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EIS No. 20060466, Final EIS, BLM, WY, Pit 14 Coal Lease-by-Application Project, Black Butte Coal Mine, Surface Mining Operations, Federal Coal Lease Application WYW160394, Sweetwater County, WY, Wait Period Ends: 12/18/2006, Contact: Teri Deakin 307-352-0211.

EIS No. 20060467, Draft EIS, FHW, CA, Interstate 5 (Santa Ana Freeway) Project, Improvement from State Route 91 in Orange County to Interstate 605 in Los Angeles County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 01/05/2007, Contact: Steve Healow 916-498-5849.

EIS No. 20060468, Final EIS, NPS, CA, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, General Management Plan, Middle and South Forks of the Kings River and North Forks of the Kern River, General Management Plan, Tulare and Fresno Counties, CA, Wait Period Ends: 12/18/2006, Contact: Susan Spain 202-245-4692.

EIS No. 20060469, Draft EIS, FHW, 00, U.S. 301 Project Development, Transportation Improvements from MD State Line to DE-1, South of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, New Castle County, DE, Comment Period Ends: 02/01/2007, Contact: Robert Kleinburd 302-734-2966.

EIS No. 20060470, Final EIS, FHW, CO, I-25 Valley Highway Project, Transportation Improvement from Logan to U. S. 6, Denver County, CO, Wait Period Ends: 12/18/2006, Contact: Chris Horn 720-963-3017.

EIS No. 20060471, Draft EIS, FHW, IL, Prairie Parkway Study, Transportation System Improvement between Interstate 80 (I-80) and Interstate 88 (I-88) Grundy, Kendall and Kane Counties, Il, Comment Period Ends: 01/16/2007 Contact: Matt Fuller 217-492-4625.

EIS No. 20060472, Draft EIS, MMS, 00, Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2007-2012 Western Planning Area Sales 204, 207, 210, 215, and 218: Central Planning Area Sales 205, 206, 208,

213, 216, and 222, : TX, LA, MS, AL and Fl, Comment Period Ends: 01/02/2007, Contact: Mary Boatman 703-787-1662.

EIS No. 20060473, Final EIS, FHW, MO, Interstate 29/35 Paseo Bridge Corridor, Reconstruct and Widen I-29/35, Missouri River, North Kansas City and Kansas City, Clay and Jackson Counties, MO, Wait Period Ends: 12/18/2006, Contact: Peggy Casey 573-636-7104.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20060404, Final EIS, SFW, AK, Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, Draft Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan, Implementation, AK, Wait Period Ends: 12/15/2006, Contact: Mikel R. Haase 907-786-3402.

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What is the Valley Highway Project?

The Valley Highway Project is the study of the Valley Highway (I-25) corridor between Logan Street and US 6 (6th Avenue) and elements of US 6 from I-25 to Federal Boulevard. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been prepared by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

¿Qué es el Proyecto del Valley Highway?

El Proyecto "Valley Highway" es el estudio del tramo que va desde la Calle Logan hasta la Avenida Seis (US 6) de la I-25 y partes de la Avenida Seis (US 6) desde la I-25 hasta el Boulevard de Federal. Un Reporte de Impacto Medioambiental (EIS) está siendo preparado por El Departamento de Transporte de Colorado (CDOT) y por la Administración Federal de Carreteras (FHWA).



We Need Your Feedback on the Final EIS

The I-25 Valley Highway Preferred Alternative and project phasing are ready for public review and comment as part of the Final EIS. A public hearing will be held. At this hearing, the public can record verbal comments on the Final EIS with a court reporter or submit written comments.

Necesitamos Su Retroalimentación sobre El Reporte Final de Impacto Medioambiental (EIS)

Tanto la Alternativa Preferida para la I-25 (Valley Highway) como las fases del proyecto están listas para la revisión pública y para sus comentarios, los cuales formarán parte del EIS final. Una audiencia pública se llevará a cabo. En esta audiencia pública, los habitantes pueden registrar comentarios verbales en el EIS final a través de un secretario de la corte o puede también someter sus comentarios por escrito.

Colorado Department of Transportation
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6300 S. Syracuse Way, Suite 600
Centennial, CO 80111



Don't miss your opportunity to make an impact!

The I-25 Valley Highway - Logan to 6th Avenue - Final Environmental Impact Statement is now available! Comments accepted until December 18, 2006!

¡No pierda la oportunidad de crear impacto con su opinión!

¡El Reporte Final de Impacto Medioambiental (EIS) está ahora a su disposición para su consulta!

When?

Public Hearing: November 30th
5:30 pm

Where?

Drury Gymnasium
375 S. Zuni

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¿Cuándo?

Audiencia pública: 30 de noviembre
5:30 pm

¿Dónde?

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375 S. Zuni

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Public Hearing

When?

November 30, 2006

Where?

Drury Gymnasium
375 S. Zuni

5:30 pm	Doors Open
6:30 pm	Open House
	Comment and Feedback

Audiencia Pública

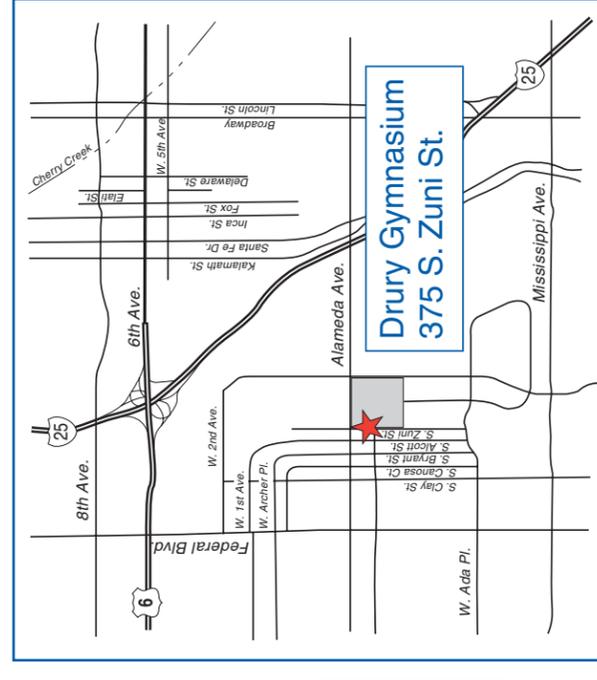
¿Cuándo?

