



## Press Release

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**PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR U.S. 50 CORRIDOR EAST PROJECT  
– *Communities to consider options***

**Pueblo, Colo. – July 26, 2007** – The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is hosting a series of public meetings to present possible corridor locations for U.S. 50 from Pueblo to the Kansas state line, and to gather community input on those potential locations.

The meetings are part of the Tier 1 Environmental Impact Study (Tier 1 EIS) process, which builds on the 2003 Community-Based Vision for U.S. 50. The project team considered comments and suggestions from the communities, has studied and identified the affects of each of the proposed corridors and determined which options to carry forward. CDOT wants to hear from the communities regarding the decisions that have been made, the remaining options and the criteria for evaluating those options.

The meetings will be held in open-house format; anyone interested may attend any of the meetings and drop in any time during them. Children are welcome. The meetings will take place in 10 communities along the corridor; some meetings occur in the morning and some in the evening so that participants can drop in at convenient times.

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### Meeting Schedule

#### **Week 1: Aug. 13 and Aug. 14**

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##### **Granada**

**Monday, Aug. 13**

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Town Hall

105 S. Main

##### **Holly**

**Monday, Aug. 13**

5-8 p.m.

Holly Senior & Community Center

129 S. Main

##### **Swink**

**Tuesday, Aug. 14**

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Swink School (multipurpose room)

610 Columbia

##### **Las Animas**

**Tuesday, Aug. 14**

5-8 p.m.

Bent County/Las Animas Community Center  
(gym)

1724 W. Ambassador Thompson Blvd.

#### **Week 2: Aug. 20 through Aug. 22**

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##### **Lamar**

**Monday, Aug. 20**

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Community Center (multipurpose room)

610 S. 6th Street

##### **La Junta**

**Monday, Aug. 20**

5-8 p.m.

Otero Junior College

(student center banquet room)

2001 San Juan Ave.

(wheelchair access on east side)

##### **Manzanola**

**Tuesday, Aug. 21**

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Manzanola High School (library)

301 S. Catalpa

##### **Rocky Ford**

**Tuesday, Aug. 21**

5-8 p.m.

Jefferson Middle School (cafeteria)

901 S. 11th Street

##### **Pueblo**

**Wednesday, Aug. 22**

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Southeast Colorado Heritage Center

201 W. B Street

##### **Fowler**

**Wednesday, Aug. 22**

5-8 p.m.

Fowler Elementary School

(all-purpose room)

601 W. Grant Ave.

Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request for persons with disabilities and those who require Spanish translation.

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This multi-year initiative will incorporate the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process into CDOT's plans for an improved U.S. 50. CDOT is building on the past study and is seeking public input as the project moves forward. Citizens are encouraged to take part in this important decision. The process will take approximately three years, starting from the filing of an official Notice of Intent, which was published in late January 2006. The Tier 1 study results will also provide a prioritization plan for further action. Tier 2 studies will follow the Tier 1 EIS and include final roadway alignments within the selected general (Tier 1) corridor. There are no significant funds budgeted to build any portion of the U.S. 50 Corridor East at this time. Maintenance and minor safety improvements will continue as in the past, as funding allows.

For more information about the US 50 Corridor East Project, please contact Karissa Tanner at (866) GO50NOW ((866) 465-0669) or visit the U.S. 50 Corridor East Web site at [www.us50east.com](http://www.us50east.com).

**Media note:** To schedule an interview with a U.S. 50 project representative, please contact Gina Schaarschmidt or Karissa Tanner at (800) 728-5858. Project graphics are also available upon request.

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