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## 6.0 AGENCY AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

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### INTRODUCTION

The study team encouraged public involvement as a way to help local government and transportation agencies make informed decisions about transportation and transit options. The study provided many opportunities for frequent and meaningful public feedback during the process. The study team fostered open communication and was responsive to all groups and individuals interested in this study.

The study team communicated and collaborated with federal, state, and local government officials; regional transportation planning entities; community groups; civic and professional organizations; businesses; residents; and low-income and minority populations during the study process. The public involvement process provided information, timely public notice, and access to key decisions, public comment opportunities, and outlets for early and continuing participation.

### 6.1 OBJECTIVES

The major goal of the public involvement program was to work cooperatively with the cities, county, residents, businesses, users, and property owners to gain their input on specific alternatives and discuss suggested mitigation that would best meet the transportation needs with minimal impacts to the area.

The objectives of the public involvement program were to:

- Provide opportunities for the public to offer input at each stage of the study: Scoping, Purpose and Need, Alternatives Analysis/Environmental Studies, and Development of the Northwest Corridor Transportation and Environmental Planning Study to include impacts analysis and suggested mitigation measures
- To inform and update the public on decisions by providing easy and user-friendly access to information via multiple sources so that public opinion is based on knowledge and a realistic understanding of needs, constraints, and opportunities

### 6.2 ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM

A multi-tiered public involvement approach was created to outreach to the diversity of stakeholders and other groups in the study area. The process consisted of three general areas of coordination:

- Agency
- Public
- Special “environmental justice” outreach to low-income or minority populations

The public involvement outreach efforts used public meetings, presentations to local civic and neighborhood organizations, a dedicated project web site, news releases/media relations, newsletters and other printed materials, and other tools to disseminate information to the public.

Agency coordination focused on involving federal, state, and local government agencies in developing the technical requirements of the study, and in providing technical expertise and assistance in developing the Northwest Corridor Transportation and Environmental Planning Study.



Environmental justice outreach included identifying the presence of concentrated low-income and minority populations within the study area, contacting organizations involved with local low-income and minority populations, disseminating study information to local leaders and residents, and diversifying public outreach efforts to meet the specific needs of low-income and minority populations. This included providing materials in Spanish to communicate with the Spanish-speaking Hispanic/Latino populations in the study area.

The following program outlets were used as primary means of information dissemination that were not targeted to any specific audience.

### **6.2.1 NOTICE OF INTENT**

A notice of intent, advising the public that an EIS would be prepared for a proposed transportation improvement project in Boulder, Broomfield, and Jefferson Counties was published in the July 21, 2003, *Federal Register*. This notice of intent formally communicated the commencement of the public involvement process for the study area and was published in the following newspapers serving the project area:

- Denver Post
- Rocky Mountain News
- Boulder Daily Camera
- Boulder Weekly
- Broomfield Enterprise Sentinel
- Longmont Times/Call
- Louisville Times/Call
- Louisville Times/Lafayette News/Erie Review/Front Range Review
- Sentinel & Transcript – Arvada, Bear Creek, Golden, Lakewood, Wheat Ridge
- Westminster Window
- El Hispano
- El Reportero
- La Voz

Media releases were prepared and distributed to local print and radio outlets.

Because the study shifted to a planning document, the notice of intent has been rescinded.

During the scoping process, a number of telephone conversations were held with interested parties, including but not limited to, City of Arvada, City and County of Boulder, City and County of Broomfield, City of Golden, City of Lakewood, City of Louisville, Town of Superior, City of Westminster, City of Wheat Ridge, and Sierra Club.

### **6.2.2 STUDY CONTACTS**

Key study team members were available to answer questions from the public. Questions were received by letter, phone, e-mail, and in person. The two main contacts were:

Mr. Steve Sherman  
Project Environmental Engineer  
CDOT Region 6

Mr. Steve Dole  
Senior Environmental Scientist  
Felsburg Holt & Ullevig



### 6.2.3 STAKEHOLDER LIST DEVELOPMENT

Northwest Corridor information was developed and distributed to interested parties through newsletters, public meeting notification postcards, public meeting announcements, Citizen Working Group meeting notifications (for those indicating a previous interest), and activity updates.

During the scoping process, a list was developed from the compilation of several other local transportation stakeholder lists (including the stakeholder list for the neighboring and concurrent US 36 EIS) and was sorted by zip code. Additional research identified government officials, municipality public information officers, homeowners associations, real estate professionals, study area businesses, and nonprofit organizations.

Subsequent to the scoping process, the list was expanded by adding addresses from zip code mailing lists and interested citizens who registered at public meetings, through the telephone hotline, by mail, and by e-mail. Of the 11,620 on the stakeholder list, approximately 3,665 supplied e-mail addresses while 7,955 supplied mailing addresses.

