

## Stakeholder Workshop #16

**Location:** Eagle Pointe Recreation Center

**Date/Time:** September 29, 2025 / 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

### Meeting Purpose

Discuss project elements, EIS mitigations, and the recommended community enhancements.

### Discussion

#### Welcome

Participants introduced themselves. A summary of the last workshop was included in the briefing book. Inserts to the briefing book were distributed to provide information and background for tonight's discussions.

#### Timely Topics

The recent freight crash on 56th Avenue, where a truck went over the guardrail from I-270 onto 56th Avenue, was a major point of concern. The bridge reconstruction planned as part of the project will improve the safety of these bridges. It was noted that approximately 200 to 250 gallons of diesel entered Sand Creek as a result of the crash, and the official crash report will be available soon.

NETC provided updates on community feedback and ongoing initiatives. They reported that bicycling continues to be a divisive topic within the community, though there is enthusiasm for the idea of community tricycles. NETC is exploring the use of a debit card program tied to transit access and plans to launch a pilot program in January involving 100 residents. They are also proposing group rides to encourage participation. While there is community support for walking school buses, residents have expressed concern about freight traffic in neighborhoods, as well as lighting and safety for both bicyclists and pedestrians.

The group also shared that DRCOG will be at the next stakeholder workshop and is interested in forming a freight-focused group, with plans to identify and invite stakeholders to participate.

#### Recommended Community Enhancements

Community feedback has played a vital role in shaping the project. Input gathered from stakeholders and residents has informed proposed design elements, the 146 environmental mitigation commitments outlined in the EIS, and a set of state-funded community enhancements.

CDOT evaluated the feasibility and cost of the proposed enhancement ideas that were identified at the stakeholder subcommittee workshop and found that 47 of the 49 enhancement concepts were both practical and cost-effective, largely due to their adaptable nature. These ideas were then consolidated into nine overarching commitments that provide CDOT and the community with flexibility to allocate funds toward specific needs as they emerge. A proposed percentage of the remaining enhancement funds has been assigned to each commitment, ensuring a balanced approach that reflects community-driven priorities and values. The nine commitments include:

1. Landscape/aesthetics outside project limits
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3. Enhanced air quality monitoring and state plan
4. Support for community and environmental projects

5. Enhanced work zones
6. Travel demand management
7. Enhanced freight improvements
8. Workforce development and local business support
9. Monthly enhancement public reporting

Once construction begins, CDOT will provide timely reports detailing progress on these commitments. There is still opportunity for the public to provide comments. Draft recommendations will be incorporated into the State Community Analysis Technical Report and shared publicly during the DEIS comment period.

Overall, stakeholders expressed gratitude and appreciation towards CDOT's outreach and public involvement process and are excited to see how the enhancements develop further with the project.

### Questions and Comments

- When would enhancements begin and how long would they last?
  - The goal is to establish enhancements that can sustain itself beyond project completion. While enhancement funds would need to be used before the end of construction, CDOT hopes that some initiatives will continue independently after the project concludes.
- Where would the enhancements occur?
  - Enhancements would be implemented in the community study area.
- Could there be partnership with Suncor?
  - While CDOT may not actively pursue a partnership with Suncor, collaboration could be considered if it aligns with community priorities and makes sense within the context of the project.
- How can CDOT staff bring expertise to projects rather than just fund programs?
  - This concept is reflected in Commitment 4, which emphasizes CDOT's intent to not only fund but also support community-selected enhancements through technical expertise and collaboration.
- Would CDOT consider temporary alternative hazmat routes?
  - Potential temporary hazmat routes would be determined as part of the project's Traffic Management Plan.
- Where can community members provide comments regarding air quality if conditions worsen during construction?
  - CDOT accepts public comments through multiple channels, including the project hotline, email, and website. CDOT is also exploring the possibility of linking feedback opportunities to the Love My Air dashboard kiosk that may be implemented as a state-led enhancement.
- How is CDOT addressing truck parking concerns?
  - Stakeholders emphasized the importance of carefully considering the placement of truck parking facilities. Both CDOT and community representatives recognize this as a critical issue for the area and will continue to coordinate to identify appropriate solutions.

### Conclusion

The next meeting will serve as the final stakeholder workshop. During this session, the team will review the publication of the Draft EIS, discuss the project schedule, and celebrate the completion of the stakeholder workshop process.