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CDOT HOLDS PUBLIC HEARINGS TO DISCUSS PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR C-470 CORRIDOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Preferred Alternative Includes Tolled Express Lanes & Santa Fe Interchange Reconstruction

ARAPAHOE/DOUGLAS/JEFFERSON COUNTY, (March 24, 2006) – The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will host two open house style public hearings to review the preferred alternative for the C-470 Corridor identified in the C-470 Corridor Environmental Assessment study.

The addition of new tolled express lanes and the rehabilitation of the existing four toll-free general purpose lanes between I-25 and Kipling Boulevard, as well as reconstruction of the Santa Fe/C-470 interchange are identified as the preferred alternative in the recently released document. The preferred alternative has an identified source of revenue and would effectively minimize congestion, reduce travel delay and increase reliability in the C-470 Corridor for the next 20 years, according to the analysis. The Federal Highway Administration is anticipated to make a final decision this fall, following consideration of public comment and careful review of the study document.

The public hearings give interested residents and business owners an opportunity to review the findings of a three-year study of the corridor and provide direct comment to project officials. A court reporter will be on hand during the hearings to record the proceedings into an official record. The public hearings will be held in an open-house format; those interested in attending may drop in at anytime.

The public hearings are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, April 4, 2006, 5:00pm – 8:00pm at the Recreation Center at Southridge (4800 McArthur Ranch Road, Highlands Ranch)
- Wednesday, April 5, 2006, 5:00pm – 8:00pm at the Ken Caryl Ranch House (7676 South Continental Divide Road, Littleton)

In addition to the tolled express lanes alternative, the project also evaluated an alternative that would have expanded the existing general purpose lanes, as well as a no-action alternative. These are the options that the Federal Highway Administration is considering for its decision. Responding to requests from project stakeholders, CDOT has extended the project's original 30-day public comment period for a second time. The new public comment period will last more than 60 days and will end on April 30 – allowing for further public input to be considered in the final decision.

Additionally, for those interested in reviewing the Environmental Assessment document and providing comment, it is available for viewing at the Jefferson County office (100 Jefferson County Pkwy., Ste. 3500,

Golden), Arapahoe County office (5334 South Prince St., fourth floor, Littleton), Douglas County office (100 Third St., Castle Rock), Columbine Library (7706 W. Bowles Ave., Littleton), Lone Tree Library (8827 Lone Tree Pkwy.), Southglenn Library (7500 S. University Blvd. #101, Centennial), CDOT Region 6 office (2000 S. Holly St., Denver), CDOT Environmental Programs Branch office (1325 S. Colorado Blvd., Suite B400, Denver) CDOT Headquarters office (4201 E. Arkansas Ave., room 277, Denver), Federal Highway Administration office (12300 W. Dakota Ave., #180, Lakewood), City of Littleton Public Services Dept. @ Littleton Center (2255 W. Berry Ave., Littleton), City of Lone Tree (9777 S. Yosemite St., Ste. 100, Lone Tree), Highlands Ranch Metro Districts Office (62 W. Plaza Dr., Highlands Ranch), City of Greenwood Village (6060 S. Quebec St., Greenwood Village), City of Lakewood (480 S. Allison Pkwy., Civic Center North, Lakewood), and City of Centennial (12503 E. Euclid Dr., Ste. 200, Centennial).

The project team accepts written comments through the project website, www.c470.info, via standard mail (999 18th St., Ste. 2600, Denver, CO 80202), by fax (303-297-2693) and by e-mail (C470@wilsonco.com).

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ABOUT THE C-470 CORRIDOR PROJECT

The C-470 Corridor project is a cooperative effort between the Federal Highway Administration, the Colorado Department of Transportation and Arapahoe, Douglas and Jefferson counties. The team has conducted an environmental assessment to minimize congestion, reduce traveler delay and increase reliability on the C-470 freeway between I-25 and Kipling Parkway. The project team also has studied the feasibility of tolled express lanes from I-25 to I-70.

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