30 de noviembre de 2006

¿Dónde?

Drury Gymnasium
375 S. Zuni

5:30 pm	Recepción abierta a quien quiera participar
6:30 pm	Comentarios y opiniones



Where can I read a copy of the Final EIS?

The Final EIS report is available at these locations for your review.

The Final EIS is also available on the official website, www.valleyhighway.com. If you have any questions, please call the Valley Highway Project hotline at 720-489-7923. Detailed technical reports are available at the CDOT, FHWA, and the Denver Public Library – Central Branch.

Colorado Department of Transportation Region 6 2000 S. Holly St.	Denver Public Library Central Library 10 W. 14th Ave. Pkwy.	Denver Public Library Ross-Barnum Branch 3570 W. First Ave.	Federal Highway Administration 12300 W. Dakota Avenue, Ste. 180 Lakewood, CO 80228
Denver Public Library Ross-Broadway Branch 33 E. Bayaud Ave.	Denver Public Library Athmar Park Branch 1055 S. Tejon St.	Denver Public Library Decker Branch 501 S. Logan St.	Denver Public Library Byers Branch 675 Santa Fe Dr.

¿En dónde puedo leer una copia del Reporte Final de Impacto Medioambiental (EIS)?

El Reporte Final de EIS está disponible para su revisión en los siguientes lugares.

El Reporte Final EIS está también disponible en el sitio oficial de Internet www.valleyhighway.com. Si tiene alguna pregunta, favor de llamar a la línea de información del Proyecto "Valley Highway" al 720-489-7923. Los informes técnicos están disponibles en las oficinas de CDOT, FHWA, y en la Biblioteca Pública de Denver - Biblioteca Central.

What is the Preferred Alternative?

US 6 / Bryant St.

Closure of Bryant Street interchange
Cierre de la intersección de la Calle Bryant

I-25 / US 6

Ramp improvements
El mejoramiento de rampas

I-25 Mainline

Widening of I-25 to provide a consistent section with 4 through-lanes plus auxiliary lanes
Ensanchamiento de la I-25 para proveer una sección constante con 4 carriles, además del espacio necesario para los carriles de aceleración y los carriles de desaceleración

US 6 / Federal Blvd.

Reconstruction of Barnum East Park to allow ramp construction
La reconstrucción del Parque Este de Barnum

US 6 / Federal Blvd.

Reconstruction of interchange with slip ramps to Bryant Street
La reconstrucción del intersección con rampas de acceso hacia una carretera secundaria la cuál en este caso se trata de la Calle Bryant

Santa Fe Dr. / Kalamath St.

Santa Fe Drive / Kalamath Street underpass beneath railroad and new bicycle / pedestrian bridge
Paso subterráneo de las calles Santa Fe Drive y Kalamath debajo del ferrocarril y un nuevo puente peatonal y para bicicletas

Legend

■	Phase 1
■	Phase 2
■	Phase 3
■	Phase 4
■	Phase 5
■	Phase 6
■	Broadway Viaduct and TREC (completed)

I-25 / Alameda Ave.

Reconstruction of the interchange
La reconstrucción del intersección

I-25 / Santa Fe Dr.

New interchange with a flyover ramp for northbound Santa Fe to northbound I-25
La reconstrucción del intersección con un paso a desnivel para el tráfico que circula sobre el norte de Santa Fe y que se desplaza hacia el norte de la I-25

What is the Phasing?

Major transportation projects are typically implemented in phases. This may be done for a number of reasons, but often is the result of funding limitations that preclude the ability to implement the entire project at one time.

Six project phases are proposed for implementation of the entire Preferred Alternative as highlighted on the previous page:

- **Phase 1** I-25/Santa Fe Interchange with Lane Continuity through Alameda, US 6/Federal Bridge and Ramps, excluding Braided Ramp and West Side US 6/Federal Ramps
- **Phase 2** I-25/Alameda Interchange and Alameda Bridge over South Platte River
- **Phase 3** I-25 Mainline Widening From Alameda to US 6
- **Phase 4** Santa Fe/Kalamath/Consolidated Main Line Railroad Grade Separation
- **Phase 5** US 6 from Federal to I-25 with Braided Ramp
- **Phase 6** I-25/Broadway Interchange

FHWA and CDOT will issue a Record of Decision (ROD) to select an initial phase (Phase 1) for implementation. It is the intent of CDOT and FHWA to work toward implementation of the Preferred Alternative in its entirety as additional funds become available.

¿Cuáles son las fases?

Los proyectos de transporte extensos usualmente se implementan en fases. Esto se debe a un sin número de razones, pero a menudo es el resultado de restricciones financieras que eliminan la posibilidad de implementar el proyecto entero en una sola fase. La siguiente serie de seis fases se propone para la implementación completa del proyecto de la Alternativa Preferida:

- **Fase 1** La intersección de la I-25 y Santa Fe con la continuidad del carril a través de Alameda; y la 6ª y las rampas de Federal
- **Fase 2** La intersección de I-25 y Alameda y el puente de Alameda sobre el Río Sur de Platte
- **Fase 3** Ensanchamiento del carril de la I-25 desde Alameda hasta la 6ª
- **Fase 4** Grado de separación de la Línea Ferrocarril de Santa Fe y Kalamath
- **Fase 5** La 6ª (US 6) desde Federal hacia la I-25 con la rampa Braided
- **Fase 6** La intersección de la Interestatal I-25 y Broadway

Después de que el Registro de Decisión (ROD) haya sido publicado, FHWA y CDOT seleccionarán una fase inicial (Fase 1) para la implementación. La intención de CDOT y FHWA es la de trabajar para implementar la Alternativa Preferida en su totalidad, a medida que fondos adicionales se encuentren disponibles.

