



MEETING NOTES

PROJECT:	WestConnect Coalition
PURPOSE:	Technical Working Group Meeting #4
DATE HELD:	July 21, 2016
LOCATION:	Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport
ATTENDING:	Dave Baskett, Derek Schuler, George Gerstle, Jana Spiker, Jonathan Bartsch, Mackenzie McGrath, Steve Durian, Jordan Rudel, Neil Ogden, Melinda Urban, Joe Hart, Stacy Tschuor, Lindsay Edgar, Michael Sweeney, Bob Manwaring, Derek Schuler, Steve Cook, Michelle Stevens

The following points were discussed at the Technical Working Group Meeting:

1. Introductions, Agency and Coordination Updates
 - There was a discussion at the June Steering Committee Meeting about new technologies and the need to refine the project Vision and Purpose and Need, including community-defined outcomes and “secondary goals.”
 - Email updates will be sent to Steering Committee in between meetings.
 - TWG members commented on a draft version of the Coalition video, which will be uploaded to the Coalition website at: www.westconnectcoalition.com.
 - Parallel CDOT website: A parallel CDOT website has been launched and can be found at: <https://www.codot.gov/library/studies/westconnect-coalition-pel-study>.
2. Existing Conditions Overview
 - For Roadway Conditions/Deficiencies- See the Study Design Existing Design Deficiencies sections on pages 1-2 of the PowerPoint handout.
 - For traffic conditions- See the “Existing Weekday Traffic Volumes” handouts.
 - Seasonal data was analyzed, including: the spring months of April and May; February for the winter/ski season; and the first and second weeks of August for the summer; data indicates the lowest volume of traffic is in February, while the highest volume is in May. Data demonstrates that across all months, there is no more than a 10% change in volume during peak hours.
 - Bicycle counts were collected last Saturday on SH-93 and C-470.
 - Safety assessment- See the “Safety Assessment: Preliminary 5 Year Analysis Summary.” handout. A draft report of the WestConnect safety assessment will be available within 8 weeks.
 - Environmental overview- See the Land Use section on pages 3-4 of the PowerPoint handout.
3. Land Use for Travel Demand Forecasts
 - See the “Land Uses Surrounding the C-470/US-6/93 Corridor” Handout.

- There are pockets of existing development, including family, commercial and office parks in between large open space areas, making the corridor unique. See the “Land Uses” handout for a list Open Space areas and areas of anticipated development.
- Travel demand forecast Socioeconomic input- See the 2040 Socioeconomic Data slide on page 4 of the PowerPoint handout. Most agencies felt that 2040 data is an accurate representation of what is happening in their communities; a few agencies made some minor changes and the only substantial change was made by Wheat Ridge.

4. Corridor Vision inputs to Purpose and Need (P&N)

- The adopted mission statement, found in the Coalition Charter, was reviewed (see page 5 of the PowerPoint).
- In order to guide a discussion on the vision of the corridor, TWG members were asked to complete the following sentence: “Over the next 20 years and beyond, the corridor will...” In summary, responses fell into the three main categories: users, operations, and aesthetics.

5. Next Steps

- A new brand and logo has been developed to include the both CDOT and WestConnect Coalition logos for the PEL.
- The next TWG Meeting will be on August 18, 8:30 – 10:30 am at the Rocky Mountain Metro Airport. All future TWG meetings will be held at that location.
- The next Steering Committee Meeting is TBD.
- The date of the Public Meeting is TBD.
- The project schedule can be found on the Projects/PEL page of the Coalition website.