



Northern Colorado Truck Mobility/ SH 14 Relocation Study

Meeting Notes

Meeting: Public Open Houses

Dates: November 13th and 14th, 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 Wallis (PBS&J)
Chuck Attardo (PBS&J)
Nate Allen (PBS&J)
Barry Schulz (PBS&J)
Jason Sandvik (PBS&J)

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

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

Tuesday, November 13th, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

- Fort Collins: Streets Building

Wednesday, November 14th, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The following exhibits were used at each open house:

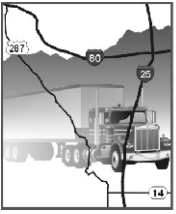
1. Welcome
2. Study Intent and Description
3. Study Schedule
4. Study Process
5. Alternative Evaluation Process
6. Public/Agency Involvement
7. Truck Origin and Destination Study
8. Trucking Industry Overview
9. Non-Route Based Strategy Evaluation Criteria
10. Initial List of NRB Strategies
11. Unrealistic Screening Results for NRB Based Strategies
12. Comparative Screening on NRB Based Strategies
13. Recommendations NRB Strategies
14. Alternate Route Evaluation Criteria
15. Initial List of Alternate Routes
16. Unrealistic Screening Results of Alternate Routes
17. Alternate Routes Considered in Comparative Screening
18. Matrix Comparative Evaluation
19. Cost Comparative Evaluation
20. Traffic Operations Comparative Evaluation
21. Route Utilization Comparative Evaluation
22. Environmental Comparative Evaluation
23. Environmental Comparative Evaluation 2
24. ROW/Relocations comparative Evaluation
25. Directly Affected Properties Comparative Evaluation
26. Community Planning/Land Use Comparative Evaluation
27. Length of Route Comparative Evaluation
28. Overall Matrix Comparative Evaluation
29. Alternate Route Recommendations
30. NEPA and Alternate Routes
31. EIS Resource Evaluation
32. Alternate Route Corridors Map
33. County Road 70/72 A w/ Pros and Cons
34. County Road 70 A w/ Pros and Cons
35. County Road 66 w/Pros and Cons
36. County Road 58 A w/Pros and Cons
37. County Road 58 B w/Pros and Cons
38. Getting a Project Funded and Built
39. Potential Federal Funding Sources
40. Potential State Funding Sources

41. Potential County Funding Sources
42. Potential Local and Innovative Funding Sources
43. Additional Funding Issues
44. Funding Recommendations

Sign in sheets were provided at each open house and 60 people at the Wellington meeting and 51 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.



Northern Colorado Truck Mobility/ SH 14 Relocation Study

November 2001

The Northern Colorado Truck Mobility/SH 14 Relocation Study began in November of 2000 in response to 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 recommendations. The study is nearing completion and recommendations will be presented to elected officials in December.

Study recommendations will be on display at the Public Open Houses in November. 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 study recommendations, 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:

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001

Eyestone Elementary School

4000 Wilson Ave.

(Wellington)

4:30pm - 7:30pm

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2001

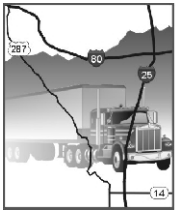
City of Ft. Collins

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 Carrie Wallis at 800-497-5529 or sh14truckstudy@pbsj.com.



Non-Route Based Strategy Recommendation Summary

- Develop a marketing committee to create messages highlighting the benefits of using the Interstate. The committee will also be responsible for selecting the media that will be used to communicate the message.
- Conduct a study to address local and regional truck traffic including outreach with local businesses to reduce congestion in the downtown area. Topics for evaluation include an operational assessment of how and when local businesses take deliveries.
- Conduct an incident management study to address how traffic is handled when US 287, I-25, and/or I-80 are closed during adverse weather conditions.

Alternate Route Recommendation Summary

- A full environmental evaluation process is required to further pursue an alternate route.
- Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), all reasonable alternatives must be considered in the environmental evaluation process including those south of County Road 58 boundary of this study.
- Full cooperation and agreement of the Colorado Department of Transportation, Larimer County, and the City of Fort Collins is required to move forward with the environmental evaluation process and pursuit of an alternate route.
- Any alternate route would have to be evaluated in the statewide planning process for prioritization relative to other projects in the Upper Front Range and North Front Range Planning Regions.
- Some of the alternate routes evaluated as part of this study (County Road 70/72 B, County Road 70 B, County Road 66, and County Road 58 A and B) should be considered among those further examined if a NEPA study is convened.

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:

City of Fort Collins
Mark Jackson
(970) 416-2029

Consultant Team
R.A. Plummer
(800) 497-5529



Northern Colorado Truck Mobility/
SH 14 Relocation Study

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001

Eyestone Elementary School
4000 Wilson Ave.
(Wellington)
4:30pm - 7:30pm

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2001

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

**The purpose of the open houses is to present
study recommendations and next steps.**

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

Carrie Wallis at 1-800-497-5529.



See our ad and insert in the November North Forty News and the Fort Collins Coloradoan on November 9th and 10th.

287

80

25

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:

City of Fort Collins

Mark Jackson
(970) 416-2029

Consultant Team

R.A. Plummer
(800) 497-5529



5500 Greenwood Plaza Blvd.,
Suite 150
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

PRSR STD
US Postage Paid
Permit #1009
Englewood, CO

Public Open Houses

The Northern Colorado Truck Mobility/SH14 Relocation Study is nearing completion.

Study recommendations and next steps will be presented at the Open Houses in November.

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 Carrie Wallis at 800-497-5529.

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001

Eyestone Elementary School
4000 Wilson Ave. (Wellington)
4:30pm - 7:30pm

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2001

City of Ft. Collins
Streets Building
625 9th St. (Vine & Lemay)



**Northern Colorado Truck Mobility/
SH 14 Relocation Study**