### 6.2.4 PROJECT WEB SITE

A project web site was developed ([www.NWCorridorEIS.com](http://www.NWCorridorEIS.com)) in December 2003 to provide the public with up-to-date information about the study. Information on the web site was written to avoid technical jargon, wherever possible, to communicate information in easily understood terms. Information was added and updated frequently to keep the web site current, relevant and informative. The web site also included key study information in Spanish

The public was able to submit comments and questions, sign up for the mailing list, and request study-related information through a “Contact Us” page and web form. The study team reviewed and, if needed, responded to comments and questions received through the web site.





The web site provided access to:

- A study description
- Study area map
- Public meeting information and summaries
- Citizen Working Group meeting information and summaries
- Technical Support Committee meeting information and summaries
- Corridor Consensus Committee meeting information and summaries
- Study goals
- Public involvement reports
- Schedule
- Maps of alternatives
- Study team contact information
- Frequently asked questions
- Newsletters
- News releases
- Glossary of acronyms
- Public comment submission form

### **6.2.5 NEWS RELEASES TO THE LOCAL MEDIA AND MEDIA KITS**

Periodic news releases and media advisories were prepared and sent to the local media before public meetings and Citizen Working Group meetings, and to announce study team speakers were available to address small group meetings. News releases and media advisories were sent in December 2003; January, February, March, and September 2004; and May and July 2005. News releases and media advisories were also translated into Spanish and distributed to Spanish-language news media in the metropolitan Denver area.

Additionally, media kits, which were distributed to reporters who attended public meetings, was prepared. The content of these kits varied slightly for each meeting but typically included the most recent meeting notification news release, frequently asked questions, and graphics of alternatives being considered by the study team.

### **6.2.6 BILINGUAL TELEPHONE HOTLINE**

A bilingual (English/Spanish) 24-hour telephone hotline (303-220-2545) was established in the spring of 2004 for citizens to provide comments and questions. Outgoing messages were recorded in English and Spanish. Study team members responded to all messages, regardless of language. From the hotline's inception through November 2005, 282 calls were received.

The hotline was publicized in English and Spanish news releases, newspaper ads announcing public meetings, and mentioned and displayed at all public meetings. Cards listing the hotline and project web site were distributed to public meeting attendees.

### **6.2.7 PROJECT NEWSLETTERS**

Five newsletters to stakeholders were developed and distributed to provide alternatives screening updates, discuss study status, and promote public meetings. The newsletters were distributed in print versions and electronically to the more than 11,000 people and businesses on the stakeholder list, and were sent to local governments and other entities in and near the study area. Newsletters were also distributed during small group presentations.

Additional newsletter content included information on how and where to submit comments or questions, frequently asked questions, updated project timelines, maps of the study area and alternatives, and analysis criteria.

Newsletters were developed and distributed in January, April and October 2004 and February and May 2005.

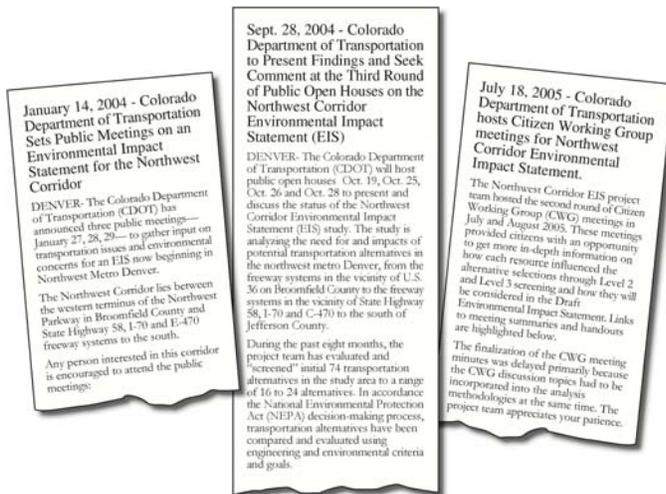


## 6.2.8 MEETING NOTIFICATION POSTCARDS/EMAILS

To alert stakeholders to upcoming public meetings, the study team developed, printed, and mailed postcards to stakeholders who supplied mailing addresses, and e-cards to those who supplied e-mail addresses. The postcards and e-cards contained meeting information such as meeting dates, times and locations, and information on who to contact if an attendee required special needs or translation services.

Postcards and e-mails were distributed to the 11,000 people and businesses on the stakeholders list approximately two weeks before the first public meeting in each series.

## 6.2.9 MEETING NOTIFICATION ADVERTISEMENTS



Public meetings were promoted through print media advertisements in newspapers throughout the study area. These advertisements contained meeting information such as meeting dates, times, locations, and information on who to contact if an attendee required special needs or translation services.

Advertisements were developed in English and Spanish, with the latter placed in area Spanish-language newspapers. English and Spanish advertisements were placed in more than a dozen print publications before each series of public meetings. Advertisements typically ran

twice in publications; once approximately two to three weeks before public meetings and again within one week of the first public meeting for each series of public meetings.

