconomic issues and potential community enhancements. Presentation by project construction and design staff and group discussion of socioeconomics.
2024-10-29	In-person (English/Spanish) Project team: 5 Stakeholder: 21	Review of EIS process, including NOI, next steps in the EIS process, upcoming public meetings, and stakeholder working group participation in EIS moving forward. Request for additional meeting to end the year and review stakeholder group's activities for 2025.
2025-01-28	In-person (English/Spanish) Project team: 7 Stakeholder: 18	Introduction and orientation to design drawings, walk through design of project alternatives in detail, and answer any questions about design standards, criteria, and operational details.
2025-02-25	In-person (English/Spanish) Project team: 10 Stakeholder: 15	Review and summarize comments received from the public meetings held in January and February 2025. Review and discuss public input and suggestions.

4.14 Business Outreach and Interviews

CDOT conducted business interviews to collect insights on how the I-270 corridor impacts local industries and commerce, as well as identifying potential improvements for the movement of goods and services. Outreach focused on businesses located near I-270 and regional industries reliant on the corridor, such as Denver International Airport. Interviews targeted a range of sectors, including retail, manufacturing, and healthcare. Organizations involved included:

- Denver International Airport
- Dicks Sporting Goods Stadium
- El Coco Pirata
- Masek Rocky Mountain Golf Cars
- Northfield Shopping Center
- Northglenn Market Place
- Suncor
- T Force Freight
- Walmart - Commerce City

The outreach process, which incorporated input from subject matter experts, used tailored survey questions and was conducted through in-person meetings, virtual sessions, and online methods.

Businesses provided valuable feedback on how I-270 impacts their operations, customers, and employees. These interviews were conducted by the CDOT project manager and/or design manager, along with representatives from NETC, a transportation management association serving the project area.

CDOT also hosted business breakfasts and a business open house, with a focus on businesses in the project area.

4.15 Freight Industry and Trucking Industry Outreach

Engagement with the freight and trucking industry was a key component of the project, as freight operations along the corridor were identified as an important transportation need. Industry representatives and local trucking operators have consistently participated in stakeholder workshops, providing valuable input on operational challenges and needs. The team has also coordinated closely with CDOT's freight mobility branch and participated with the FAC to share project information and gather feedback.

4.16 Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to traditional stakeholder engagement, the I-270 project actively engages with the community through volunteer events. These efforts help the team better understand community issues while keeping the public informed about the project's progress, potential impacts, and benefits.

Volunteer events further strengthen community relationships. By supporting local causes, collaborating with non-profits, and contributing to community development, the project team has gained valuable insights into the well-being of areas affected by highway improvements. These initiatives create opportunities to partner with community organizations, encourage active public participation, and gather meaningful feedback. This engagement broadens the project team's understanding of interconnectedness of community issues and needs, helping inform decisions and leverage shared interests to achieve better outcomes for the community. See Table 6 for a list of volunteer events that the project team participated in.

Table 6. Volunteer Events

Date	Summary
March 29, 2024	Sand Creek Greenway 270 Volunteer Day Location: Dahlia Trailhead, 49000 Sand Creek Drive, Commerce City
April 13, 2024	Sand Creek Greenway 270 Volunteer Day Location: Wetland Loop Trailhead, 52nd Avenue and Ivy Street, Commerce City
April 22, 2024	Sand Creek Guardians Trash Collection Location: Dahlia Trailhead, 49000 Sand Creek Drive, Commerce City
May 29, 2024	Sand Creek Greenway 270 Volunteer Day Location: Dahlia Trailhead, 49000 Sand Creek Drive, Commerce City
July 23, 2024	Mobile Food Market Location: Garden Place Academy, 4425 Lincoln Street, Denver
August 3, 2024	Greenway Guardians Sculpture Unveiling Event Location: Wetland Loop Park, 6102 East 52nd Avenue, Commerce City, 80022

4.17 Agency Coordination

Interagency coordination is a fundamental component of the NEPA process, and formal designation of agency roles and responsibilities is specifically required for an EIS. Roles and responsibilities for agencies involved in the EIS process are described in 23 CFR Part 771 Environmental Impact and Related Procedures and 23 U.S.C. 139: Efficient Environmental Reviews for Project Decision Making and One Federal Decision. FHWA and CDOT are the lead agencies for this EIS, and 16 other agencies are involved as cooperating or participating agencies in the process. They include:

- Adams County
- Commerce City
- Denver
- CDPHE
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW)
- Colorado State Patrol
- Denver Regional Council of Governments
- EPA
- Federal Transit Administration
- Mile High Flood District
- Northern Cheyenne Tribe
- Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
- Public Utilities Commission
- Regional Transportation District
- United States Army Corps of Engineers
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

The I-270 Improvements Project Agency Coordination Plan (updated July 2024 and available on the project website: <https://www.codot.gov/projects/studies/i270study/noticeofintent>) identifies the agencies involved in the EIS, outlines agencies' roles and responsibilities, describes the project schedule and agency coordination points, defines permitting requirements and timelines, and describes the methods and principles for agency and public engagement.

As described in the Agency Coordination Plan, FHWA and CDOT provided regular project updates to agencies throughout the EIS process. The agencies, in turn, shared updates, new data, and/or stakeholder feedback related to their area of expertise or jurisdiction that could affect the project or the lead agencies' decision-making. The lead agencies determined the best mode of communication for quarterly updates.

Table 7 summarizes agency coordination meetings.

Table 7. Agency Coordination Meetings

Date	Quarter	Type	Discussion
2023-06-08	Q2/Q3 2023	Meeting #1	Kick off meeting. Informed agencies of upcoming invitation letters and asked that they respond to the letters. Project Background, preliminary purpose and need, and preliminary alternatives discussed.
2023-11-01	Q4 2023	Meeting #2	Public Meeting #1 summary. Draft purpose and need. Agencies asked to comment on draft purpose and need as an action item. Agencies asked to send CDOT additional multimodal improvements to add to Bike/Ped/Transit Alternative. Discussed new alternatives added to the range; Minimal Build and 2 GPL + 2 EL.
2024-04-11	Q1 2024	Email #1	Notification of Public Meeting #2 and Outreach update. Sent out Draft Agency Coordination Plan to agencies.
2024-05-17	Q2 2024	Meeting #3	Discussed preliminary screening and the two build alternatives that CDOT recommends evaluating in detail within the Draft EIS. Requested comments on preliminary screening criteria and results. Summary of Public Meeting #2 feedback. Overview of Stakeholder Workshops. Action item to send comments on Agency Coordination Plan that was sent on 4/11/24.
2024-10-30	Q3 2024	Meeting #4	Discussed NOI and summarized scoping outreach and comments. Provided updates on the Section 404 Merger coordination and socioeconomic analysis. Distributed list of reasonably foreseeable projects to assist with cumulative impact analysis and requested comments or additions within 30 calendar days.
2025-03-13	Q1 2025	Meeting #5	Discussed project updates including the schedule and the status of the project. Provided a summary of public meeting #3 and an update on the Section 404 Merger.

CDOT and FHWA also held interagency working group meetings with EPA regarding air quality analysis and local agency coordination meetings with Adams County and Commerce City. In addition, the lead agencies coordinated with numerous agencies on an individual basis, including Mile High Flood District, Colorado State Historic Preservation Office, CPW, USFWS, CDPHE, Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), and Denver.

Commerce City, Adams County, RTD, DRCOG, and local emergency service providers also participated in the stakeholder working group, and many agency staff coordinated with the lead agencies on specific topics outside of the primary coordination meetings.

Attachment A. Scoping Summary Report

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