Other ways to comment:

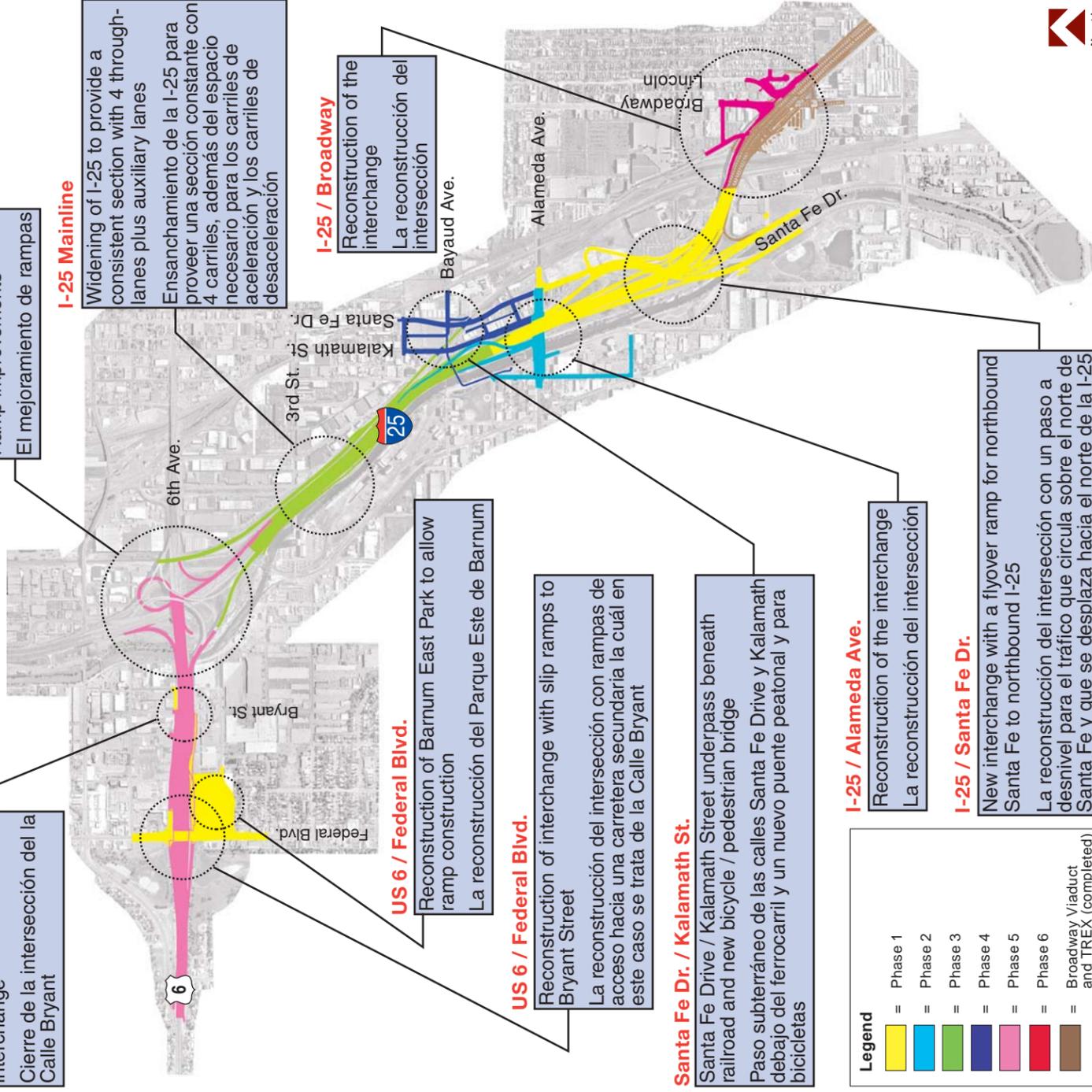
Comments can be submitted through the Valley Highway Project website at: www.valleyhighway.com or to:

Mr. Chris Horn
Senior Operations Engineer
Federal Highway Administration, Colorado Division
12300 W. Dakota Ave., Suite 180
Lakewood, CO 80228
fax: (720) 963-3001

Comments can be submitted through the Valley Highway Project website at: www.valleyhighway.com or a través de: www.valleyhighway.com o a través de:

Mr. Tony Gross
Senior Project Manager
Colorado Department of Transportation
Region 6
2000 S. Holly St.
Denver, CO 80222
fax: (303) 972-9114

Comments must be submitted by December 18, 2006.





**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
November 15, 2006**

**Contact: Heather Halpape, Webb PR
303-796-8888
Stacey Stegman, CDOT
303-757-9362**

CDOT SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) FOR THE I-25 VALLEY HIGHWAY PROJECT

Public Hearing to be held November 30, 2006

Denver – The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) today released for public comment the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the I-25 Valley Highway Project. A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, November 30, 2006. The 30-day comment period ends December 18, 2006.

The Final EIS was completed by FHWA and CDOT, in cooperation with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Regional Transportation District (RTD), and the City and County of Denver. The I-25 Valley Highway Project includes highway reconstruction and interchange reconfiguration along I-25 from Logan Street to 6th Avenue, and along 6th Avenue from I-25 to Federal Boulevard, as well as improvements to the Santa Fe Drive/Kalamath Street/Consolidated Main Line railroad crossing. The Final EIS includes the Preferred Alternative as well as project phasing information.

“We’ve worked hard for the past five years to develop alternatives to replace the aging infrastructure of the old Valley Highway, update interchanges and improve safety,” said Tony Gross, CDOT Valley Highway Project Manager. “After addressing all the environmental impacts and gathering input from the community, we’d like further feedback from the public to make sure we’re on target with our plans. I wish to thank our neighbors for the enormous amount of time they spent helping us make good decisions throughout this process,” added Gross.