## 6.2.10 AGENCY INPUT

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), initiated an Environmental Impact Statement in 2003 to study proposed transportation improvements in the Northwest Corridor of the Denver metropolitan area. CDOT determined that while transportation improvements in the northwest Denver metropolitan area are needed; federal, state, or other funds are not available to meet these needs in the near future. CDOT has decided to discontinue the NEPA process for the Northwest Corridor. To be able to use the information gathered for planning purposes, CDOT is releasing the information gathered during the process in this Transportation Planning and Environmental Analysis document that can serve as a foundation for future projects by CDOT or other entities.

Resource agencies have specific technical expertise and regulatory oversight of various environmental issues and potential impacts associated with the study (see **Table 6.2-1**).



*Table 6.2-1 Northwest Corridor Resource Agencies*

Entity	Member Name
State Historic Preservation Officer	Amy Pallante
Air Pollution Control Division	Jim DiLeo
Board of County Commissioners – Jefferson County	Nanette Neelan, P.E.
City & County of Broomfield	Kevin Standbridge
City of Arvada	Bob Manwaring
City of Golden	Dan Hartman
City of Lakewood	Dave Baskett
City of Lakewood	Karl Buchholz
Colorado Board of Land Commissioners	Carolyn Gillies
Colorado Department of Minerals & Geology	Gregg Squire
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment	Steve Gunderson
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment	Pat Martinek
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment- Water Quality Control Division	Bill McKee
Colorado Department of Transportation	Mindy Crane
Colorado Department of Transportation	Bill McDonnell, P.E.
Colorado Department of Transportation	Bruce Naylor, P.E.
Colorado Department of Transportation	Steve Sherman, P.E.
Colorado Department of Transportation	Jim Paulmeno
Colorado Department of Transportation	Sandi Kohrs
Colorado Department of Transportation	Moe Awaznezhad, P.E.
Colorado Division of Wildlife	Michael Wedermyer
Colorado State Land Board	Larry Routten
Denver Regional Council of Governments	Steven Rudy, P.E.
Denver Water	Lavon Likes
Denver Water	Jennifer McCudy
Denver Water	Kevin Keefe
Federal Aviation Administration-Denver Airport District Office	Scott Fredericksen
Federal Highway Administration	Shaun Cutting
Federal Highway Administration	Ron Sperl
Fish and Wildlife Service	Dean Rundle
Muller Engineering	Matt Andrews



Entity	Member Name
Natural Resources Conservation Service	Edward Spence
Regional Transit District	Georgann Fisher
Representative for Congressman Mark Udall	Doug Young
Representative for Senator Wayne Allard	Lacee Artist
Representative for Senator Wayne Allard	Jeanette Alberg
Sierra Club & CTS	Bert Melscher
Transit West	Edie Bryan
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Larry Svoboda
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Deborah Lebow
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Alison Deans Michael
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Laurie Shannon
US Department of Energy/Rocky Flats Project Office	Ken Brakken
W-470 CC	Marsh

Responsibilities of the resource agencies are:

- Providing technical expertise as needed
- Participating in meetings and working groups as needed
- Reviewing and providing comments on relevant study documentation

Agency involvement activities ranged from one-on-one meetings with study team members to a series of meetings with local, state, and federal agency representatives. Letters from these agencies are provided (see **Appendix C**)

### 6.2.11 FOCUS GROUP

Focus Group meetings provided a forum for local government representatives to come together to discuss the technical aspects of a specific topic (see **Table 6.2-2** and **Table 6.2-3**). These meetings provided an opportunity for exchange of technical data among the entities involved. Discussions explored data, methodologies, and community issues.

The Focus Group meetings concentrate on a specific technical issue during smaller group discussions, which convened on an as-needed basis. Any member of the study team could initiate a meeting when additional information or guidance was needed before further analysis could proceed.



*Table 6.2-2 Northwest Corridor Focus Group Meetings/Attendees, 2004*

Element & Responsible Party	Date	Entity	Member Name
<b>2004</b>			
Noise	March 16, 2004	Colorado Department of Transportation	Bob Mero
		Colorado Department of Transportation	Steve Sherman
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Art Hirsch
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Dale Tischmak
		Carter & Burgess, Inc.	Bob Quinlan
		Carter & Burgess, Inc	Kirk Webb
Environmental Justice	March 19, 2004	Colorado Department of Transportation	Robin Geddy
		Colorado Department of Transportation	Francis Oppermann
		Colorado Department of Transportation	Jerry Piffer
		Colorado Department of Transportation	Steve Sherman
		US Environmental Protection Agency	Tami Thomas-Burton
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Cally Grauberger
		Carter & Burgess	Larry Gibson
		Carter & Burgess	Bob Quinlan
		Carter & Burgess	Kirk Webb
RESOLVE, Inc.	Will Singleton		
Threatened & Endangered Species and Wildlife	March 31, 2004	Colorado Department of Transportation	Steve Sherman
		US Fish & Wildlife Service	Alison Deans Michael
		US Fish & Wildlife Service	Amy Thornburg
		Colorado Division of Wildlife	Michael Wedermyer
		Carter & Burgess, Inc	Bob Quinlan
		ERO Resources Corporation	Ron Beane
		ERO Resources Corporation	Bill Mangle
		ERO Resources Corporation	Mary Powell
Water Quality	April 2, 2004	Colorado Department of Transportation	Jeff Kloska
		Colorado Department of Transportation	Gordon McEvoy
		Colorado Department of Transportation	Steve Sherman
		Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment/Water Quality Control Division	Bill McKee
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Will Carrier
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Art Hirsch
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Ed Lind
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Alex Pulley



