



MEETING NOTES

PROJECT:	WestConnect Coalition PEL Study
PURPOSE:	Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting #7
DATE HELD:	10/20/16
LOCATION:	Jefferson County Admin Building
ATTENDING:	Neil Ogden, Steve Harelson, Mike Sweeny, Bill Ray, Dan Hartman, Steve Durian, Derek Schuler, Dave Baskett, George Gerstle, Alex Ariniello, Steve Cook, Joe Hart, Stacy Tschuor, Leah Langerman, Jonathan Bartsch, Taber Ward
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Summary of Discussion:

1. Updates

- The new 2040 socioeconomic data was recently obtained from DRCOG and comparative analysis is underway.
- DRCOG is close to finalizing the calibration of the new focus model. The model will run much faster than the previous version (less than one day run time). 2040 forecasts using the new model would not be available for several months. (Therefore, the current DRCOG model will be used for this PEL study.)

2. Upcoming Public Involvement

- Handouts outlining upcoming public meetings and public meeting graphics were reviewed (see handouts for details).
- TWG members are encouraged to attend at least one of the public open house meetings, and to call into the telephone town hall. At the open house meetings, TWG members in attendance will be provided with team name tags and asked to represent the project in conversations with attendees.
- Although a display board is planned to highlight that the PEL is incorporating local plans, Golden would like a separate display board at the meetings to outline elements of their plan. Without this, the public may worry the Golden Plan is not being integrated into the PEL planning process.
 - TWG members agreed that Golden Plan is extremely important for the corridor, and it would be helpful for the public to see this. It is different than other planned projects because CDOT has a MOU with Golden regarding future improvements.
 - An important message to the public is that the Golden Plan is incrementally implementable, and that the PEL can help prioritize these improvements, along with others in the corridor.
 - ACTION: Golden will provide a single display board for use at the public open houses. They will have someone staff their board for the duration of each meeting, and may provide a handout with information such as the project web page address and construction schedule information regarding the US 6/19th Street interchange.
- TWG members will have one day to provide a fatal flaw review of the graphics. Steering Committee members will receive the final online public meeting video just prior to public release.
- Videos
 - A video is being produced to introduce and explain the PEL process. The video will also advertise the upcoming public meetings and telephone town hall (this piece will be removed after the meeting

dates have passed). This will be posted online in conjunction with meeting advertisement news releases being distributed. It will also be looping at the public meeting.

- Another video is being created, which will step the viewer through each public meeting graphic with a short explanation of the key information on screen and in audio format. This will be available online the day of the telephone town hall.
- The location of the north meeting (Rocky Mountain Metro Airport) was discussed.
 - Leah and Jonathan met with Sandy Pennington to discuss her thoughts on the northern meeting. She concurred with the airport location.
 - The DEA team researched many venue options and many locations are not willing or able to host (including the schools, fire station, and churches on the corridor).
 - Key Finance auditorium was suggested for future northern meetings.
 - Boulder County suggested adding another public open house in Boulder, so Boulder residents have a close option for an in-person meeting. Although other ways to participate (phone and online) will exist, Boulder residents should also be offered an in-person option.
 - A presentation at a Boulder County Commissioners study session could be planned to address the concern. It could be advertised with the other public involvement opportunities if desired and scheduled in time.
 - ACTION: George Gerstle will look into scheduling this presentation.

3. 2040 Travel Forecasting

- A coordination meeting was held between study team members and JPPHA representatives to compare travel forecast projections for the Jefferson Parkway. The two models are producing consistent results.
- JPPHA is not convinced the DRCOG model provides accurate forecasts for making improvement recommendations. JPPHA believes the DRCOG model underrepresents through travel and doesn't accurately recognize external to external trips, i.e. Fort Collins to I-70 mountain corridor.
 - The JPPHA team was encouraged to talk with DRCOG staff.
 - ACTION: Steve Cook will check the commercial carrier survey data the new model is using regarding external to external trips.
 - Bluetooth origin/destination data could be used.

4. Alternatives Screening Process and Evaluation Criteria

- This memo was presented at the last TWG meeting. Comments for suggested edits have been made. A revised memo, including Level 2 metrics, will be distributed and discussed at the next TWG meeting.

5. Preliminary Level 1 Alternatives

- Alternatives Workshop notes were previously distributed, including the brainstorming session results. This included comments and concerns, as well as ideas for alternatives.
- Suggestions for alternatives development were compiled and organized, and reasonable initial improvement concepts are listed in the Draft Alternatives Development memo. This handout was reviewed and discussed.
- These concepts will be applied at specific locations and packaged into corridor alternatives in Level 2. Specific intersection/interchange configuration locations will be shown during Level 2.
- Input was requested from TWG members regarding any additional alternatives to be added.

- Documentation of the reasons why some ideas didn't make it through from the alternatives workshop to the draft alternatives list will be included in the Alternatives Report.
- Additional ideas for addressing safety during adverse weather conditions were discussed:
 - ACTION: Add advanced weather sensing and wind sensors (with triggers for banning high profile vehicles) under corridor management.
 - Also discussed were sufficient shoulders, snow fencing, and detection of ice.
 - These initial concepts will be added into the Level 1 screening matrix.
- ACTION: In the Golden segment, it was requested to add clarification notes in the screening matrix that managed lanes are for new capacity, and that six general purpose lanes are tied to volume triggers and would perhaps be considered east of Johnson Road.
- Following the public meeting, the alternative concepts list will be revised to add any new reasonably feasible ideas suggested by the public prior to completion of Level 1 screening.

6. Next Steps

- TWG Meeting: December 15
 - The November TWG meeting will be cancelled, and instead held in December. This will allow presentation of public meeting comments. The December meeting wasn't previously on the study schedule, but an appointment on TWG member calendars already exists.
- Steering Committee: December 19th or 20th (Doodle poll will be sent)