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**CDOT TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS FOR
US HIGHWAY 24 WEST
DURING JUNE 21ST OPEN HOUSE**

Colorado Springs, CO — The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will host an open house on Tuesday, June 21, 2005 to discuss potential solutions for US Highway 24 West from I-25 to Manitou Ave. The open house will be **from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the West Center for Intergenerational Learning, 25 N. 20th St. in Colorado Springs.** The public is invited to drop by anytime during the event.

The purpose of the Open House is to present the potential solutions developed from previous public input and review the criteria that will be used to evaluate each of the potential solutions. . There will also be a presentation and discussion about the existing conditions along the corridor. Additional discussion and review will include the upcoming steps and how people can stay involved in the process

“The long list of ideas we received from the residents and businesses have been grouped into nine potential solutions, such as non-motorized, transit, traffic calming and mainline improvements,” said Dave Watt, CDOT Corridor Manager for the US 24 West study. “The next step is to see which ideas rise to the top in each area and become part of the final alternatives analysis later this year.”

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The Open House format lets attendees to talk one-on-one with CDOT staff and engineers who are working on the project, along with members of the consultant team that CDOT has hired to help develop the EA.

Individuals interested in a presentation to their business, civic or homeowners group will also be able to schedule a presentation through the project's speakers bureau.

US 24 West serves many purposes in the Pikes Peak Region. It is the only major route to the mountains between Highway 285 in Denver and Highway 50 in Pueblo. It's also a major access corridor for neighborhoods and businesses on the west side and for several popular tourist attractions. And it's a commuter route for the residents who live along Ute Pass and in Woodland Park.

For more information about the US 24 West project, visit the Web site at www.us24west.com, or call 719-477-4970.

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