Element & Responsible Party	Date	Entity	Member Name
<b>2004</b>			
Wetlands	April 15, 2004	Federal Highway Administration	Monica Pavlik
		Colorado Department of Transportation	Paula Durkin
		Colorado Department of Transportation Environmental Programs Branch	Rebecca Pierce
		US Army Corps of Engineers	Scott Franklin
		Carter & Burgess	Laura Backus
		Carter & Burgess	Bob Quinlan
		ERO Resources Corporation	Mary Powell
Hazardous Waste	April 20, 2004	Colorado Department of Transportation	Steve Sherman
		Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment	Steve Gunderson
		Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment	Elizabeth Potteroff
		US Department of Energy/Rocky Flats Project Office	Ken Brakken
		Carter & Burgess, Inc	Bob Quinlan
		ERM Rocky Mountain, Inc.	Patricia Corbetta
		ERM Rocky Mountain, Inc.	Stephanie Larsen
		ERM Rocky Mountain, Inc.	Mary Thompson
Cultural Resources	April 23, 2004	Federal Highway Administration	Monica Pavlik
		Colorado Department of Transportation/Environmental Programs Branch	Bob Autobee
		Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation	Dan Corson
		Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation	Amy Pallante
		Centennial Archaeology, Inc.	Chris Zier
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Jason Marmor



Element & Responsible Party	Date	Entity	Member Name
<b>2004</b>			
Air Quality	May 4, 2004	Federal Highway Administration	Bill Haas
		Federal Highway Administration	Monica Pavlik
		Colorado Department of Transportation	Jerry Piffer
		Colorado Department of Transportation	Steve Sherman
		Colorado Air Pollution Control Division	Jim DiLeo
		Regional Air Quality Council	Gerald Dilley
		US Environmental Protection Agency	Jeff Kimes
		Denver Regional Council of Governments	Marcy Mrozinski
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Dale Tischmak
		Carter & Burgess	Bob Quinlan
		Carter & Burgess	Kirk Webb
		RESOLVE, Inc.	Robin Roberts
Geology and Soils	May 17, 2004	State of Colorado – Division of Land Use and Geologic	Karen Berry
		Colorado Office of Emergency Management	Marilyn Gally
		Natural Resources Conservation Services	Edward Spence
		State of Colorado – Division of Minerals & Geology	Gregg Squire
		City of Loveland – GIS Specialist	Steve Krajewski
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Steve Dole
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Keith Hidalgo
		RockSol Consulting Group	Barb Mieras
		RockSol Consulting Group	Saeid Saeb
		ERM Rocky Mountain, Inc.	Patty Corbetta
Land Use	August 15, 2004	Federal Highway Administration	Monica Pavlik
		Colorado Department of Transportation	Steve Sherman
		August Gram Consulting, Inc.	Carol Carlson
		Jefferson Economic Council	Preston Gibson
		US Environmental Protection Agency	Deb Lebow
		Denver Regional Council of Governments	Larry Mugler
		Jefferson County Planning and Zoning	Janet Bell



Element & Responsible Party	Date	Entity	Member Name
<b>2004</b>			
Land Use (continued)	August 15, 2004	City and County of Broomfield	Arne Carlson
		City of Westminster	Dave Falconieri
		Jefferson County	Doug Flanders
		City of Wheat Ridge	Travis Crane
		City of Golden	Steve Glueck
		City of Arvada	Kevin Nichols
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Alex Pulley
		Carter & Burgess, Inc.	Tracey MacDonald
		Carter & Burgess, Inc.	Gina McAfee
Carter & Burgess, Inc.	Suzanne Ghais		

*Table 6.2-3 Northwest Corridor Focus Group Meetings/Attendees, 2005*

Element & Responsible Party	Date	Entity	Member Name
<b>2005</b>			
Noise	May 26, 2005	Colorado Department of Transportation	Bob Mero
		Colorado Department of Transportation	Steve Sherman
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Steve Dole
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Dale Tischmak
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Jeff Wilson
		Carter & Burgess, Inc	Kirk Webb
Air Quality	June 14, 2005	Federal Highway Administration	Monica Pavlik
		Colorado Department of Transportation	Bob Mero
		Colorado Department of Transportation	Jerry Piffer
		Colorado Department of Transportation	Steve Sherman
		Regional Air Quality Council	Jerry Dilley
		US Environmental Protection Agency	Jeff Kimes
		Denver Regional Council of Governments	Eric Sabina
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Dale Tischmak
Carter & Burgess, Inc.	Kirk Webb		