The public can review the Final EIS online at www.valleyhighway.com. A hard copy is also available for public review at several locations:

Colorado Department of Transportation
Region 6
2000 S. Holly St.
Denver, CO

Denver Public Library
Ross-Barnum Branch
3570 W. First Ave.
Denver, CO

Federal Highway Administration
Colorado Division
12300 W. Dakota Ave., Suite 180
Lakewood, CO

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33 E. Bayaud Ave.
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Denver Public Library
Athmar Park Branch
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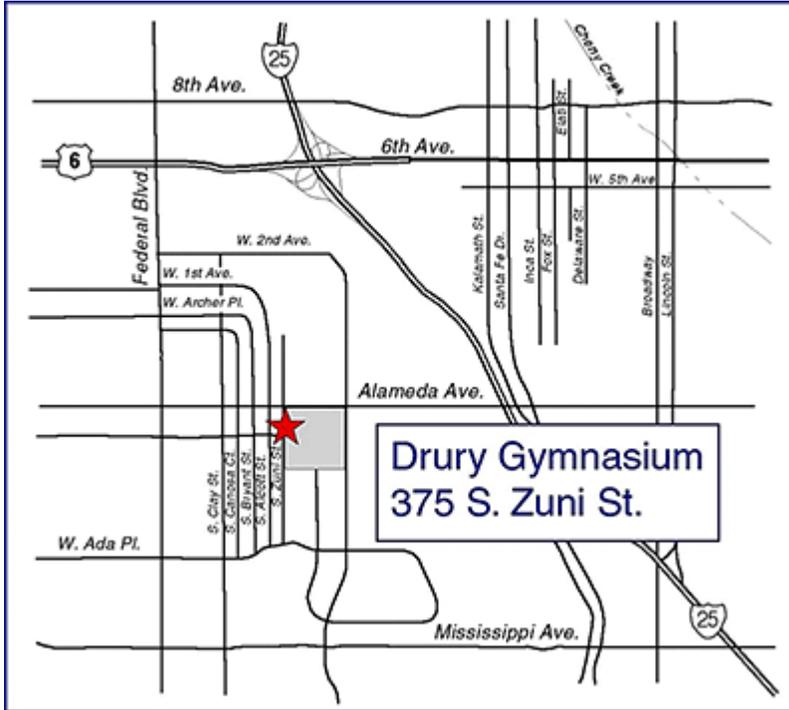
Denver Public Library
Decker Branch
1501 S. Logan St.

Denver Public Library
Byers Branch
675 Santa Fe Dr.

Denver, CO

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The public is invited to attend the public hearing on November 30. The objective of the public hearing will be to gather citizens' input on the EIS. Those comments will be included in a Record of Decision, which is expected to be released in early 2007. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and there will be a presentation at 6:30 p.m., followed by a comment period. Spanish translation will be available, and children are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided.



I-25 Valley Highway Project

Public Hearing:

Thursday, November 30, 2006
5:30-8:00 p.m.
Drury Gymnasium
375 S. Zuni

November 2006

You are invited to a public hearing for the I-25 Valley Highway Project . . .

Don't miss this opportunity to make an impact on the future of I-25!

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Valley Highway Project is now complete and ready for your review. The Final EIS details the Preferred Alternative and project phasing for the reconfiguration of I-25 between Logan and US 6 (6th Avenue) and elements of US 6 from I-25 to Federal Boulevard.

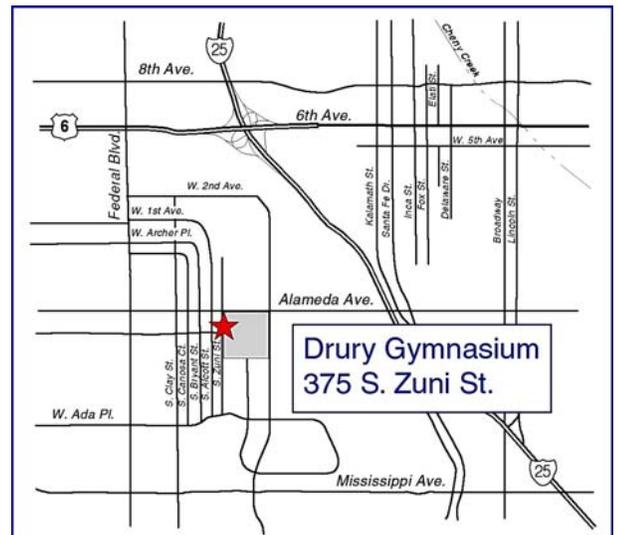
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) request your comments at a public hearing on the Final EIS, which discusses the impacts and benefits of the project on your community.

What? Valley Highway Project Final EIS Public Hearing

When? Thursday, November 30, 2006
 5:30 p.m. – Open House
 6:30 p.m. – Presentation
 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. – Comment

Where? The meeting will take place at the Drury Gymnasium located at 375 S. Zuni, Denver. Parking is available in the lot at the Church of Latter Day Saints on Zuni. Additional street parking is also available.

Spanish translation will be available.
 Children are welcome. Refreshments will be served.



The Final EIS is available in local libraries and at the official website for the Valley Highway Project at www.valleyhighway.com. The Final EIS and detailed technical reports are available at CDOT, FHWA, and the Denver Public Library Central Branch. The 30-day comment period ends on December 18, 2006. If you have any questions, please call the Valley Highway Project Hotline at 720-489-7923.

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¡Le invitamos a una audiencia pública para el proyecto de la Interestatal I-25 tramo “Valley Highway”!

¡No pierda la oportunidad de crear impacto en el futuro de I-25!

