



City of Lamar Turns Out for US 287 Meeting

Thank you to those who attended the first public meeting on August 20th at the Lamar Community Building. We had a great turnout! Over a hundred people participated and we received valuable comments and input to the project. We heard that many people in Lamar support the project, want to reduce the number of trucks on Main Street, and most of you would like any improvements to happen quickly. We also heard some people expressing concerns about impacts this project could have on the local economy and the vitality of Lamar. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) thanks you for your participation in shaping our solutions for the US 287 corridor.



Project Builds Momentum

Environmental studies for the US 287 at Lamar Project are underway to evaluate the environmental conditions in the area of the proposed corridor. A survey of the wetlands, invasive species, threatened and endangered species, and potential hazardous waste sites are just a few of the involved studies. These and other technical studies will be considered when the study team begins the analysis of the design alternatives within the proposed corridor.

CDOT's next step in the environmental evaluation process is to work with the local community and regulatory agencies to identify evaluation criteria to analyze the various design alternatives within the study corridor. "Evaluation Criteria" are questions that will be asked and answered for each design option to determine if a specific design within

the proposed corridor meets the community, the environment, the mobility, and safety goals of this project.

Within the study corridor there are three proposed locations for new interchanges: one at the south end of alignment, one at US 50 East, and one at US 50, US 287, and CO 196. At each location, different interchange designs will be developed and considered, using the evaluation criteria.

Members of the community will have a chance to discuss the evaluation criteria at the upcoming public meeting scheduled for November 14, 2002. Please see "November 14th Public Meeting" article in this publication for more information about this meeting.

November 14th Public Meeting in Lamar

Please join us at the next community meeting on **November 14, 2002 at the Lamar Community Center from 4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.** The first part of the meeting is an open house from 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. to learn more about the project objectives, the progress since the first meeting in August 2002, and review some of the preliminary results of the environmental studies. The second part of the meeting (6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.) will consist of a presentation and small group discussions to review the evaluation process and criteria. The small group discussions will allow community members to give feedback to the study team on the plan for evaluating the design options within the proposed corridor. We look forward to your participation in this meeting November 14th.

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US 287 at Lamar "Partnership with the Community"

Public Meeting

When: Thursday, November 14, 2002
4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Lamar Community Building
610 South 6th St.
Lamar, CO

**Please join us to discuss
US 287 at Lamar!**

Una Reunión Pública

Cuándo: jueves el 14 de noviembre de 2002
4:30 p.m. hasta 8:30 p.m.

Dónde: El Edificio para la Comunidad de Lamar
610 South 6th St.
Lamar, CO

¡Venga a discutir US 287 en Lamar!

Si tiene una pregunta o un comentario
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Current Project Schedule

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Feasibility Study – Completed June 2000						
Environmental Assessment & Preliminary Design	█					
FHWA Approval of Decision Document		▲				
Final Design		█				
Construction *				█		

* Construction schedule dependent on funding and approval of a decision document.

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