Element & Responsible Party	Date	Entity	Member Name
<b>2005</b>			
Water Quality	June 14, 2005	Colorado Department of Transportation	Jeff Kloska
		Colorado Department of Transportation	Steve Sherman
		Colorado Department of Transportation	Rick Willard
		Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment/Water Quality Control Division	Bill McKee
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Will Carrier
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Art Hirsch
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Alex Pulley
Water Quality—Maintenance Group	June 16, 2005	Colorado Department of Transportation/Maintenance	Randy Jensen
		Colorado Department of Transportation	Steve Sherman
		Colorado Department of Transportation/Maintenance	Roy Smith
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Alex Pulley
Wetlands, Wildlife Corridors/Ecology, and Threatened & Endangered Species	June 30, 2005	Federal Highway Administration	Monica Pavlik
		Colorado Department of Transportation	Jeff Peterson
		Colorado Department of Transportation	Rebecca Pierce
		Colorado Department of Transportation	Steve Sherman
		US Army Corps of Engineers	Scott Franklin
		Jefferson County Open Space	Frank Kunze
		US Fish & Wildlife Service	Amy Thornburg
		Carter & Burgess, Inc	Laura Backus
		ERO Resources Corporation	Karen Baud
		ERO Resources Corporation	Ron Beane
ERO Resources Corporation	Mary Powell		
Cultural Resources	July 12, 2005	Colorado Department of Transportation	Steve Sherman
		Colorado Department of Transportation	Lisa Schoch
		Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation	Amy Pallante
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Jason Marmor
Land Use	August 15,	Federal Highway Administration	Monica Pavlik



Element & Responsible Party	Date	Entity	Member Name
<b>2005</b>			
	2005	Colorado Department of Transportation	Steve Sherman
		August Gram Consulting, Inc.	Carol Carlson
		Jefferson Economic Council	Preston Gibson
		US Environmental Protection Agency	Deb Lebow
		Denver Regional Council of Governments	Larry Mugler
		Jefferson County Planning and Zoning	Janet Bell
		City and County of Broomfield	Arne Carlson
		City of Westminster	Dave Falconieri
		Jefferson County	Doug Flanders
		City of Wheat Ridge	Travis Crane
		City of Golden	Steve Glueck
		City of Arvada	Kevin Nichols
		Felsburg Holt & Ullevig	Alex Pulley
		Carter & Burgess	Tracey MacDonald
		Carter & Burgess	Gina McAfee
		CDR Associates	Suzanne Ghais

### 6.2.12 SCOPING MEETINGS

The purpose of the scoping process was to share information about the study, coordinate analysis methodology, and collect comments, questions, and feedback from participating agencies and the public to better define the scope of the study. Scoping was used to identify the range of alternatives and impacts and the issues to be addressed in the Northwest Corridor Transportation and Environmental Planning Study.

- Collect relevant, current and accurate information and data that are useful for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and identifying the issues related to the proposed action
- Identify possible alternatives to be considered in the study
- Hear ideas, concerns, and suggestions about what and how the study will proceed from all interested stakeholders
- Invite the participation of affected Federal, State, and local agencies and other interested parties in order to gather expert knowledge and information

On December 11, 2003, at the CDOT Region 6 Maintenance Conference Room in Denver, members of FHWA and CDOT participated in a scoping meeting. Discussion included the Purpose and Need Statement, the public scoping effort, public notification, and media release process.



Additionally, an agency scoping meeting was conducted on January 21, 2004. This meeting identified issues related to the proposed action and determined the scope of the issues to be addressed by the study. The meeting was designed to share study information and collect comments, questions, and feedback. Representatives from 17 federal, state, and local government agencies attended.

During the agency scoping meeting, hosted at the Denver West Marriott Hotel in Golden, the study team introduced the study to the public and solicited input on issues, impacts, and resources in connection with the project. Agency scoping comments were received and are summarized (see **Chapter 7**).

### **6.2.13 CORRIDOR CONSENSUS COMMITTEE**

The Corridor Consensus Committee (CCC) is a committee of representatives from each community within the corridor, as well as regional economic and environmental representatives who work together to provide recommendations regarding:

- Purpose and Need
- Identification of a broad range of transportation improvement alternatives for initial consideration
- Definition of evaluation criteria for narrowing/selecting alternatives
- Screening of alternatives for detailed evaluation
- Selection of a preferred transportation improvement alternative

The CCC provides a formal mechanism through which elected public officials and regional economic and environmental representatives can develop a broad perspective to communicate the regional and local needs as they relate to transportation decisions in the study area. The committee provides general guidance to the study team and recommendations based on feedback from the Technical Support Committee.

The CCC is composed of local government officials, government agencies, and non-profit groups (see **Table 6.2-4**). Meetings were hosted frequently during the study process. Meeting summaries are available on the project web site.