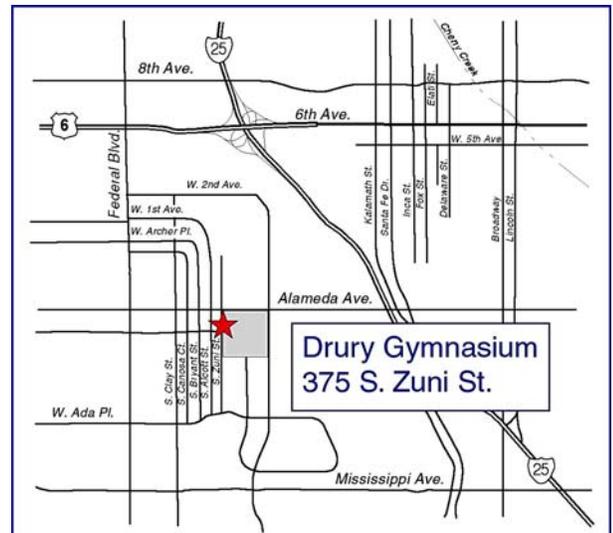
El Reporte Final de Impacto Medioambiental (EIS, por sus siglas en inglés) para el Proyecto de la Interestatal I-25 tramo “Valley Highway” ha sido completado y se encuentra a su disposición para consulta. El Reporte Final EIS detalla la alternativa preferida y las fases del proyecto para la re-configuración del tramo de la Interestatal I-25 que va desde la calle Logan hasta la Avenida Seis, así como secciones de la Avenida Seis a partir de la Interestatal I-25 hasta Federal Boulevard.

La Administración Federal de Carreteras (FHWA, por sus siglas en inglés) y el Departamento de Transporte de Colorado (CDOT, por sus siglas en inglés), solicitan sus comentarios en la audiencia pública para el Reporte Final, el cual detalla las repercusiones y los beneficios de este proyecto en su comunidad.

¿Qué? Audiencia Pública del Reporte Final EIS para el Proyecto de Transporte “Valley Highway”

¿Cuándo? El jueves, 30 de noviembre de 2006
 5:30 p.m. – Recepción
 6:30 p.m. – Presentación
 7:00–8:00 p.m. – Comentarios

¿En dónde? La reunión tendrá lugar en el Gimnasio Drury, ubicado en el 375 S. Zuni St. Estacionamiento disponible en la calle or en la Iglesia de los Últimos Santos, en la calle Zuni.



La reunión contará con un servicio de traducción en español. Los niños son bienvenidos. Serviremos refrigerios.

El Reporte Final EIS está disponible para su revisión en bibliotecas locales y en el sitio oficial para el Proyecto en la dirección: www.valleyhighway.com. Los informes técnicos están disponibles en las oficinas de la Región 6 de CDOT, FHWA, y en la sucursal central de la Biblioteca Pública de Denver. El periodo para hacer comentarios dura 30 días y termina el 18 de diciembre de 2006. Si tiene alguna pregunta, favor de llamar a la línea de información del Proyecto de Transporte “Valley Highway”: 720-489-7923.

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Notice of Availability
I-25 Valley Highway Project Final Environmental Impact Statement
Now Available for Public Review and Comment

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), is pleased to announce the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Valley Highway Project. The Valley Highway Project is a proposal to improve portions of Interstate 25 (I-25) and US 6 (6th Avenue) in Denver, Colorado. Improvements would be made to existing I-25 between Logan Street and US 6, to existing US 6 between I-25 and Federal Boulevard, and to existing Santa Fe Drive/Kalamath Street between I-25 and Ellsworth Avenue. The Final EIS identifies a Preferred Alternative and describes phased implementation of the project. Following public comment on the Final EIS, FHWA and CDOT will prepare a Record of Decision to select an initial project phase for implementation.

Review Period Dates: A 30-day public review period will conclude on December 18, 2006. Written comments on the Preferred Alternative and phased implementation must be received by FHWA or CDOT no later than December 18, 2006 to be considered. A public hearing to receive verbal comments on the Final EIS will be held on Thursday, November 30, 2006, at the Drury Gymnasium, 375 S. Zuni Street. For the hearing, doors will open at 5:30 pm with a brief presentation beginning at 6:00 pm, followed by a public comment session. Project officials from CDOT and FHWA will be on hand to accept comments and hear concerns. Project area maps, displays, and handouts will be available for public inspection during the hearing.

The Final EIS is available for public review at many area locations including:

- FHWA Colorado Division, 12300 W. Dakota Ave., Suite 180, Lakewood
- CDOT Region 6, 2000 S. Holly St., Denver
- Denver Public Library, Central Library, 10 W. 14th Ave. Pkwy., Denver
- Denver Public Library, Byers Branch, 675 Santa Fe Dr., Denver
- Denver Public Library, Ross-Barnum Branch, 3570 W. First Ave., Denver
- Denver Public Library, Ross-Broadway Branch, 33 E. Bayaud Ave., Denver
- Denver Public Library, Atmar Park Branch, 1053 S. Tejon St., Denver
- Denver Public Library, Decker Branch, 1501 S. Logan St., Denver

Technical reports, providing additional project detail, are available at FHWA, CDOT, and the Denver Central Library. The Final EIS and information on ways to comment are also available on the official website for the Valley Highway Project, www.valleyhighway.com. If you have any questions, please call the Valley Highway Project hotline at 720-489-7923.

Address for Written Comments: Written comments on the Final EIS should be addressed to: Chris Horn, Senior Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, Colorado Division, 12300 West Dakota Avenue, Suite 180, Lakewood, Colorado 80228, or to: Tony Gross, Senior Project Manager, Colorado Department of Transportation, Region 6, 2000 South Holly Street, Denver, Colorado 80222.

