



Northern Colorado Truck Mobility/ SH 14 Relocation Study

Meeting Notes

Meeting: Public Open Houses

Dates: August 29 and 30, 2001

Locations: Eyestone Elementary School
Wellington

Streets Building
625 9th Street
Fort Collins

Project Team Attendees (varied by meeting):

R.A. Plummer (PBS&J)
Carrie Cloud (PBS&J)
Chuck Attardo (PBS&J)
Nate Allen (PBS&J)
Barry Schulz (PBS&J)
Jason Sandvik (PBS&J)

Mark Jackson (City of Fort Collins)
Chris Primus (Carter-Burgess)
Brian Rantala (Intermountain)
Mark Peterson (Larimer County)
Pete Graham (CDOT)

Two open houses were held for the public as part of the study process. The format of the meetings and the exhibits presented were the same for both meetings.

Format

The meetings were set up in an open house format so the public could stop by at anytime. The meetings were designed for the public to meet the project team, learn about the progress of the study, express their concerns, and ask questions. Exhibits were presented and the project team was available to answer questions.

Exhibits

Exhibits describing the study process and encouraging public input were displayed throughout the meeting rooms. The meetings were held as follows:



- Wellington: Eyestone Elementary School
Wednesday, August 29th, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Fort Collins: Streets Building
Thursday, August 30th, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The following exhibits were used at each open house:

1. Introduction

- a. Welcome
- b. Study Intent and Description
- c. Study Process
- d. Alternative Evaluation Process
- e. Study Schedule
- f. Public/Agency Involvement
- g. Origin & Destination Study Summary
- h. Trucking Industry Overview

2. Non-Route Based Strategies

- a. Non Route Based Strategy Evaluation Criteria
- b. Initial List of Non-Route Based Strategies
- c. Unrealistic Screening Results for Non-Route Based Strategies
- d. Comparative Screening of Non-Route Based Strategies
- e. Recommendations for Non-Route Based Strategies

3. Alternate Routes

- a. Alternate Route Evaluation Criteria
- b. Initial List of Alternate Routes
- c. Unrealistic Screening Results for Alternate Routes
- d. County Road 76 Route
- e. County Road 70/72 Routes
- f. County Road 70 Route
- g. County Road 66 Route
- h. County Road 62E/64 Routes
- i. County Road 58 Routes
- j. Alternate Route Comparative Evaluation
 - i. Alternate Route Costs
 - ii. Route Utilization
 - iii. Traffic Operations
 - iv. Environmental Resources
 1. Farming Resources
 2. Threatened/ Endangered Species and Wildlife
 3. Wetlands and Riparian Areas
 4. Noise Impacts
 5. Air Quality and Historic Resources
 6. Water Resources
 - v. Right-of Way/ Relocations and Directly Affected Properties
 - vi. Land Use
 - vii. Length of Route
 - viii. Comparative Evaluation Matrix

Sign in sheets were provided at each open house and 167 people at the Wellington meeting and 50 people at the Fort Collins meeting signed in.

Comment sheets were provided that could be returned at the meeting or mailed to PBS&J. The ideas, issues, and comments collected at the meetings are summarized in the attachments.

Please contact R.A. Plummer with PBS&J if there are any changes or questions with these meeting notes. These notes will be considered final, unless comments are received within seven days of distribution. Although comments will be incorporated, as appropriate, only major meeting-note revisions will be redistributed.



The Northern Colorado Truck Mobility/SH 14 Relocation Study began in November of 2000 in response to the Fort Collins Ballot Initiative 200. The study includes developing non-route based strategies to encourage through truck traffic to utilize the existing Interstate system (I-25 and I-80) and identifying an alternate truck route at least two miles north of the Fort Collins Growth Management Area (GMA). A final task of the study is to determine potential funding sources for the study recommendations and possible next steps.

The study has included extensive outreach to the public, local agencies, and the trucking industry to help develop the approach and preliminary recommendations. At this point in the study, a preliminary list of non-route based strategy recommendations has been developed. Also, potential alternate routes have been identified and reduced through an initial screening process.

This information will be on display at the Public Open Houses in August. Additional information on the study can be obtained on the project website at www.sh14truckingstudy.com. The website also provides a feedback form to comment on the study.

We Need Your Input

To solicit input regarding the study, Public Open Houses will be held and staff from the consultant team and City of Fort Collins will be available to answer questions and listen to concerns. The times and locations of the meetings are:

Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2001
Eyestone Elementary School
4000 Wilson Ave.
(Wellington)
4:30pm - 7:30pm

Thursday, Aug. 30, 2001
City of Ft. Collins
Streets Building
625 9th St. (Vine & Lemay)
4:30pm - 7:30pm

Please come at your convenience, there will not be a formal presentation. If you are unable to attend but would like information or require specific accommodation to participate in these meetings please contact the consultant team at 1-800-497-5529 or sh14truckstudy@pbsj.com.

Non-Route Based Strategy Recommendations

A variety of non-route based strategies were developed to encourage through truck traffic to use the Interstate system. These strategies were grouped into four categories: financial, marketing/informational, regulatory enforcement, and physical.

Preliminary Recommendations

Financial Strategies - offset or subsidize the cost of the additional Interstate mileage.

- No strategies recommended.

Marketing/Informational Strategies - communicate the benefits of using the Interstate versus the existing route.

- Develop a marketing committee
- Develop messages
- Prioritize the media used to communicate the message

Regulatory Enforcement Strategies - provide increased enforcement of existing laws or new policies to monitor and control through truck traffic.

- Continue current practices regarding safety and weight inspections, ticketing for speed limit infractions, and enforcement of port-of-entry requirements
- Provide training to local law enforcement regarding compression brake law conformance
- Evaluate potential for redesignation of existing route including restrictions if a reasonable alternate route is identified

Physical Strategies - are measures installed along roadways that affect truck driver's route selection.

- Establish an Incident Management Program to address traffic in and around Fort Collins during road closures
- Install variable message signs (VMS) as necessary to support potential marketing/informational strategies

Alternate Route Development

The initial screening of alternate routes has been completed based on specific evaluation criteria. The routes that have been eliminated from further consideration are shown with lines through them. The alternate routes include:

CR 82 Alternatives

- ~~Alternative A~~
- ~~Alternative B~~

CR 80 Alternatives

- ~~Alternative A~~
- ~~Alternative B~~

CR 78 Alternatives

- ~~Alternative A~~
- ~~Alternative B~~

CR 76 Alternatives

- Alternative A
- ~~Alternative B~~

CR 72 Alternatives

- Alternative A
- Alternative B

CR 70/72 Alternatives

- Alternative A
- Alternative B

CR 70 Alternatives

- ~~Alternative A~~
- Alternative B

~~CR 68 Alternative~~

CR 66/68 Alternative

CR 66 Alternative

~~CR 64 Alternative~~

CR 62E/64 Alternative

CR 62E Alternative

CR 58 Alternatives

- Alternative A
- Alternative B
- ~~Alternative C~~
- ~~Alternative D~~

Contact Us

For additional information regarding the study, visit the project website at www.sh14truckingstudy.com or contact either the City of Fort Collins or the Consultant Team. The contacts are:

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The purpose of the open houses is to solicit input on potential strategies to encourage through trucks to use the Interstate and the identification of an alternate truck route.

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