<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
February 25, 2004	January 21, 2005	May 1, 2006
March 12, 2004	February 11, 2005	
May 7, 2004	April 8, 2005	
June 11, 2004	May 13, 2005	<b>2008</b>
August 13, 2004	July 8, 2005	June 9, 2008
October 8, 2004	October 14, 2005	
November 19, 2004		



*Table 6.2-4 Corridor Consensus Committee Members*

Entity	Member Name	Position
Board of County Commissioners-Boulder	Will Toor	County Commissioner
Board of County Commissioners-Jefferson	*Michelle Lawrence Jim Congrove	County Commissioner
Broomfield Economic Development Corporation	Don Dunshee	President and CEO
City of Arvada	Lorraine Anderson	Council Member
City of Boulder	Andy Schultheiss	Council Member
City of Broomfield	Karen Stuart	Mayor
City of Golden	Charles Baroch	Mayor
City of Lakewood	*Carol Kesselman Ed Pterson	Council Member
City of Louisville	Chuck Sisk	Mayor
City of Westminster	Chris Dittman	Council Member
City of Wheat Ridge	*Gretchen Cervený	Mayor
Colorado Department of Transportation	Peggy Catlin	Deputy Executive Director
Denver Regional Council of Governments	Steven Rudy, P.E.	Transportation Operations & Project Implementation Manager
Environmental Defense, Environment Colorado, & Colorado Environmental Coalition	Bob Yunke	Air Quality & Transportation Consultant
Environmental Representative	*Bert Melcher Edie Bryan	Environmental Reprehensive
Federal Highway Administration	*Ron Speral Monica Pavlik	Program Delivery Engineer
Jefferson Economic Council	Preston Gibson	Executive Director
Jehn and Associates	Joe Jehn	Principal
Town of Superior	Mark Hamilton	Mayor Pro-Tem

Note: \*Past member.



### 6.2.14 TECHNICAL SUPPORT COMMITTEE

The Technical Support Committee (TSC) is a committee of technical and professional staff appointed by CCC members. The TSC brings the technical expertise of local governments and other entities to the process of developing and evaluating alternatives and preliminary engineering associated with the alternatives.

The committee reviews technical data and provides comments to the study team; provides comments on process, criteria, and technical issues; and provides information to the CCC based on technical discussions among the city/county technical representatives. The CCC used TSC feedback to develop recommendations to the study team.

The TSC is composed of professional staff from local governments, government agencies, and non-profit groups (see **Table 6.2-5**). Meetings were hosted frequently during the study process. Meeting summaries are available on the project web site.

<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
March 30, 2004	January 11, 2005	May 1, 2006
April 27, 2004	January 19, 2005 (workshop)	
June 1, 2004	February 1, 2005	
July 15, 2004	March 11, 2005	<b>2008</b>
August 3, 2004	March 29, 2005	June 9, 2008
September 28, 2004	May 3, 2005	
October 26, 2004 (workshop)	May 12, 2005 (workshop)	
November 9, 2004	July 8, 2005	
	October 14, 2005	



**Table 6.2-5 Technical Support Committee Members**

Entity	Member Name	Position
Board of County Commissioners-Boulder	Clark Misner, P.E.	Deputy Transportation Director
Board of County Commissioners-Jefferson	Nanette Neelan, P.E.	Assistant County Administrator
Broomfield Economic Development Corporation	Terri Groves	Director – Real Estate & Investor Relations
City of Arvada	Bob Manwaring	City Traffic Engineer
City of Boulder	Tracy Winfree	Director of Transportation
City of Broomfield	Kevin Standbridge	Assistant City and County Manager
City of Golden	Dan Hartman, P.E.	Director of Public Works
City of Lakewood	*Karl Buchholz, P.E. John Padon	Principal Traffic Engineer
City of Louisville	Heather Balsler	Assistant City Manager for Governmental Relations
City of Westminster	Dave Downing, P.E.	City Engineer
City of Wheat Ridge	Tim Paranto, P.E.	Director of Public Works
Colorado Department of Transportation	Bill McDonnell, P.E.	Project Manager
Denver Regional Council of Governments	Steven Rudy, P.E.	Transportation Operations & Project Implementation Manager
Environmental Defense, Environment Colorado, & Colorado Environmental Coalition	Bob Yunke	Air Quality & Transportation Consultant
Federal Highway Administration	*Jean Wallace P.E. Monica Pavlik	Senior Operations Manager
Jefferson Economic Council	Jim Fitzmorris, P.E.	Senior Technical Specialist
Regional Transit District	Dave Shelley, P.E.	Manager – Corridor Planning Department of Systems Planning
Sierra Club	Richard Sugg	--
Town of Superior	Devin Granbery	Management Analyst

Note: \*Past member.



## 6.2.15 PUBLIC MEETINGS



Public meetings provided an opportunity to solicit and collect comments to provide input to the study team, the CCC, and the TSC. The goal was to provide the public an opportunity to learn about the study progress, provide comments in one-on-one and group formats, and to express their concerns and ideas to the study team and other members of the public. The intent was to provide study information and give the public a forum for questions and comments and an opportunity to discuss the study with subject matter experts.