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I-25 Valley Highway Final EIS

Public Hearing

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Hearing Purpose / Logistics

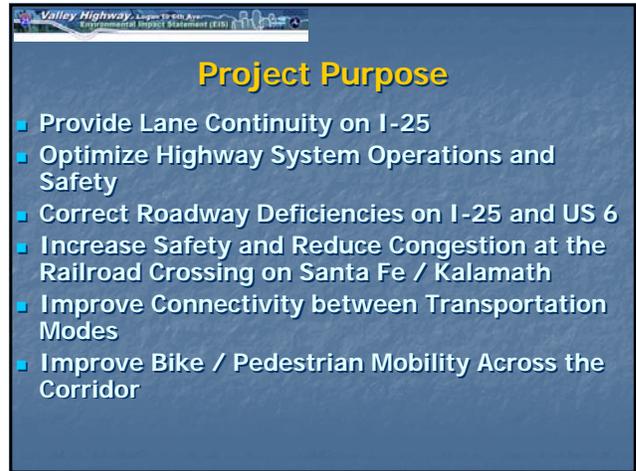
- Purpose of Public Hearing
 - Overview of Preferred Alternative and Phasing
 - Question and Answer
 - Opportunity to Comment
- Important Part of NEPA Process
- Comment Period ends Dec. 18, 2006
 - Hearing, Website, Written Comments

Valley Highway, Laguna to 6th Ave
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EIS Schedule and Flow Chart

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Project Location



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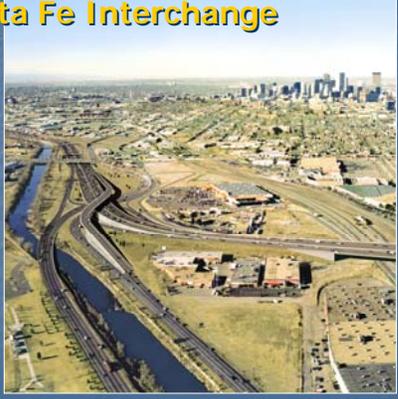
Preferred Alternative



- US 6 Diamond at Federal with Braided Ramp (from DEIS Alternative 2)
- I-25 Mainline Widening (common to DEIS Alternatives 1, 2, and 3)
- I-25 / Alameda Offset Partial Urban (from DEIS Alternative 1)
- I-25 / Santa Fe Single Point Urban with Flyover (common to DEIS Alternatives 1, 2, and 3)
- I-25 / Broadway Tight Diamond (from DEIS Alternative 3)

Valley Highway, Lugan to 6th Ave
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I-25 / Santa Fe Interchange Simulation



- Single Point Urban Interchange
- Flyover ramp from northbound Santa Fe to northbound I-25
- Eliminates left side on ramp to I-25
- Provides four continuous lanes in I-25 northbound

Valley Highway, Lugan to 6th Ave
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

I-25 / Alameda Interchange and Railroad Grade Separation Simulation



- Partial offset urban interchange
- Grade separation of Santa Fe and Kalamath from railroad along existing alignment

Valley Highway, Lugan to 6th Ave
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

US 6 / Federal / Bryant Simulation



- Diamond interchange at US 6 / Federal with slip ramps
- Braided ramp from Federal to eastbound US 6
- Closure of Bryant Interchange
- Reconstruction of Barnum East Park

Valley Highway, Lugan to 6th Ave
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Operational Performance Comparison

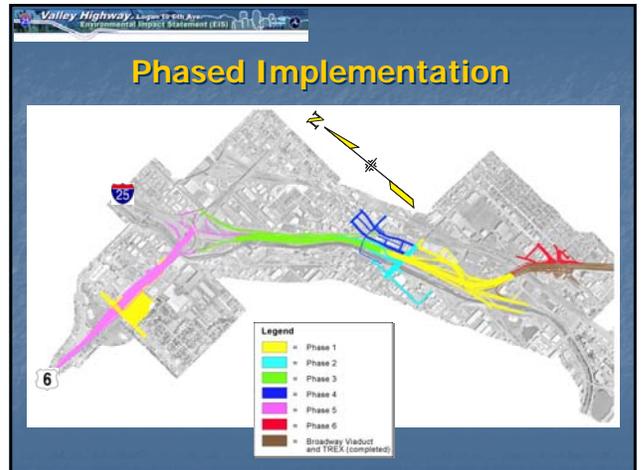
Legend	US 6 / Federal / I-25 Area	Broadway Interchange Area	Alameda Interchange Area	Santa Fe Interchange Area	Overall Freeway Operations	Signalized Intersection Hours of Congestion	Overall Surface Street Operations	Overall Operations
○ = Best ◐ = Moderate ● = Worst								
No Action	●	●	●	◐	◐	●	●	●
System Alternative 1	○	◐	◐	○	○	◐	◐	◐
System Alternative 2	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
System Alternative 3	◐	○	○	○	○	◐	○	○
Preferred Alternative	○	○	◐	○	○	◐	○	○

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Safety Comparison

Legend	US 6 Freeway and Interchanges	I-25 Mainline Freeway	Broadway Interchange Area	Santa Fe Interchange Area	Alameda Interchange Area	Overall Safety
○ = Best ◐ = Moderate ● = Worst						
No Action	●	●	●	●	●	●
System Alternative 1	◐	○	○	○	○	◐
System Alternative 2	○	○	○	○	○	○
System Alternative 3	○	○	○	○	○	○
Preferred Alternative	○	○	○	○	○	○

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- ### Project Benefits
- #### I-25 and US 6
- Improved Traffic Operations and Safety
 - Lane Continuity and Balance
 - Improved Geometry for Mainline and Ramps
 - New Bridges, Walls and Paving
 - Improved Drainage System with Water Quality Enhancements
 - Floodplain Improvements at US 6 over South Platte River
- #### Local Community
- Improved Safety and Reduced Congestion at Railroad Grade Separation
 - Enhanced Traffic Operations where local streets cross I-25 and US 6
 - Enhanced Urban Aesthetics along highway corridor
 - Noise Mitigation Measures
 - Bicycle/Pedestrian Overpass at Bayaud
 - Improved Bicycle/Pedestrian crossings at I-25/Broadway, I-25/Alameda
 - Increased Clearance under Bridges Enhances Platte River Trail



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Relocations and Right-of-Way (ROW)

