



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING #4 SUMMARY

DATE HELD:	August 30, 2016
ATTENDING:	Andy Stecklein, Shannon Ford, Lindsay Edgar, Rob Frei, John Hall (CDOT); Victoria Chavez (El Paso County); Zaker Alazzeh, Kathleen Krager (Colorado Springs); Craig Casper (PPACG); Leah Langerman, Stacy Tschuor, Kara Swanson (DEA); Monica Ramey (Bachman PR)

Summary of Discussion:

1. Public Meetings #1
 - Comments received surrounding the August 16th and 23rd public meetings were reviewed. Over 70 members of the public attended.
 - Attendees noted their highest priorities for US 24 are safety and vehicular mobility.
 - Differing opinions were voiced regarding widening limits. Many suggested widening through Falcon to Judge Orr Rd. It was noted by several that widening through Calhan and Ramah is not desired due to property impacts and inconsistency with the corridor character in that area.
 - Many specific suggestions were received regarding additional turn lanes, acceleration lanes, and passing lanes. People also suggested ways to inform/warn drivers of upcoming intersections.
 - A common theme was that congestion causes issues with crossing US 24 and left turns at intersections. This causes increased delays as well as safety concerns.
 - Comments regarding access were frequent. Some believe US 24 has too many driveway accesses, causing safety issues. Property owners were concerned with losing direct access to the highway.
 - At the Calhan Summer Fest, the comments received about the condition of the corridor physically and operationally were generally positive.
 - All public meeting graphics and the Access Control Plan are available on the project web page.
2. Draft Purpose and Need
 - The public meeting attendees agreed with the Purpose and Need.
 - Following a few minor text changes, the TAC agreed to move forward with the Purpose and Need.
 - PPACG created a corridor plan for the US 24 corridor from Colorado Springs to Peyton as part of the long-range planning effort. This can be used to inform the PEL study.
 - The PEL Study's Purpose and Need statement will be used as the basis of alternatives development and screening for this planning effort. The PPACG corridor plan didn't cover the full PEL Study limits.
 - The PEL Study's Purpose and Need will be consistent with the long-range plan's corridor vision.
3. Alternatives Screening Process
 - Alternatives will be developed for each segment and categorized by highway cross section, intersection/interchange, multimodal elements, corridor management, and technology.
 - Level 1 Screening - qualitative and eliminates alternatives that do not meet the Purpose and Need. Alternative moves forward if it should be evaluated further to make an informed decision.
 - Level 2 Comparative Screening - alternatives that moved forward from Level 1 will be packaged into segment alternatives, with multiple options at intersection locations as needed.
 - Level 3 Detailed Evaluation - used if additional details are needed to define recommendations.
4. Potential Alternate Travel Demand Forecasts
 - A sensitivity analysis can be conducted during the alternatives screening to test alternatives with alternate travel demand forecasts when making recommendations.
 - The project team will meet with local agency planners to review the land use data within the PPACG 2040 travel demand model to see if they are comfortable with the forecasts.
5. Executive Committee Meeting #2 - likely will be scheduled for the last week of September.
6. Next Community/Stakeholder Outreach
 - A Calhan/Ramah Town Council combined presentation (open to the public) is planned for the fall.
 - A BOCC presentation (streamed online and open to public) would be helpful, or a Highway Advisory Committee meeting could also be considered, but those are not attended by the public.