Public meetings were hosted at key points during the study process. Multiple avenues were used to notify the public of the meetings:

- Newsletters, meeting notification postcards, and e-mails were distributed to the stakeholders list
- Meeting information was posted on the project web site
- English and Spanish meeting notification flyers were distributed within the study area in high-traffic areas including libraries, government offices, businesses, and senior centers
- English and Spanish meeting notification advertisements appeared in newspapers inside and near the study area
- News releases were distributed to media in and near the study area
- Meeting information was distributed to city and county public information officers to facilitate informing their constituents

The study team hosted four rounds of public meetings in January, April and October 2004 and May/June 2005. Thirteen meetings were hosted at locations in Golden, Arvada, Westminster, Louisville, and Broomfield. Attendance ranged from approximately 40 to 1,000 per meeting.

The meeting formats were designed to provide the public with study data, to receive feedback, and establish relationships with the local communities. Public meetings had an open house component, with materials displayed and subject matter experts present to answer questions and accept comments. At the January and April 2004, and May/June 2005 public meetings, study team members offered a presentation that included slides, maps, and graphics. A facilitated open forum public comment period followed the presentation.

During the open forum public comment period, remarks and concerns were summarized on flip charts or in electronic format and projected for attendees to view. This process enabled them to verify their comments as being accurately stated and encouraged further discussion. Additionally, comments and concerns were captured in meeting summaries.

At each public meeting, comment forms were provided to solicit comments from attendees. Comments were collected, categorized, and entered into the Hotline Information Record System (HIRSYS) database for response and/or cataloguing.

Study team members met periodically to review public comments to identify recurring comments and common concerns. These were often addressed in project newsletters and added to the frequently asked questions section of the web site.





### 6.2.16 CITIZEN WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

The Citizen Working Groups (CWG) explore, in-depth, specific issues associated with the study. Interested citizens are teamed with technical experts to collect questions, review technical data and explain the study team's approach to analyzing specific issues.

The CWG meetings gave community members an opportunity to interact with study team members in a smaller setting, and discuss specific concerns in detail. This interaction among the citizens and representatives of the study team helped the team understand issues from the community perspective. They also provided an opportunity for community members to see exhibits and information in a smaller venue and have the chance to describe concerns and issues to the technical representatives.

CWG meetings were hosted in May 2004 and in July/August 2005. The meetings were categorized as follows:

- Aesthetics and Viewsheds
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Traffic Modeling/Land Use/Cumulative Effects
- Land Use
- Water Quality
- Wildlife and Open Space/Wetlands

CWG meetings were publicized during public meetings and on the web site. E-mails and letters were sent to citizens before CWG meetings and news releases were distributed to local media regarding the meeting dates, times, and locations. Interested citizens were able to sign up to be informed of CWG meeting dates at public meetings and through the project hotline and web site. Seventy-eight people attended the May 2004 CWG meetings while the July/August CWG meetings attracted approximately 124 attendees.

Meetings took place at locations in Westminster and Golden and meeting minutes are posted on the project web site.

### 6.2.17 LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS AND BUSINESS GROUP MEETINGS

Small group presentations provided information to a number of community organizations throughout the study area. These presentations afforded team members a chance to listen to concerns and issues, build relationships with members of the community, and allow interested individuals another, less formal, opportunity to discuss and exchange ideas with the study team.

Study members met with neighborhood associations, service and civic organizations and business groups to introduce the study and discuss concerns and issues related to the alternatives and the process (see **Table 6.2-6**). Most of these presentations were summaries of the study and process to-date; Purpose and Need; evaluation/screening process; and remaining alternatives.



*Table 6.2-6 NW Corridor Speaker's Bureau Presentations*

Organization or Group	Presentation Date	Location
<b>2004</b>		
Golden Rotary Club	July 20, 2004	Rolling Hills County Club, Golden, CO
Lake Crest Estates West HOA	July 29, 2004	8670 Yank Ct., Arvada, CO
North Table Mountain Estates	September 16, 2004	Table Mountain Ranch, Golden, CO
Village of Five Parks HOA	November 9, 2004	Community Depot, Arvada, CO
<b>2005</b>		
Colorado School of Mines	February 2, 2005	Office of Planning and Construction, Golden, Colo.
Transit West	February 2, 2005	Dave Ruckman's House, Lakewood, CO
Jefferson County Association of Realtors Government Affairs	February 3, 2005	950 Wadsworth, Arvada, CO
Northwest Community Alliance	March 3, 2005	Westwood Estates Clubhouse, Golden, CO
Green Mountain Kiwanis	March 7, 2005	Fox Hollow Golf Course Den, Lakewood, CO
Westwood Ridge HOA	March 9, 2005	Duncan Family YMCA, Golden, CO
Fairmount HOA	March 30, 2005	Fairmount Elementary, Arvada, CO
School of Mines-NEPA Class	April 5, 2005	Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO
Lake Arbor Optimists	July 12, 2005	Indian Tree Golf Course, Arvada, CO
Wyndam Park HOA	July 18, 2005	Arvada Firehouse, Arvada, CO
Leadership Jefferson County Alumni Meeting	July 25, 2005	Guaranty Bank, Golden, CO
Arvada Clear Creek Optimists	July 26, 2005	Egg Shell, Arvada, CO
Leadership Jefferson County Alumni	July 26, 2005	Guaranty Bank, Golden, CO
Candlelight HOA	October 13, 2005	DiCicco's Restaurant, Arvada, CO
<b>2006</b>		
None	N/A	N/A
<b>2007</b>		
Fairmount HOA	March 20, 2007	Kickers Club, Arvada, CO