Impacts

Impact	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3	Preferred Alternative
ROW Acquired (acres)	18	29	21	21
Full Properties Purchased	32	60	39	36
Partial Properties Purchased	38	28	36	33
Properties with Access Modifications	16	13	14	17
Displaced Residences	0	9	3	3
Displaced Businesses	25	51	38	30

Mitigation

- Conform to Uniform Relocation Assistance Act
- Prepare a relocation analysis
- Provide relocation advisory service
- Redevelopment opportunities

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Parks and Recreation

Impacts

- Improved east-west connection to Platte River Trail at Alameda/Bayaud
- Requires use of small portions of Barnum and Barnum North parks
- Requires reconstruction of Barnum East Park
- Avoids affecting the use of parks

Mitigation

- Final design will minimize amount of park land needed
- Minimize construction impacts
- Reestablish landscaping and

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Aesthetics and Urban Design

Impacts

- Improvements to highway landscaping, retaining walls, signage, slope and ditch paving, and concrete barriers
- Positive visual effect at Broadway by moving existing loop ramp
- Increased visibility of the Santa Fe flyover ramp
- Canyon-like effect of grade separation at Santa Fe / Kalamath and the Consolidated Mainline Railroad

Mitigation

- "Kit of Parts" developed for use in design
- Commitment to include urban design elements in final design

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Noise

Impacts

- Residences that exceed noise abatement criteria
 - Alternative 1 = 66
 - Alternative 2 = 52
 - Alternative 3 = 58
 - **Preferred Alternative = 55**
- Noise abatement criteria exceeded at several parks and the Platte River trail



Mitigation

- Noise barriers at two locations
- Nuisance noise mitigation measures to be examined in final design

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Historic Preservation

Impacts

- Preferred Alternative avoids historic sites (structures and districts)

Mitigation

- Not needed



Note: "historic site" refers to structures (buildings, bridges, etc.) and districts either listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places

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South Platte River Corridor

Impacts

- Short term increase in sediment from construction
- Increase of impervious area
- Consolidated stormwater runoff with fewer outfalls
- Improved water quality due to water quality ponds




Mitigation

- Preferred Alternative avoids the river
- Stormwater collection
- Water quality ponds
- Consolidated outfalls and improved outfall aesthetics

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Hazardous Materials / Contaminated Sites



Impacts

- Excavations may encounter contaminated groundwater and soil
- Heavy metal-based paint on bridges
- Asbestos in buildings

Mitigation

- Phase I initial site assessment prior to ROW acquisition
- Corridor-wide Phase II subsurface investigation prior to final design
- Heavy metal based paint and asbestos investigations as needed
- Avoid disturbing contaminated material where possible
- Materials Management Plan and Health and Safety Plan

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Construction

Short-term Impacts

- Air Quality / Noise and Vibration
- Water Quality
- Traffic / Access
- Utilities
- Multiple Projects



Mitigation

- Citizen Working Group recommendations
- Specific measures to be defined during final design
- Continuing coordination between agencies and with the public



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Final EIS Community Outreach and Review

- Neighborhood and Business Groups – Aug. to Nov.
- Public Notification
 - Bilingual Newsletter
 - News release
 - Flyers distributed to local churches, schools, recreation centers, and non-profit groups
- Public Hearing – Tonight
- Public and agency review period – Nov. 17 to Dec. 18
- Current outreach effort builds on over 200 meetings over the last four years

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Next Steps

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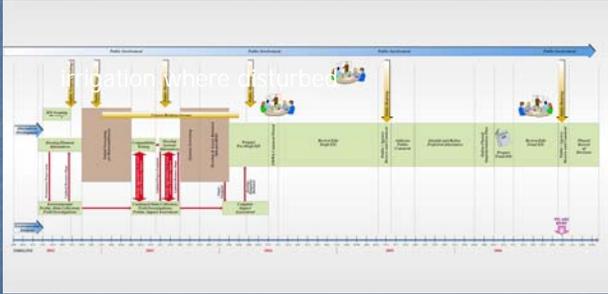
- Final EIS Comment Period – Nov. 17 to Dec. 18, 2006

2007

- Record of Decision – CDOT and FHWA

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EIS Schedule and Flow Chart



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1 COMMENTERS:

2 SANDRA ZWINGELBERG: My name is Sandra
3 Zwingelberg. I live at 782 South Lincoln Street. My
4 first introduction to this process actually was in
5 December of 2001 when this was called the Lincoln Street
6 Exit Project. At that time there were eight different
7 plans and four of those plans were to be taken. We went
8 through a couple of different names of this project, and
9 we are to the point now where there is a line over my
10 house. I am just curious, do you know when this process
11 ends and when a person might found out or how long a
12 person has to wait and to be kind of held hostage to
13 know what their future is? I am curious about the
14 process.

15 And, you know, there was supposed to be a
16 pedestrian route from the front of my yard to the other
17 side of Broadway. I want to know where these processes
18 are at and when I will find out.

19 CHARLIE BUSCH: My name is Charlie Busch. I
20 live at 715 South Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado
21 80209.

22 We have been working with the Valley Highway
23 people now for over four years on the Valley Highway
24 EIS. West Washington Park would like to give a big
25 thank you and a congratulations to both the C-DOT team

1 and to their consultants on the way that they worked
2 with us. The T-REX EIS was such a train wreck in terms
3 of public relations, and the Valley Highway EIS was just
4 110 percent better. So, again, we would like to give a
5 big thank you and congratulations to both Tony and all
6 the people who worked with him, and to thank them for
7 being inclusive in the process rather than exclusive.

8 I was concerned about houses on the block
9 between Lincoln and Broadway on Exposition, that they
10 were basically making that street a new collector road
11 and they were going to be detrimentally affecting those
12 houses without condemning them. So how are people who
13 own those houses to get their value out of their houses
14 because the value would plummet? They are not going to
15 be able to park in front of their houses. There is
16 going to be just an incredible amount of traffic going
17 on that one block with their current configuration. So
18 how are those people supposed to deal with the value of
19 their homes?

