



I-25 Central PEL

MEETING SUMMARY

June 2019 Public Open House

Location: Riverside Church, 2401 Alcott St (Cafe), Denver, CO

Date/Time: Thursday, June 6, 2019 / 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Project Team Members/Agency Representatives

Jamie Archambeau, Atkins	Jerry Mugg, HG Consult
Mike Bean, CDOT	Jessica Myklebust, CDOT
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Jason Longsdorf, HDR	Carrie Wallis, Atkins
Devin Louie, Atkins	Kirk Webb, Atkins
Steve Markovetz, City and County of Denver	Emily Zmak, CDR Associates
Joann Mattson, CDOT	

Public Attendees (Per Attendance Sign-In Sheet)

Abe Lavassani	Jerry Prusik	Andy Bosselmar
Chris Kampe	Wendy Amara	Danny Katz
Justin Potter	Michael Guiietz	Dan Bilka
Beth Tosti	Adrian Brown	Anakita Belnad
Seann Smith	Dave Sachs	Molly North
Sue Chesney	Tim Boers	Jonathan (N/A)
Lou (N/A)	John Knop	Jonathan Lornez
Sarah Bruss	Simon Stachnol	Luchia Brown
Clint Krajnik	Susan Bengtson	Jeanne Granville
Jonathan Fertig	Robert Rynerson	Tim Lopez
Greg Nieto	Maureen McCanna	Steve Harley
Rocky Piro	David Kider	Joel Noble
Brian Ruby	Samantha Doering	Jack Tone
Debbie Ortega	Jeff Kuhn	Aldo DelPiccalo
Erik Carlson	Travis Madsen	King Fagersten
Gary Johnson	Leigh Fewell	Russ Call
Randy Gauberger	Michihe Piabert	Loretta Kahler

Meeting Summary

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) held a public meeting at Riverside Church on June 6, 2019, from 5:30 to 7:30pm. In the meeting, the public reviewed and provided input on the study's alternatives and evaluation process for the I-25 Central corridor. The public was able to directly interact with the Project Team (see above list), who staffed information tables, answered questions, and listened to input. The public was encouraged to provide comments and to complete the online survey, which subsequently--due to media attention and public interest--doubled in responses.

Format: Open house format with display boards, videos of the PEL process, and information stations hosted by I-25 Central PEL Project Team members.

Stations: Alternatives and Evaluation, Bike and Pedestrian, Environmental Resources, Land Use and Community, Traffic and Safety, Transit

Boards: Welcome, Corridor Context, Project Implementation Process, Public Involvement, Meetings and Milestones, Infrastructure Issues, Congestion Issues, Safety Issues, Environmental Issues, Purpose and Need, Study Goals, Identifying Concepts and Evaluation Process, Evaluation Process and Results, Evaluation Results, Alternative Development, Alternative Development: Technology and Transit, Alternative Development: Additional Capacity, Alternative Development: Other Concepts, Next Steps, Stay Involved, HPTE

Attendance: There were 55 total registered attendees.

Public Comment Submission: There were 16 comment cards submitted.

Summary of Public Comments (per Comment Cards)

The most cited issues provided by meeting attendees via comment cards include:

Additional Lanes: The majority of public comment opposed additional lanes and/or highway expansion. Expressed concerns about added lanes included induced demand; impacts to corridor neighborhood's quality of life and public health; and rapid metro-area growth. Other comments expressed lack of support for collector/distributor roads.

Alternative Modes of Transportation: Most public comments expressed support for improved bicycle, pedestrian, and transit travel modes. This included cross-connectivity options for non-vehicular travel and support for additional transit service in the corridor.

Congestion Pricing and TDM: Those in support of congestion pricing and TDM strategies expressed belief that it would increase transit ridership and improve the environment. Those with concerns wrote that congestion pricing could shift single-occupancy vehicles onto local networks.

Managed Lanes: Comments expressed support for managed lanes that accommodate express and/or transit and HOV traffic.

Bridges: There was expressed support for improving bridges along I-25, particularly in terms of addressing the structural deficiencies, improving or adding bike access, and adding safe pedestrian facilities for east-west connectivity.

Environment: Environmental concerns ranked highly among commenters, especially in regards to the South Platte River and greenway and climate change consideration.

Cross Connectivity: There was a high level of support for developing reliable and safe east-west access for bikes and pedestrians. A few commenters expressed appreciation for CDOT's willingness to include cross-connectivity as a project goal.

Future Orientation: A few comments expressed concern that the alternatives mitigate congestion, but do not provide a long-term solution for a corridor facing future metro-area growth, autonomous vehicles, electric buses, and housing density.

Safety: There was broad support to improve safety throughout the I-25 Central corridor. There was support for improving access and space for merging vehicles; bringing shoulders up to standard; and improving highway geometry.

Meeting Outreach Summary

The following table illustrates the various outreach activities for the public meeting.

Outreach	Notes
CDOT Facebook Promotion	Provided information on the meeting and location via CDOT's facebook page. Shared by WalkDenver, Denver Public Works, Baker Historic Neighborhood Association, Colorado Motor Carriers Association, and four private accounts. See link here .
Email Blast	Two emails to the project list-serv were sent with details of the public meeting. The first email was sent in April 2019 to 405 recipients. The second email was sent in June 2019 to 422 recipients. Email addresses have been collected primarily through the website and survey.
Partner Networks: DRCOG	DRCOG supported the outreach by sharing the informational flyer to their networks.
Partner Networks: City Council	Denver Councilpersons Albus Brooks and Debbie Ortega supported the outreach by sharing information with their networks.
Partner Networks: City and County of Denver	CCD supported the outreach by sharing the informational flyer with their networks.
Partner Networks: SFG	The Stakeholder Focus Group (SFG) was solicited to support the meeting outreach by sharing printed and digital flyers with their networks, and to share the CDOT Facebook post.
Hispanic and Latino Outreach	The informational flyer was translated into Spanish by CDOT staff for the Valverde Neighborhood Association.