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## **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

### **Q: WHAT ARE THE STUDY AREA LIMITS?**

A: The study corridor is US 24 from the Powers Boulevard (SH 21) interchange to approximately Ramah Road. Environmental conditions will be examined within approximately 500 feet of the US 24 highway right-of-way. Community resources will also be considered within the surrounding communities.

### **Q: WHAT IS A PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES (PEL) STUDY?**

A: This transportation study will be conducted using the PEL approach. PEL is a study approach that is used to identify transportation issues and environmental concerns, which can be applied to make planning decisions and for planning analysis. PEL studies link planning to environmental issues and result in useful information that may ultimately be used to prepare a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study and final design, and to help streamline the process.

### **Q: WHAT ARE THE MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THIS STUDY?**

A: Key elements of the study are to:

- Identify the transportation vision for the US 24 corridor
- Complete the study in accordance with the CDOT Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) process, including:
  - » Public outreach
  - » Direct involvement with local governments, community groups, and stakeholders within the corridor area
  - » Coordination with state and federal resource agencies
  - » Documentation of study process, findings, and recommendations to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) standards, so information can be utilized with future NEPA documentation
  - » PEL documentation for FHWA concurrence
- Identify existing and potential future issues along the US 24 corridor
- Develop and analyze a range of alternatives to meet the corridor vision
- Establish a priority list for planned short- and long-term transportation improvement projects
- Estimate conceptual cost of recommended transportation improvements

### **Q: WHAT WILL THE PRODUCT OF THIS STUDY BE?**

A: This study will develop recommendations to reduce congestion, improve corridor and intersection operations, and enhance safety for all users along the US 24 study corridor. The study will provide a plan for future short- and long-term improvements, which will be used by CDOT for project implementation.

### **Q: WHEN WILL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS STUDY BE CONSTRUCTED?**

A: The timeline for improvements is dependent on funding availability. Phasing of improvement projects identified by this study are likely.

### **Q: WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT AND SUBMIT A COMMENT?**

A: Visit the project web page: [www.codot.gov/projects/us-24-pel-study](http://www.codot.gov/projects/us-24-pel-study)

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