



Public Outreach January 2016

Background

The I-70 East project team has been, and continues to be, committed to public outreach and involvement through the environmental planning process and on through construction. CDOT has spent more than a decade studying the I-70 East Corridor. This effort has involved a community outreach and involvement process far exceeding any effort in CDOT history. Because the reconstruction of I-70 East most directly impacts the neighborhoods of Elyria and Swansea the bulk of this outreach has focused on the residents, businesses owners and other key stakeholders from these neighborhoods.

Outreach Techniques

The I-70 East project team used a variety of techniques to communicate with the public:

- Door-to-door survey of 26,000 households
- Thousands of informational flyers
- More than 200 in-person community meetings
- 28 block meetings
- 26 corridor-wide meetings (typically attracting 200+ people)
- 17 working group meetings
- Two corridor-wide Telephone Town Halls
- In-person surveys of Swansea Elementary School parents
- Frequent door-to-door outreach to residents closest to the highway
- Attendance at dozens of community events, church fairs and school events
- Monthly community leaders coordination meetings (held since June 2012)
- Email updates and active website with Spanish translation
- Establishment of the Community Design Advisory Committee (CDAC) to finalize project aesthetics

I-70 East Project from EIS to Today

- 2003: Began Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process
- 2008: Draft EIS Published, no Preferred Alternative identified
- 2011-2012: PACT process and review of previously considered alternatives - led to development of Partial Cover Lowered Alternative
- 2014: Supplemental Draft EIS published, preliminarily identified Preferred Alternative, received nearly 900 comment submittals



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Formerly the I-70 East Project

- 2014-2015: Colorado High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) outreach surrounding the public-private partnership and the procurement process
- 2015-2016: Final EIS development and parallel procurement process with Record of Decision in July and developer selection in fall 2016
- 2017: Financial close and construction scheduled to begin

Ongoing Public Outreach and Involvement

- Late-2015/early 2016: Aesthetics outreach
- February 2016: Final EIS Public Hearings
- Summer 2016: HPTE Pre-Final Request for Proposals public meeting
- 2017-2022: Construction outreach through the developer and CDOT

For detailed information on the I-70 East project, visit <https://www.codot.gov/projects/i70east>.