



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING #3 SUMMARY

DATE HELD:	July 12, 2016
ATTENDING:	Andy Stecklein, Shannon Ford (CDOT); Victoria Chavez (El Paso County); Ken Prather (PPACG); Dan Sotomayor (Towns of Peyton and Ramah); Zaker Alazzeh (City of Colorado Springs); Stacy Tschuor (DEA); Monica Ramey (Bachman PR)

Summary of Discussion:

1. Stakeholder/Public Involvement
 - Community Outreach
 - Project representatives will set up a booth at the Calhan Summer Fest (Friday, July 15th) to gather input on corridor existing conditions and issues.
 - A project information sheet will be handed out at the booth.
 - The project information sheet and comment form will also be provided at the El Paso County booth at the County Fair (July 16th – 23rd).
 - Public Meetings
 - The first set of public meetings is set for the Falcon and Peyton areas.
 - The County has an email blast set up as part of their Major Transportation Corridors Plan Update and they can include information for the public meetings in the email blast.
 - The list of graphic exhibits planned for the public meetings was reviewed by attendees with no suggested changes.
 - The next PPACG Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for August 10th. Karen Rowe can include a study update in her monthly CDOT update/discussion, which is already on the agenda.
2. Corridor Conditions Summary
 - The latest graphics of the corridor conditions were discussed and reviewed.
 - Existing operational analysis shows congestion west of the Marksheffel intersection and at the Meridian Road intersection area.
 - The 2040 traffic forecasts for the study are based on the PPACG 2040 travel demand model with the approved socioeconomic forecast data.
 - In order to meet PEL/NEPA guidelines, the corridor travel forecasts should be based on the current, approved PPACG 2040 travel demand model. However, the study can consider forecasts with different socioeconomic data as a sensitivity test for alternatives and study recommendations, so the study recommendations account for changes in local land use expectations.
 - An alternate land use scenario will be coordinated with the local agencies.
3. Draft Purpose and Need
 - The project Purpose and Need will be used for the initial development of improvement alternatives and the Level 1 alternatives screening.
 - In Level 1 screening, alternatives that do not meet the Purpose and Need may be eliminated from further consideration as a stand-alone alternative.
 - Project needs are focused on recurring congestion, traffic operational issues, and safety concerns.
 - Edits to the Draft Purpose and Need were discussed to incorporate economic development and freight mobility in the Project Goals.
 - Drainage issues along the corridor were discussed for possible inclusion of improving the drainage conditions as a Project Goal.
 - Drainage improvements should be considered with projects recommended by the study.
 - The group recognizes that the drainage issues and improvements are part of the goal to avoid and minimize environmental impacts, but maybe it should be added as a separate goal.
 - **Coordination Point:** TAC members in attendance agreed with the Draft Purpose and Need (with the discussed edits incorporated) for presentation and comments at the public meetings.