### 6.2.18 HOTLINE INFORMATION RECORD SYSTEM

The Hotline Information Record System (HIRSYS) is a database software system used to track comments from stakeholders and the corresponding responses from the study team.

HIRSYS entries were compiled quarterly and served as a valuable tool in identifying study information needs and areas of interest in the community. The study team compiled HIRSYS comments from the following areas:

- Calls to the hotline voicemail system
- Calls to individual study team members
- E-mail comments submitted through the web site
- Written comments at public meetings
- Mailed/e-mailed correspondence to individual team members
- Official correspondence from government offices within the study area
- Approximately 1,700 HIRSYS comments logged thus far during the course of the project

### 6.2.19 SPECIAL OUTREACH TO LOW-INCOME AND MINORITY POPULATIONS

Low-income and minority populations were identified through 2000 U.S. Census Bureau data and through community representatives. A discussion of social conditions, environmental justice, and economic conditions are included (see **Sections 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4**).

A proactive, targeted outreach effort was conducted to provide interested low-income and/or minority households an opportunity to learn about the study. The study team was also concerned about the perceptions of potential impacts, burdens, and benefits to these groups.

The public involvement approach for this outreach effort included:

- Enhancement by using local resources, such as religious organizations, community organizations, schools, housing authorities, service agencies, and targeted local media to reach low-income households
- Spanish translation of key documents, information, and announcements for distribution, including a special section of the public web site, and Spanish speaking representatives for interviews and small group meetings. Translation for other non-English languages was available
- Key person interviews to determine communication preferences and appropriate methods opportunities for effective and culturally sensitive outreach

Special outreach activities to low-income and minority populations included:

- News releases in English and Spanish to ethnic and community media
- News interviews with Spanish-language media organizations
- Advertising public meetings in Spanish in Spanish-language newspapers
- Advertising public meetings in a study area senior citizen newspaper
- Provision of study information in Spanish and English as necessary
- Access to translation at public meetings and through the project hotline
- Spanish translation of key sections of the project web site



- Dissemination of study information through community institutions and organizations, such as churches, recreation centers, senior centers, neighborhood associations, community groups, businesses, and non-profit organizations

### 6.2.20 RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

The study team developed a protocol for responding to public comments. The process encouraged interested parties to provide comments with the assurance that they had been heard.

Many people on the study team received public comments through a variety of means, and comments were evaluated and, if necessary, responded to in the following manner:

- HIRSYS/Hotline-Comments received via web entry or hotline call that requested information were routed through the appropriate study team members for a response
- Meeting Dates or Locations-Comments asking about meeting dates or locations were handled by the Public Involvement representatives
- Requests to Receive Information and Other Comments-web entries or hotline messages leaving contact information for individuals were added to the contact database. A summary of comments is included (see **Chapter 7**)
- Verbal Notes from Meetings-Comments received through verbal communication at meetings were summarized and included (see **Chapter 7**)
- Requests on Specific Topics-Specific requests requiring follow-up by a study team member were addressed by the individuals receiving the comment. A summary of these comments are included (see **Chapter 7**)
- Public Meeting Comment Forms (received at the meetings)-Comments received via comment forms submitted at the meeting were summarized and are included in the quarterly public involvement reports
- Public Meeting Comment Forms (mailed after public meetings)-Comments received via comment forms mailed to study representatives after public meetings were summarized and included (see **Chapter 7**)
- Hard Copy Documents-Letters received via regular mail from interested parties were routed through the appropriate study team members for a response, if necessary. Comments offering suggestions for the study team, but not requesting information or answers to questions were reviewed and addressed through the study process, where possible. Summaries of these comments are included in (see **Chapter 7**)
- Records of Phone Conversations, News Articles, and Newsletters-Information received about the study from phone conversations, newspapers or newsletters was summarized and included. The individual receiving the call, after consultation with the appropriate study team members, addressed specific requests from phone conversations. A summary of these comments was included(see **Chapter 7**)
- Comment summaries were reviewed by study team members to analyze public concerns and needs. Action on specific outstanding questions or comments was taken where needed. Common questions were answered in the “frequently asked questions” section on the web site, and distributed at public meetings.