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TO: Transportation Commission

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SUBJECT: Quarterly Update

Purpose

Commission Resolution 3179 (July 21, 2014) directed staff to prepare quarterly updates on the development of the Central 70 Project and related procurement efforts. The attached presentation summarizes the status of the Central 70 Project across the following areas:

- Status of NEPA and Procurement Schedule
- Update on right-of-way acquisitions and project mitigation commitments
- Workforce development outreach and goals for CY17
- Update on outreach and community engagement

Action

No actions are requested at this time, this memo and power point presentation is for information purposes only.

Details

The attached power point presentation covers several topics as mentioned above. Additional detail on the schedule is provided below. The project continues to receive frequent media attention. Most recently, the 'duct work event (featured in workshop presentation) received [local](#) and [national](#) press.

A Record of Decision (ROD) for Phase 1 is on a slight delay in order to react to the conformity updates that DRCOG issued to the 2040 projection year. The ROD is anticipated in early 2017.

Following the Commission's decision in February 2015 to pursue a Design Build Finance Operate Maintain (DBFOM) method of delivery for I-70 East, staff has continued to engage industry in the Central 70 project. Completed and upcoming milestones include:

- ✓ March 11, 2015: Industry Forum
- ✓ March 25, 2015: Release of Request for Qualifications (available publicly)
- ✓ June 22, 2015: Deadline for receipt of Statement of Qualifications
- ✓ July 24, 2015: Announcement of shortlisted teams
- ✓ September 15 and 29, 2015: Release of Draft No 1 Request for Proposals (available publicly)
- ✓ February 23, 2016: Second Draft RFP (available publicly)
- ✓ June 14, 2016: Third RFP Addendum (available publicly)
- ✓ July 28, 2016: Fourth RFP Addendum (clarify legal & financial provisions—available publicly)
- October 20, 2016 Fifth RFP Addendum (available publicly)
- Spring 2017: Final RFP (available publicly)
- Summer 2017: Developer selection
- Fall 2017: Financial Close





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Schedule Update

- NEPA
 - ROD on track for early 2017
 - Public comment periods for air quality conformity and alternatives comparison planned for this Fall
 - Working with Denver to resolve conflict between I-70 drainage design and City's plans (comment in FEIS)
- Procurement
 - Fifth RFP addendum in development
 - Final in Spring 2017
 - TIFIA Financing and Interagency Agreement

Update on ROW

- 56 Total Residential Acquisitions Required
 - 33 completed to date
 - 16 renters now homeowners
- 17 Total Business Acquisitions Required
 - 8 completed to date
- No use of eminent domain authority to date

Mitigation Commitments

- ROD will finalize commitments
 - Improvements to nearby residential properties and Swansea Elementary School
 - Contributions to affordable housing and fresh food access
- Details of affordable housing contribution (\$2M) still in development

Workforce

Local (geographic) hiring:

- First in CDOT history, required special permission from FHWA
- One of fewer than a dozen highway projects nationwide to pilot
- Draft goal set at 20% of total work hours
- Geographic area spans both sides of the highway from Sunnyside to Montbello/Aurora

Workforce Development:

- Focus on providing pathways to lifetime career opportunities
- Received \$400,000 in grant funding from FHWA to fund training and supportive services
- Also exploring broader opportunities that would help connect workforce development for major projects across the region/corridor
- Intent is to develop and implement program in 2017

Outreach and Community Engagement

- **Presence at numerous community events and festivals**
- **Presentations to local organizations and RNOs**
- **'duct-work**





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