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Transportation

WESTBOUND I-70 MOUNTAIN CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS
Floyd Hill Project—Top of Floyd Hill to the Veterans Memorial Tunnel

AGENDA

- **5:00-5:30 p.m.:** Please sign-in and feel free to walk around to the different stations.
- **5:30-6:00 p.m.:** We invite you to join us for a presentation about the Westbound I-70 Mountain Corridor Concept Development Process and our transition into the National Environmental Policy Act.
- **6:00-6:30 p.m.:** Question and answer session following the presentation.
- **6:30-7:00 p.m.:** Please feel free to walk around and view the various stations. If you have any questions or comments, walk up to any of the agency officials with a name tag and they'll be happy to speak with you.
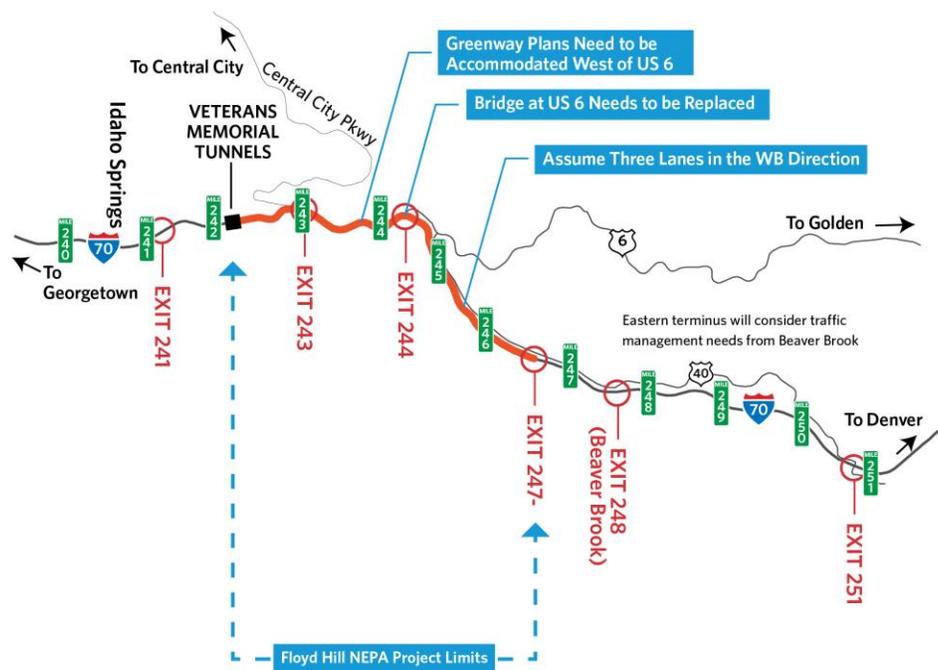- Comment sheets are available if you wish to write to us.

PROJECT LIMITS

The Westbound I-70 Mountain Corridor Floyd Hill project limits are anticipated to be located between the top of Floyd Hill and the Veterans Memorial Tunnels.

PROJECT PURPOSE

Information collected during the Concept Development Process helps to identify the purpose for highway improvements in the Floyd Hill section. With a total of 5.5 million residents in Colorado (and counting), congestion along westbound I-70 has gotten increasingly worse each

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year. Congestion also contributes to hazards along the corridor and leaves locals stranded. In addition, the tight curves in the Floyd Hill project contribute to crashes. This information will be confirmed and additional information collected during the upcoming NEPA process.

SUMMARY OF CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT FINDINGS

Individuals from local jurisdictions, communities, state and federal agencies and special interest groups were a part of an 18-member Project Leadership Team and a 48-member Technical Team that guided the concept development process. Below is a summary of their findings:

There is a need for capacity improvements to overcome safety and congestion problems.

The 2011 Tier 1 Record of Decision identified this section of I-70, from the top of Floyd Hill to the Veterans Memorial Tunnel, as an area that could allow for six lane capacity improvements.

Many suggestions and concerns that were identified during the eight month Concept Development Process will be forwarded to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Floyd Hill team for their consideration during the upcoming Floyd Hill NEPA process.

Concepts were identified for three alignments (North, South and Off-Alignment) and four interchanges (improving the US 6 interchange at its current location, moving the interchange to Hidden Valley, moving it just east of US 6 or moving it to the top of Floyd Hill.) All of these will be considered during the upcoming NEPA process.

Additional concepts for westbound I-70 (interchanges, bike and pedestrian considerations, transit, advanced technology, emergency response) are likely to be developed and considered during the upcoming NEPA process.

Neighborhood and business concerns (from Floyd Hill neighborhoods, businesses at the bottom of Floyd Hill and others) will be forwarded to the NEPA team for further consideration during the NEPA process.

UPCOMING NEPA PROCESS

The NEPA process for the Floyd Hill project will begin in August 2017. A Project Leadership Team (comprised of the Federal Highway Administration, the Colorado DOT, Clear Creek County, Jefferson

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County and others) will be formed to begin the Context Sensitive Solutions process. The basic steps of the NEPA process include:

1. Scoping to identify items to be considered in the upcoming NEPA process. The July 26, 2017 public meeting is a part of this process. Additional input will be sought through the I-70 Mountain Corridor Context Sensitive Solutions process.

2. Data collection (traffic, safety, environmental, engineering)

3. Develop alternatives. This will be done together with the CSS participants (the Project Leadership Team, and other groups such as a Technical Team and Issue Task Forces as needed.)

4. Analyze alternatives to determine a reasonable range of alternatives to advance into the NEPA process

5. Evaluate impacts of reasonable alternatives

6. Prepare a draft environmental report (could be an Environmental Assessment or a Draft Environmental Impact Statement)

7. Solicit public input

8. Prepare a decision document

9. Public and agency involvement will be conducted throughout this process

CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS PROCESS
The I-70 Mountain Corridor Context Sensitive Solutions process is being followed throughout the Floyd Hill NEPA process. This includes establishment of a Project Leadership Team, a Technical Team, and Issue Task Forces as needed. It also includes following the six-step decision-making process of:

1. Defining desired outcomes and actions
2. Endorsing the process
3. Establishing core values, issues and evaluation criteria
4. Developing alternatives with project CSS teams and public
5. Evaluating, selecting, and refining alternatives
6. Finalizing documentation and evaluating the process

For more information, please see https://www.codot.gov/projects/contextsensitivesolutions.

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WHAT'S NEXT?
Floyd Hill NEPA project Timeline:
- **Summer/Fall 2017:** Begin data collection and alternatives development
- **Winter 2017/2018 through Spring 2020:** NEPA/Design
- **Spring/Summer 2020:** Final design followed by Construction

TELL US YOUR IDEAS
Want to learn more or have questions? Send your additional comment and questions to Neil.Ogden@state.co.us or go online to *codot.gov/projects/i-70mountaincorridor*.

Materials from the July 26, 2017 meeting are available at:
https://www.codot.gov/projects/i-70mountaincorridor/concept-development-process.