20 I would just hope that if this is a long
21 drawn-out process that we could kind of do a
22 double-check on the configuration of intersections when
23 we get to that point because things might be drastically
24 different in ten years when they get funding, because
25 they are going to be doing a phased approach. Just kind

of take a quick look at the Valley Highway EIS that was done in 2007, and does that still apply to the time in which they actually start to build different sections?

DAVID CALLAGHAN: I just wanted to know about the various solutions under the circumstances. That is all.

ANDREW HORNBROOK: I live at 960 Pennsylvania Street, Apartment 7, Denver, Colorado 80203.

I asked the question near the end of the public meeting, specifically I asked about the bicycle and pedestrian bridge that will be going over I-25 at the Bayaud alignment. I am concerned that it is in one of the later phases of the project and that they may run out of money and then drop it. That was basically it.

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2 REZA YAZDI: My address is 1197 West
3 Alameda, Englewood, Colorado 80223.

4 My name is Reza Yazdi. I am the owner of
5 this property located at 1197 West Alameda. I bought
6 this property about almost ten years ago. I put a lot
7 of money to improve this property.

8 A couple of years ago I received some letter
9 or some brochure from the Highway Department regarding
10 that they had a plan to expand I-25, and one of the
11 plans was that my property was going to be included in
12 part of that Highway project. The last couple of years,
13 I don't know, four or five years, always I have been
14 concerned regarding when this project is going to start.
15 This situation, I cannot save my property. I cannot
16 lease it, and also I cannot do any more improvements on
17 this property.

18 I have a tenant, but I told him this should
19 be very soon take over by the State. He is waiting. I
20 have my accounting practice in this property. This is a
21 good location for my clients. And I don't know what is
22 going to be the situation as far as when, and I need to
23 go look for other place, other business location.

24 I spent about \$100,000 to install the
25 refrigerator and cooler and other improvements in this

1 property to run this business. We need to put more
2 money out to do some more improvements in this property
3 to expand both of these two businesses. But,
4 unfortunately, because I don't know when the Highway
5 Department is going to take over this property, I
6 hesitate to invest some more money in these two
7 businesses.

8 My main concern is if the Highway Department
9 is going to take over this property, please, as soon as
10 possible give me a dateline when they are going to take
11 over. At least I have a time to go and look for other
12 location, to move this business to new location.

13 I have been contacted with a couple of
14 people who have been involved in this project but,
15 unfortunately, none of them have any information
16 regarding when this project is going to start. Please,
17 as soon as possible, let me know when it is going to
18 start and what is my situation.

19 And, also, I am ready at this moment, if the
20 Highway Department is interested, they can come and buy
21 my property any time as fast as possible.

22 VERNON TOMKINS: I live at 2742 West 2nd
23 Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80219.

24 I have two major points that bothered me.
25 One is that they are planning on sending all the traffic

1 out of the Bryant Street area up to Federal, across the
2 Federal bridge and then back on to 6th Avenue either
3 way, and that means an awful lot of traffic going up on
4 to Federal just to get on the ramp. And I think that
5 probably is overloading Federal, because it is already
6 pretty loaded. I don't think they planned that out too
7 well.

8 The second suggestion that I had, and to me
9 it is very important, is that they take Bryant Street
10 and go straight from 7th over to 8th Avenue, just
11 condemn the property and put in a street like it is
12 supposed to be so we can have a normal street down there
13 and that will put on the traffic on Bryant straight and
14 go on to 8th and over to I-25 and out that way, and it
15 would take the traffic problem off Federal and 6th
16 Avenue.

17 To me it makes sense because you are just
18 loading up Federal, to load up 6th, to load up or just
19 to get on to 25 southbound or northbound and you can do
20 it the other way by getting on 8th Avenue and take the
21 loading off of 6th and the loading off of Federal. That
22 was my two comments.

23 CAROL CAMPBELL: I live at 1597 West Nevada
24 Place, Denver. I believe what I said in November was
25 that I appreciated the leadership of Tony Gross and

Steve Bradley over the course of the last few years on the Valley Highway Project EIS. It was a nice clean system. The leadership stayed the same and was consistent and very open and not defensive once we brought things up and that was very much appreciated from the community. I felt that the outcome was beneficial for the neighborhood and the process was really good.

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LORRAINE CORNAFEL: My husband and I are the owners of the property at 1150 West Alameda, the corner of Lapan and Alameda. We have owned this property at 1150 West Alameda since 1988 and have landscaped it with grass and trees and an irrigation system to care for them. So the trees are sizeable Crabapples.

My concern is that when Alameda is widened, and our property is shown as one that will have at least a partial acquisition for that project, my worry is that I think that we will lose 10 to 15 feet of our property on Alameda, which takes the trees. I would like to have as much lead time as possible to know when the project will begin because I intend to plant the replacement trees a suitable distance from the current line to protect them for the future so that there is at least some green there. There is no green space on Alameda from the railroad tracks, which are east of I-25, all the way to Knox Court. We have the only green space in there. I would like to keep it as pretty as possible because I like it, and we have spent a good deal of money maintaining it all of these years.

My second concern is that when Alameda is widened, one of the sketches I saw showed the concrete

center median that is often installed on streets these days. If that is done on Alameda, it will be a very difficult turn for the tractor trailer rigs which can be up to 70 feet long if you include a tractor with a long wheel base plus a 53-foot trailer. Those kind of vehicles routinely use the dock space at our warehouse building which is located at 320 South Lapan which directly abuts the property we own at 1150. It is leased out to an appliance company presently for that purpose. Until recently Duffy Heavy Hauling Cranes had difficulty making the turn even as it is with the island. That company has since moved, but every business along Lapan uses tractor trailer delivery. So it is really impeded. So really I would hope someone would consider leaving those islands out for the future development of Alameda.

That is all that I have to say.