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## **Rail study meetings scheduled for October The state highway department wants to know if freight traffic should be moved the Eastern plains.**

The Colorado Department of Transportation will hold a second series of open houses for its study of the economic feasibility of moving freight rail traffic from the Front Range to Colorado's Eastern Plains.

Participants in the Rail Relocation for Colorado's Communities study are BNSF Railway, the Union Pacific Railroad and the Regional Transportation District.

The first round of open houses was held in the spring. This round of meetings will allow the public to comment on the draft findings of the study and learn about the benefits, costs and issues associated with going forward with a rail bypass project.

The open houses will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m., with a formal presentation at 5 p.m. each evening. The schedule for meetings in Southern and Southeastern Colorado is:

Oct. 9, Las Animas Elementary School, 530 Poplar Avenue, Las Animas.

Oct. 23, Pueblo City Hall, city council chambers, Pueblo.

For more information, call Tammy Lang at 303-757-9811 or visit the study Web site at [www.dot.state.co.us/railroadstudy/default.asp](http://www.dot.state.co.us/railroadstudy/default.asp) .