



Fact Sheet

The US 24 West Environmental Assessment (EA) Schedule and Right of Way

What is the schedule for acquiring right of way and beginning construction?

Funding for the acquisition of needed properties and construction of improvements to US 24 West has not been budgeted. The EA must be completed first and a decision document issued by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The EA is anticipated to be available for public review and comment in spring-2010, with a decision document from FHWA by the mid-2010.

Thereafter, the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) will be responsible to program segments of US 24 based on available funding. The next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is for the time period 2011 – 2016. CDOT has, in the past, completed early right of way acquisition programs; these are dependent upon the decision document and the availability of funding.

The limited availability of transportation funding means that it is unlikely that the entire project would be built at the same time. It is expected that construction would begin on the east end of the corridor and proceed west. Currently the earliest available funding is in 2016.

Many decisions still need to be made: will a project be design-build, design-bid-build, or some combination?

How does CDOT acquire property and/or relocate affected owners and tenants?

CDOT acquires property and/or relocates owners and tenants for transportation projects following a process originating in the federal and state constitutions requiring the payment of “just compensation” for private property taken for public use. The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and state laws define the right of way acquisition and relocation process where federal funding is being used, such as on this project.

The processes used are to determine a “fair market value” of private property and to inform a residential owner, tenant or business of their rights and applicable laws. Please contact us at **719-477-4970** or through the Web site www.us24west.com to discuss any questions regarding property acquisition. Also, there are pamphlets available on the Web site explaining these processes in more detail.