

**Northern Colorado Truck Mobility/SH14 Relocation Study
Comment Sheet: December 13, 2000 ♦ 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Wellington Junior High School**

17 December 2000

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Comments:

I was unable to attend the December 13 Open House, but my husband did. He thought you did a great job.

We live near the proposed County Rd. 58 Route. Having a major road so near our home would drastically reduce the quality of our lives here. Some people would lose their homes. We don't want such a road to be built.

I appreciate your goal of keeping people informed. I'm afraid doing so may be challenging. In our area it is particularly difficult because we are not a close-knit community. There isn't much word-of-mouth, neighbor to neighbor communication.

We found out about the December 12 and 13 Open Houses, but just barely. I was scanning the North Forty News for information about the bypass and didn't see anything. After deciding there was nothing in the paper I noticed the insert that had fallen out. Most newspaper inserts are advertising. Many people, including me, toss them without even looking at them. And, of course, some people regularly look for information on the Web, but many people never use it.

I wonder if using direct mailings to keep people informed might be a tool to add to the others. I don't know what problems would be involved with this, probably expense, and figuring out who to send it to. If you do direct mailings I think it would be good to indicate on the envelope that this contains information about the bypass. Perhaps you could use a direct mailing to announce the schedule of Stakeholders Committee Meetings — times, dates, locations and agendas. Also a later mailing to tell people about the June Open Houses.

Getting people involved in the process is also a challenge. Being involved requires lots of time and energy, areas where most people are already struggling. We keep being told that this road is unlikely, because there isn't any money to pay for it, and because not many trucks would use it. So we tend to think, "This probably isn't going to happen anyway, and how can I possibly fit in one more commitment." I'm afraid people aren't likely to get involved until a road seems more imminent and then respond with lots of intensity.



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Name: Richard + Rebecca Sabo

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~~Fort Collins, CO 80549~~ Wellington, CO 80549

Sorry, Just Moved

Feel free to use additional pages or use the back of this form.

We prefer to have the truck traffic use I-80 and I-25. We would like the truck traffic to be well North of Wellington as the Wellington area is developing with hundreds of new homes in and around the town all who will be using CR 58. If keeping the trucks on I-80 and I-25 is not possible, Owl Canyon is the furthest south the trucks should come.



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Name:	Gerald D. and Carolyn V. Taylor
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	Fort Collins, Co 80524

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We would hope that the truck traffic would use I-25 and I-80. However, if this not feasible then we want any new truck route to be well north of Wellington.



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December 14, 2000

**Mr. Mark Jackson, Transportation Planning
City of Ft. Collins
210 East Olive Street
Ft. Collins, Colorado 80524**

RE: Northern Colorado Truck Mobility/SH14 Relocation Study

Dear Mr. Jackson,

As I was not able to attend the public open house at Wellington Junior High School last evening, I am forwarding several comments regarding this matter.

Phase I – I believe that this is the proper solution. I-25 is the place where truckers should be traveling. Our county roads were not designed to accommodate the heavy trucking that goes on in the rural areas. The amount of trucks using County Roads 70 and 72 to get to Highway 287 from I-25 is a serious hazard to local traffic on our 2 lane roads. Our small pick-up trucks and passenger vehicles are no match for the huge trucks that travel these roads.

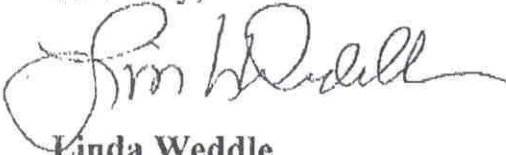
Phase II – Alternate Routes – Because the voters of the City of Ft. Collins didn't want a truck route in their City, they voted to put it in the county. *Well, we don't want it either.* When we and our neighbors moved into the county from living in the City, we did so because we wanted to be away from the traffic, congestion, and noise. If we wanted to live next to a truck route, we would have moved close to I-25 or moved in close to Highway 14 and Highway 287.

The area of County Roads 70 and 72 now has a lot of residential development including Horseman Hills Subdivision. This is not a place for consideration of a truck route.

I am very upset that the voters within the City limits of Ft. Collins can set into place a study to develop alternate routes to a State Highway in an area outside their city limits and specifically name the Owl Canyon Road area as a possible route. Now we who live in this area are forced to oppose something that we had no part of and literally got dumped on us by the citizens of Ft. Collins.

I would appreciate these comments being incorporated into your study.

Sincerely,



**Linda Weddle
13449 N. County Road 17
Wellington, Colorado 80549**

Cc: All Larimer County Commissioners

As I understand it, the Stakeholders Committee meetings will be open to the entire public — not just committee members. Perhaps you could publicize the dates, times and locations of these meetings. Some people who aren't able/willing to be involved enough to be committee members, might be able/willing to attend some of the meetings.

The December 2000 insert in the North Forty News states that, "Any alternate routes that will be evaluated as part of this study will be north of County Road 58," and, "The routes that will be evaluated, based on the ballot initiative, will be north of County Road 58." Since it is the County Road 58 alternative that I am concerned about, I felt relieved when I read this, as it sounded like only routes further north than County Road 58 were being considered. It's sort of a technicality, but I was confused and perhaps other people were also. In the future, I think it would be better to describe possible alternate routes more clearly.

I do not want to be a member of the Stakeholders Committee, but I would like to know where and when the meetings will be held so that I can attend some of them. Would it be possible for you to get that information to me by mail, phone or e-mail?

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



Marilyn McNeil



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I have lived off 287 ~5 miles N. of Ted's place for ~ 7 years. Several years ago, CDOT raised the speed limit from 55mph to 65 mph. Truck traffic ~ doubled when they did so. Why did they do this??

A simple way to get trucks off 287 would be to lower the speed limit back to 55mph AND enforce it. Lets just take the \$ allotted to build a new road and pay some highway patrol people to enforce the speed limit => less trucks, less accidents, less fatalities.

another observation: when CDOT puts a temporary scale inspection station on the frontage road near my house, truck traffic drops to almost nothing.....

→ Sure seems to conflict with the goal of the triangle project.



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Name:	Lew Roark
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	Wellington, CO. 80549

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Non-Route solutions is are the route to go!

where will get lane miles so CDOT will provide \$, etc?



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