

Community Enhancements Stakeholder Subcommittee Meeting #2

Location: CDOT North Holly 4670 Holly St, Denver, CO 80216

Date/Time: September 25, 2025 / 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Summary

Introduction, Welcome, and Purpose

Participants were welcomed and provided with an overview of the meeting agenda. The purpose of the meeting was to review updated information on state-funded community enhancements, incorporating feedback from the previous subcommittee meeting and providing additional information on the benefits and costs of each option.

Community Outreach Overview

CDOT shared that since May 2023, they have participated in nearly 200 community outreach activities. These have included listening sessions, office hours, attendance at community fairs and festivals, multiple sets of public meetings, community presentations, fifteen stakeholder workshops, and dozens of local business interviews.

Stakeholder feedback suggested some expanded outreach including canvassing or door-to-door engagement to reach older residents, along with expanding communication through television, radio, and billboards.

Project Planning Components

CDOT emphasized that community feedback has been integral to shaping the project. Input is being incorporated into proposed design elements, 146 environmental mitigation commitments in the Draft EIS, and state-funded community enhancements.

This generated discussion around project elements and mitigation measures. Safety and maintenance were recurring topics of concern. Participants raised questions about winter driving conditions and whether bridge heating elements could be installed to prevent ice buildup. While these systems can be costly on state roads, CDOT noted that it is expanding its maintenance workforce and will ensure proper upkeep during winter conditions. Questions were also raised about construction impacts and whether road closures or detours would occur; CDOT confirmed that I-270 will remain open throughout construction.

Questions were also raised about how toll revenues are used. CDOT explained that express lane revenues are reinvested into the transportation system, primarily to maintain, operate, and improve the same corridor where the revenue is collected.

State Funded Community Enhancements

CDOT explained that they analyzed the feasibility and cost of proposed enhancement ideas and determined that 47 of the 49 were feasible and cost-effective, largely because of their flexible nature. These ideas were consolidated into nine commitments that give CDOT and the community flexibility to direct funds toward specific needs as they arise. A proposed percentage of remaining funds has been allocated to each commitment. CDOT shared each of the nine commitments including the detailed description of the commitment, the proportion of non-federal funds to be directed to

the commitment, and example of specific enhancements that could be implemented under the commitment. The nine commitments are summarized as:

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

CDOT explained that once construction begins, they will provide monthly 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.

Participants also discussed the importance of investing in youth and workforce development opportunities while emphasizing that seniors should also benefit from enhancement funds.

Community access and partnerships were also key themes. Stakeholders expressed a desire for improved walking and biking connections along Brighton Boulevard—particularly between Suncor and 64th Avenue—and called for traffic calming measures near schools affected by heavy trucking activity. Others requested that the Welby community be explicitly included in the enhancement commitments. Additional suggestions included hiring local contractors, installing air quality sensors, and partnering with community-based organizations to help implement enhancements. CDOT will consider all input and incorporate feasible ideas where appropriate.

Next Steps

CDOT will review and address the comments received during this meeting. These commitments will be shared with the full stakeholder group at the next stakeholder meeting. Draft recommendations will be incorporated into the State Community Analysis Technical Report, which will be released for public review during the DEIS comment period in November and December 2025. During this period, CDOT will gather additional community feedback. In 2026, CDOT will review and respond to public comments and make any necessary revisions before finalizing the State Community Analysis Technical Report.