

5.2 Stakeholder Engagement

5.2.1 Corridor Stakeholder Group Meetings

The CSG was organized in September 2015 to provide community direction and feedback on the PEL study. Members of the CSG represented a variety of community groups related to transportation and mobility, recreation, business and homeowners associations, emergency management agencies, and regional jurisdictions.

- CSG Meeting #1 October 29, 2015: During the first CSG meeting the project team identified additional issues that could be addressed by these planning efforts. They reviewed and provided comment on a draft set of existing conditions, needs, and objectives, which the project team incorporated into materials for the initial public open house.
- CSG Meeting #2 December 16, 2015: During the second CSG meeting, the project team shared the results from the first public open house, discussed Level 1 screening results, and reviewed Level 2 screening criteria and alternatives. The CSG also requested a Bicycle /Pedestrian discussion, which was scheduled as a task force meeting in January 2016.
- CSG Bicycle / Pedestrian Task Force Meeting January 19, 2016: CSG members with specific interest in bicycle and pedestrian issues were invited to attend a bicycle and pedestrian task force. At this meeting, the group reviewed Level 1 and 2 alternatives and screening results, discussed potential cycle track volumes, and provided guidance for trail widths. Suggestions were included in the Level 3 screening process.
- CSG Meeting #3 January 19, 2016: During the third CSG meeting, the project team recapped the Bicycle/Pedestrian Task Force Meeting. The group discussed the bike/pedestrian path location and grade separations. They also reviewed and provided comment on the Level 2 alternatives, including US 85 alignments for Segments A, B, and C. The meeting concluded with a discussion of the draft screening criteria for Level 3.
- CSG Meeting #4 June 1, 2016: During the fourth and final CSG meeting, the project team recapped the input received at the second public open house and online meeting. The group reviewed the FAQ that the project team developed to respond to the public's concerns and ideas. They also reviewed the final draft results of the Level 3 alternatives screening results and the proposed implementation timeline.

5.2.2 Outreach to Other Interested Stakeholders and Constituencies

The project team met with several other regional stakeholders through a variety of coordination meetings. The meetings included:

- NW Douglas County Economic Development Council Meeting November 12, 2015: Members of the project team gave a project overview and discussed the development of the Chatfield Basin and the two active US 85 studies, one of which is the PEL study. They reviewed a draft set of existing conditions, needs, and objectives.
- Grace Presbyterian Church Access Meeting February 2, 2016: Five representatives from the project team and Grace Presbyterian Church met to discuss the church's expansion plans and access options. The church indicated a preferred access to a full-movement intersection.

- Corridor Neighbor Meetings March 9 and 10, 2016: The project team hosted three information sessions on March 9 and 10 for business and property owners along US 85 who may be impacted by the improvements proposed between Highlands Ranch Parkway and C-470. The project team shared what was approved in the FEIS/ROD and the resulting changes in capacity and access along the corridor. Participants were provided an overview of the PEL alternatives but focused on nearer-term improvements to address capacity and safety improvements, including the proposed continuous flow intersection design and operation. Several hundred businesses and property owners were invited through mailed postcards and hand delivered flyers. Approximately 60 corridor neighbors attended these meetings.
- Highlands Ranch Community Association Presentation March 15, 2016. Like the corridor neighbor meetings, the project team shared what was approved in the FEIS/ROD and the resulting changes in capacity and access along the corridor. Association representatives were provided an overview of the PEL alternatives but focused on the proposed near-term continuous flow intersection design and operation. Approximately 100 representatives attended this meeting.
- Wolhurst Adult Community Presentation April 20, 2016: Members of the project team presented information about the PEL and adjacent NEPA study to residents of the Wolhurst Adult Community. Items discussed included congestion management, transit, access, pedestrian and bicycle safety, signal timing, and alternatives. Most of the conversation focused on the area north of C-470. Approximately 40 people attended.
- Highlands Ranch Metro District Board April 20, 2016: Members of the project team presented information about the PEL and associated NEPA reevaluation. Items discussed included congestion management, transit, access, pedestrian and bicycle safety, signal timing, and alternatives.
- Grace Presbyterian Church Access Meeting June 28, 2016: Members of the project team met with seven Grace Presbyterian Church senior leaders, facility managers, and architect to discuss property access. The existing church access would be compromised by the configuration of the medians near Highlands Ranch Parkway so the project team proposed to provide a new roadway on the north end of the Church property as the consolidated access for the Church and Spring Gulch Equestrian Facility.
- Email Updates: Several times throughout the process the project team sent project updates via email to interested stakeholders. The list was first populated with about 40 CSG members but as additional people provided comment through the website or other meeting venues, the list of recipients grew steadily to several hundred people. An email update is expected to be sent to announce the final publication of this PEL study report once it is finalized.

5.3 Public Meetings



Two public meetings were held at Valley View Christian Church in Littleton, Colorado. The format of these meetings included an overview presentation and a series of maps and information boards. Project team members attended to explain the information and answer questions. Materials were also posted the project website for comment through two concurrent on-line public meetings. Outreach for the public meetings included: