Stay Involved!

A Fall Open House is being planned. The date and time will be announced soon.

We encourage you to contact us with your questions and comments.

Open houses will continue throughout the project.

We also offer the services of a Speakers Bureau for local civic and business groups.

Join the mailing list to make sure you receive newsletters and meeting announcements.

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Progress report on the Environmental Assessment (EA) of US 24 West, from Manitou Springs to I-25

We completed an initial screening of the ideas, or Level 1 screening, and have been working on Level 2 screening.

For Level 2, we took a closer look at the remaining ideas to measure their effectiveness in addressing the project's Purpose and Need. This resulted in a ranking of potential solutions.

How did we decide which solutions to carry forward?

Each potential solution was subjected to a closer examination or screening and evaluated for its ability to meet the project Purpose and Need including the potential for environmental impacts. This analysis determined which potential solutions were carried forward.

What is the Purpose and Need?

The Purpose and Need defines the vision and issues and provides a basis for developing and screening the alternatives. Issues and ideas, along with technical data relating to the use and functions of US 24 West, are used to prepare this statement.



A Community Vision

Our Vision for US 24 West Corrdior improvement will integrate into the community fabric, while providing safety, accessibility and mobility

The Plan must....

- Begin with the existing conditions and current plans for the corridor
- Recognize the distinct character of segments along the corridor
- Address the needs of the multiple users of multiple modes
- Enhance the corridor aesthetics
- Provide access to destinations and gateways

The US 24 improvements must...

- Protect and enhance neighborhoods and cultural resources
- Support economic vitality in the adjacent areas
- Avoid and minimize adverse impacts to the natural and human environments
- Provide way-finding systems that guide users and then identify the US 24 corridor

Meaningful stakeholder involvement in the US 24 process, as measured by the stakeholders, is necessary to gain endorsement of the improvements and support for coordinated implementation.

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Evaluating Potential Solutions - The Road to the EA Envision West

The Entryway

Thanks to all of you who took the time to attend one of our open house or workshop events, filled out a comment sheet, or contacted us by phone or e-mail.

First Open House - November 2004

At the first open house and workshop we introduced the project and asked for your input regarding current corridor conditions and issues. Your issues were all documented and these Critical Issues emerged from examination of your comments:

- Needs of the multiple users who have multiple objectives
- Corridor aesthetics
- Corridor's context and setting including the adjacent neighborhoods and surrounding businesses
- Economic viability
- Surrounding natural and human environment
- Safety, accessibility, and mobility
- US 24 as a destination and connector to gateways and other destinations
- Coordinated implementation
- Effective and fundable solutions

Your input has shaped the foundation of this project.

Level 1 - Screen Ideas

\	Community Values			Safety, Accessibility & Mobility			Environmental	Implementation		How will this screening be
	Is this idea compatible with non- motorized mobility?	Is this idea compatible with the corridor's context and setting?	Is this idea compatible with local goals and plans?	Does this idea provide access for local trips or does it provide regional mobility or does it preserve future transportation mobility options?	Is this idea compatible with the existing or planned transportation system?	Can this idea improve safety?	Can adverse environmental impacts be avoided, minimized or mitigated?	Is this compatible with implementation of local agency plans?	Is this a proven technology?	completed?
No Action TSM/TDM Non-Motorized Transit Roadway	Because of the multiple types of users with multiple objectives as an according to identify ideas and solutions that are supportive and compatible with improved mobility for non-motorized users, such as pedestrian overpasses.	Because the corridor context and setting changes from west to east. It is completed to a complete complete complete complete complete complete context changing context and setting.	This criterion considers an idea's ability to support or compatible with local plans such as the Fountain Creek Floodway Plan, the local land use and development plans.	The mobility of all trigs local sed trigs local sed of popular process and process and full representation of full representations and full representations and solutions should solutions should solutions should not of flees mobility improvements.	Local governments and agencies have worked to plan a have worked to plan a system that works for the region. It is the job of this project to develop the best solution for US 24 that is compatible with the overall transportation system.	All ideas considered should improve safety.	If an idea or solution has environmental impacts that can not be avoided, impacts that can not be avoided, imministed that the solution of the control of th	The implementation of any US24 improvements should be used to the control of funding and phasing.	To achieve the project's vision of an effective and fundable solution from unproved the carefully. Some new technologies may not qualify for federal capacity. Some new compatible with technologies that local agencies can maintain.	FOR EACH IDEA. If any question is answered with a NO, then that idea is eliminated as a Potential Solution. The idea is re- evaluated to measure any collection to the collection of the collection of the collection of the collection and value as an element of an alternative then the idea will be moved into Additional to moved into Additional considered for inclusion in the alternative later in the process. If all questions are answered with YES then the idea moves forward to Short List of Ideas.

Second Open House - January 2005

All the issues from the first workshop were on display at the second open house and workshop in January 2005. In the associated workshop, the discussion topic was "ideas" or "What could be done to address the Critical Issues along the corridor?" The workshop discussions, plus input from community leaders and comments from the Web site, generated 360 ideas.

Third Open House - April 2005

At the third open house each idea was sorted into one of these categories: No Action, Transit, Roadway, Non-motorized, Transportation Systems Management/Travel Demand Management, Additional Corridor Elements and Other Programs. Did you check the categories to find your idea? Each idea in

the category was then subjected to a Level 1 screening for its ability to address the Critical Issues in the corridor.

Fourth Open House - June 2005

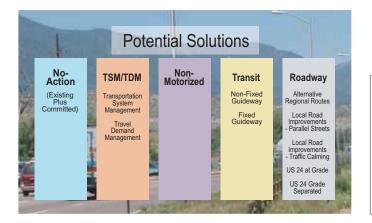
At the June Open House, we shared the results of Level 1 screening. Five ideas were eliminated from further consideration. The remaining ideas became Potential Solutions to be examined in Level 2 screening.

What's Next?

The results of the Level 2 screening will be presented at the Fall Open House for your consideration and review.

Alternative themes, mixing and matching the best of your ideas, will be displayed.

A Level 3 screening will be completed to measure the alternative's ability to meet the project's critical issues, vision, and Purpose and Need.



We are grateful for your continued interest in the project and encourage you to attend our next open house this fall.



