



Northern Colorado Truck Mobility/ SH 14 Relocation Study

Meeting Notes

Meeting: Public Open Houses

Dates: December 12 and 13, 2000

Locations: Streets Building
625 9th Street
Fort Collins

Wellington Junior High School
Wellington

Project Team Attendees (varied by meeting):

R.A. Plummer (PBS&J)
Catherine Hess (PBS&J)
David Millar (PBS&J)
Carrie Cloud (PBS&J)
Barry Schulz (PBS&J)

Mark Jackson (City of Fort Collins)
Nate Allen (City of Fort Collins)
Brian Rantala (Intermountain)
Mark Peterson (Larimer County)
Pete Graham (CDOT)

Two public 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 study process, 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:

- Fort Collins: Streets Building

Tuesday, December 12th, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.



- Wellington: Wellington Junior High School

Wednesday, December 13th, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The following exhibits were used at each open house:

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Study Description**
 - Study Intent and Description
 - Non-route Based Strategies
 - Alternate Routes
- 3. Study Process**
 - Study Approach and Schedule
 - Study Process
 - Alternative Evaluation Process
- 4. Existing Conditions**
- 5. Truck O&D Study**
 - Methodology
 - Station Locations Map
 - Preliminary Results
 - Next Steps
- 6. Environmental Overview**
- 7. Stakeholder/Agency Involvement**
- 8. Study History and Timeline**

Sign in sheets were provided at each open house and 40 people at the Fort Collins meeting and 17 people at the Wellington 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.



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Introduction

A study has begun to address concerns with truck traffic through the City of Fort Collins along the State Highway 14 and US 287 corridors. Over the next year, this study will evaluate the potential for encouraging truck traffic to use the existing interstate system (I-25 and I-80) and also analyze potential alternate routes north of Fort Collins. This study is in response to Ballot Initiative 200 that was passed in November of 1999.

Study Area

The study area, as specified in the ballot initiative, begins at County Road 58, two miles north of the City of Fort Collins Urban Growth boundary. Any alternate routes that will be evaluated as part of this study will be north of County Road 58.

Study Components

The study consists of three major phases:

Phase 1 - Non-Route Based Strategies

The first phase of the study is a cooperative effort with the trucking industry to explore incentives to encourage trucks to use the interstate system (I-25 and I-80) as their main route through Northern Colorado.

Phase 2 - Alternate Routes

The second phase of the study is to develop alternate routes to the existing State Highway 14 and US 287 corridor. The routes that will be evaluated, based on the ballot initiative, will be north of County Road 58.

Phase 3 - Funding and Implementation

The final phase of the project is to develop funding mechanisms to implement the study recommendations and outline the next steps that are required.

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 are:

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000

City of Ft. Collins
Streets Building
625 9th St. (Vine & Lemay)
4:00pm - 7:00pm

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High School
4001 Wilson Avenue
6:00pm - 8:00pm



How to get Involved and Stay Informed

One of the key approaches to this study is a fair and open process where everyone has an opportunity to voice their concerns and be involved. There are numerous ways to get involved in the decision making process and stay informed regarding the progress of the study. These include:

Public Open Houses

The first round of Public Open Houses will be held on December 12th and 13th, 2000 (see the first page for information on times and locations). Two other rounds of Public Open Houses will be held at major decision points of the study to solicit information and update the public.

Stakeholders Committee

A stakeholders committee is being developed as part of the study to assist in the decision making process and serve as a means to disseminate information. This committee will meet approximately ten times during the course of the study. The first meeting will be held on December 19th, 2000. Information on joining the stakeholder committee and the first meeting will be available at the Public Open Houses.

Study Website

There will be a website online in late November or early December to provide information regarding the study. The website will also provide a feedback form to comment on the study.

Newspapers

Newspaper advertisements and inserts similar to this one will be used throughout the study to announce upcoming Public Open Houses and provide information regarding the study. These advertisements and inserts will be in the North Forty News and the Coloradoan.

Special Outreach

Additional outreach meetings have begun with various stakeholders including the Colorado Motor Carriers Association, Owl Canyon Road Coalition, and others to provide additional insight into the study. These provide an additional forum for soliciting input and will continue throughout the study.

Contact Us

For additional information regarding the study, please contact either the City of Fort Collins or the Consultant Team. The contacts are:

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Mark Jackson, AICP
(970) 416-2029

Consultant Team
R.A. Plummer, P.E., AICP
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The purpose of the open houses is to solicit input on truck traffic through Fort Collins and Larimer County.

A study has begun to address concerns with truck traffic through Fort Collins along the state Highway 14 and US 287 corridor. The study will evaluate the potential for encouraging truck traffic to use the existing interstate system (I-25 and I-80) and also analyze potential alternate routes. Please come at your convenience, there will not be a formal presentation.

If you are unable to attend but would like additional information or are a person with a disability and require specific accommodation to participate in this meeting please contact R.A. Plummer at 1-800-497-5529.

