



Open House #2 Summary Report

APPENDIX F

Open House #2 Meeting Minutes



US 6 / Wadsworth Environmental Assessment Including Improvements from 4th to 14th Avenues

Purpose:	Open House #2 - present preliminary design concepts and results of Level 1 screening		
Day:	Tuesday	Date:	February 12, 2008, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location:	Lakewood Cultural Center, Lakewood
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Participants:

Attendee	Representing
See meeting roster in <i>US 6/Wadsworth Environmental Assessment Open House #2 Summary Report</i>	Individuals interested in the project.
Aaron Swafford	CH2M HILL
Allen Albers	City of Lakewood
Alexis Moore	City of Lakewood
Claudio Vera	CH2M HILL
Colleen Kirby Roberts	CH2M HILL
David Singer	CDOT R6
Fawn Friend	CH2M HILL
Glen Selover	CH2M HILL
Mary McCannon	CDOT R6
Penny Clemons	CDOT R6
Nashat Sawaged	CDOT R6
Leela Rajasekar	CDOT R6
Kirk Webb	CDOT R6
Loretta LaRiviere	CH2M HILL
Mandy Whorton	CH2M HILL
Randy Furst	CDOT R6
Seyed Kalantar	CDOT R6
Tim Eversoll	CH2M HILL
Vanessa Henderson	CDOT EPB
Zeke Lynch	CH2M HILL
Will Voss	CH2M HILL
Candice Hein	CH2M HILL

Discussion Items

The purpose of the meeting was to present the preliminary design concepts for the US 6/Wadsworth Boulevard interchange and for Wadsworth Boulevard between 4th and 14th Avenues, and to present the results of the Level 1 screening.

Approximately 92 individuals, not including CDOT, City of Lakewood, or Consultant staff, attended the meeting. Sign-in sheets for the meeting are included in the *US 6/Wadsworth Environmental Assessment Open House #2 Summary Report*.

The meeting was an open house format supplemented by two formal presentations. The open house was available from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with presentations at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. People arrived throughout the course of the meeting. Attendance was strong at both presentations, with the 5:00 p.m. presentation more heavily attended. A children's activity area was available, and one family took advantage of this service. A Spanish translator was also available but no Spanish-only speakers were present at the meeting.

Six stations were staffed by CDOT and Consultant staff. Stations included the following topics: project purpose and need, and study schedule; design concepts and screening results; traffic; environmental resources and water quality treatment options; reference materials and handouts; and CDOT's right-of-way procedures. At several stations, display boards were used to illustrate aspects of the project. Reduced-size copies of the display boards are included in the *US 6/Wadsworth Environmental Assessment Open House #2 Summary Report*.

For each presentation, Kirk Webb, CDOT Region 6 Environmental Manager, introduced the study and study participants and provided an overview of CDOT's mission and goals for the Environmental Assessment (EA). Mandy Whorton, CH2M HILL Environmental Manager, presented information about the EA process, summary of scoping, and information about the alternatives development and screening process. Tim Eversoll, CH2M HILL Project Manager, presented information about the interchange and Wadsworth Boulevard design concepts recommended for further evaluation. The presentation is included in the *US 6/Wadsworth Environmental Assessment Open House #2 Summary Report*.

A copy of all written comments received is provided in the *US 6/Wadsworth Environmental Assessment Open House #2 Summary Report*. The verbal comments received are presented below categorized by topic.

Design Concepts

- Reroute traffic through the neighborhood on the southeast side of the interchange, and develop a slip ramp similar to the Carr Street/Garrison Street entrance for cars entering eastbound 6th Avenue between Wadsworth Boulevard and Sheridan Boulevard. Close the existing eastbound on-ramp onto US 6.
- Project needs could be addressed by 1) reconfiguring the southbound US 6 off-ramp and removing the signal at 5th Avenue; and 2) adding a slip ramp to enter US 6 east of Wadsworth Boulevard rather than reconstructing the interchange, because it would disrupt fewer residences.

- The project must plan for transit. Support for a future trolley car along Wadsworth Boulevard.
- Support for the Single-Point Urban Interchange (SPUI) concept.
- Support for concepts that do not add more traffic signals. Additional signals will not help accommodate current and increased traffic volumes on Wadsworth Boulevard.
- Support for Tight Diamond and SPUI concepts because signalized intersections at ramp terminals are safer for pedestrians.

Traffic

- The intersection of Wadsworth Boulevard with 5th Avenue is skewed with “dips” on both sides. Southbound Wadsworth Boulevard needs a right-turn lane onto 5th Avenue and larger turning radii at the 5th Avenue intersection.
- Signals along Wadsworth Boulevard are not synchronized; they increase traffic congestion and make drivers stop at every light.
- The Carr Street/Garrison Street slip ramps should be removed.
- The Carr Street/Garrison Street slip ramps should be maintained.

Noise

- Noise levels have increased since the speed limit on US 6 was raised to 65 mph. Look into lowering the speed limit back to 55 mph.
- Please look into quiet pavement on US 6, like rubberized asphalt or pavement similar to that on US 6 near Indiana Avenue.
- Residents experienced high levels of noise, dust, and fumes during noise-wall construction along US 6 east of Wadsworth Boulevard. Hotel vouchers were offered to residents proximate to the Transportation Expansion (T-REX) Project construction on Interstate 25, and this sounds like a good idea during construction for this project.

Safety

- The 65-mph speed limit on US 6 is too high and causes too many accidents. Look into lowering the speed limit back to 55 mph.

Pedestrian and Bicycles Issues

- Consider providing a pedestrian overpass at the interchange, to alleviate ice build-up on pedestrian path.
- Prefer no pedestrian crossing to a pedestrian underpass.
- Provide more sidewalks along Wadsworth Boulevard.

Right-of-Way and Property Acquisition

- A property owner was concerned that a decision in December 2008 meant that all negotiations for acquiring right-of-way and property would be finalized by this time; the owner expressed concern that this is very little time to make decisions about

relocation. Staff explained that right-of-way negotiations will occur after a decision on the project is issued, and affected property owners will have time to negotiate and make decisions.

- CDOT should make it a priority to purchase vacant land for right-of-way.

Drainage and Utilities

- Project team should be aware of existing ditch systems in the neighborhood.

Maintenance

- There is currently insufficient snow storage on Wadsworth Boulevard. Future designs for snow storage should not block pedestrian and bike paths.

Miscellaneous

- The public needs to understand the details of the cost estimate for the project so that they can understand how mitigation for noise and property impacts is being considered.
- Please start construction as soon as possible.
- Please continue to keep the public informed of project progress and decisions.
- Put mesh in front of walls to prevent graffiti.
- Please mitigate construction impacts such as noise and dust.