

Questions & Answers

Q: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT? WHY ARE IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED?

A: The purpose of any transportation improvements recommended by this study are to improve existing and future corridor and intersection operations, to enhance multimodal connectivity, and to improve safety for all users along US 6 from I-70B to 33 Road. Transportation improvements are needed to address traffic operational issues, lack of adequate multimodal facilities, and safety concerns.

Q: WHO MAKES DECISIONS REGARDING THE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS?

A: The Colorado Department of Transportation is ultimately responsible for the decisions to identify study transportation recommendations along US 6. However, the study recommendations will consider all input and comments from members of the public, local agencies (Mesa County, City of Grand Junction, Town of Palisade, Federal Highway Administration, Grand Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization and Grand Valley Transit), and other stakeholders when making decisions.

Q: HOW WERE THE ALTERNATIVES EVALUATED?

A: Decision-makers were faced with considering tradeoffs during the alternatives evaluation process. This study determined impacts and benefits of various improvement alternatives, by evaluating them for consistency with the project Purpose and Need using a three-tiered process. A No Action alternative was fully considered throughout the process in addition to the action alternatives.

Q: WHICH IMPROVEMENT ALTERNATIVES ARE STILL BEING CONSIDERED?

A: Following three levels of alternatives evaluation, the draft study recommendation is for the US 6 Improved Two Through Lanes - Option A, Traffic Signals alternative. This alternative includes access, control, eight-foot-wide sidewalks, and striped bicycle lanes along US 6, improving the corridor for all transportation modes.

Q: WHAT WILL THE PRODUCT OF THIS STUDY BE?

A: This study will develop final recommendations to improve operational performance and safety and potentially reduce congestion along the US 6 corridor through downtown Clifton. The study will provide a plan for future short- and long-term improvements, which will be used by CDOT and Mesa County for project implementation.

Q: WHEN WILL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS STUDY BE CONSTRUCTED?

A: The timeline for improvements is dependent on funding availability. Funding has been allocated for design of this study's recommended improvements. Currently, there is no funding identified for construction. However, it is much more likely funding be allocated for construction once design is completed. Phasing of improvements as separate projects is likely.

Q: WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION AND SUBMIT A COMMENT?

A: Review the study recommendations and provide your comments. Visit the project web page for more information or to submit a comment:

www.codot.gov/projects/us6cliftonstudy

