



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) MEETING #1 SUMMARY

<b>DATE HELD:</b>	April 25, 2016
<b>ATTENDING:</b>	Andy Stecklein, John Hall, Wayne Trujillo, Mark Andrew, Karen Rowe, Rob Frei, Lindsay Edgar, Valerie Sword, Matt Jagow, Shannon Ford (CDOT); Donna Harmelink (FHWA); Turner Smith (Ramah); Bryan Eurich (Calhan); Bret Waters, Zaker Alazzeah (City of Colorado Springs); Alissa Were (El Paso County); Craig Casper (PPACG); Leah Langerman, Stacy Tschuor (DEA)

### Summary of Discussion:

#### 1. Project Overview

- The study will follow the Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) process. The PEL process involves agency, stakeholder and resource agency coordination and includes thorough documentation of alternatives evaluation and decisions for recommendations. Recommended corridor improvements will be identified at the conclusion of the study.
  - CDOT has noted success with PEL studies leading into streamlined environmental clearances and project implementation (e.g., US 50 West PEL Study).
  - Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) identified projects along the corridor through previous planning efforts. These should be shared and considered in this study.
  - CDOT has identified the need for widening and safety projects along the corridor, but will use the PEL process to verify previous assumptions and incorporate the latest growth forecasts/technology to define competitive projects to move forward for funding.
- Study Area
  - The study area is the US 24 corridor from Powers Boulevard (SH 21) to Ramah, about 40 miles.
  - The study will focus on potential improvements along the US 24 corridor.
  - The environmental review area will focus on the area that could be impacted by potential projects.
  - Travel forecasting will consider the regional travel demand.

#### 2. Agency/Public Involvement

- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – 10 meetings with technical representatives from each agency
  - The TAC will have meetings focusing on the technical details and decisions moving forward.
- EC – Four meetings with elected officials from each agency
  - These meetings will keep elected officials apprised of study progress and inform them of project information prior to major public outreach.
- A dedicated web page will be created on CDOT's website for this study.
  - Public-friendly TAC and EC meeting summaries should be compiled and released on the web page.
- Stakeholder Involvement
  - One-on-one or small group coordination with stakeholders will occur as needed. Stakeholders include school districts, neighborhood associations, emergency service providers, Falcon Heights Property Owner Association, Banning-Lewis Ranch, Peterson Air Force Base, Schriever Air Force Base, El Paso County Parks Department, Meadow Lake Airport, Colorado Springs Airport, and Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA). This list will be expanded as the study progresses.
- Public Outreach
  - General public meetings – Public meetings planned in Summer 2016, Winter 2017, and Spring 2017.
  - Project team planning to attend two community events to inform and involve a wider audience.
  - Community Focus Groups will also be formed to facilitate outreach to interest groups and gather focused public feedback during alternatives development and screening.
- Resource Agency Outreach - planned at three points in the study: to introduce the study, to review the draft environmental scan information, and to later gather feedback on draft study recommendations.

#### 3. Existing Conditions Discussion

- Data collection efforts are beginning.
- Traffic counts will be conducted along the corridor prior to the end of this school year.
- A list of committed (funded) area transportation projects will be developed.