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MEETING NOTES

PROJECT:	Arapahoe Road Corridor Study, I-25 to Parker Road
PURPOSE:	Community Resource Panel - Business/Chamber Focus Group Meeting
DATE HELD:	04/12/2006
LOCATION:	Arapahoe County Public Works
ATTENDING:	See attached sign-in sheet
COPIES:	Attendees, EC, TAC, Project Team

Summary of Discussion:

1. Following self introductions, a PowerPoint presentation was used to provide an overview of the study elements, study partners, coordinating agencies and process, existing and anticipated corridor conditions, including land use and market assessment of future land use along the corridor.
2. The market study identifies potential for retail growth along the corridor as well as the potential for further non-retail commercial development. The Greenwood Village Center development hasn't yet been announced, but the general potential for this new development area has been added to this analysis. Significant infill growth is being planned near LRT stations and to the east and south of the Arapahoe corridor.
3. Comments were provided by attendees and project staff:
 - Concern noted that Arapahoe Road won't be able to handle 50% growth in land use.
 - The project website includes information on traffic activity along the corridor. I-25 and Parker Road are existing point of traffic congestion.
 - Centennial Airport has limited all commercial airline activity.
 - Physical barriers for extension of Briarwood exist.
 - Congestion along Arapahoe Road is causing problems especially for properties with limited access.
 - TREX construction was on Saturdays, which hurt Arapahoe Corridor businesses that rely on Saturday business.
 - It is often difficult to make short trips along the corridor around noon due to traffic congestion.
 - Congested traffic on right turn westbound to northbound at I-25 backs up to Dayton.
 - Boston/Clinton intersection improvements are planned this summer.
 - Access options were discussed – potential impacts due to intersection improvements are an issue.
 - Signal timing for left-turn movements needs adjustment at Peoria and Lima (left turn is too long).

- Overall, need to improve safety, alleviate congestion and find funding.
- Vehicles accessing the newly expanded Arapahoe park-n-Ride will be an impact soon.
- Employee access to jobs is an issue.
- The Arapahoe Road corridor is unique due to the level of development and limited east/west access.
- Consider tunnel under airport runways to allow County Line extension. Impacts, closing of runways are issues that the airport would be concerned about.
- Consider frontage roads.
- Consider LRT or BRT – discuss with RTD.
- LRT or BRT – will these technologies really serve the corridor businesses?
- Getting some regional travel off Arapahoe Road onto other corridors is important.
- Route 66 bus stops on Arapahoe cause congestion when buses stop and sight distance around stopped buses is an issue for side street traffic.
- Emergency breakdown area should be considered along Arapahoe Road.
- Employees of corridor businesses avoid E-470 due to tolls.
- Further improvements to Broncos Parkway could be made (6 lanes?)
- Need advertising of Broncos Parkway and Easter Avenue as options to traveling Arapahoe Road.
- Is sufficient ROW available for future expansion of Arapahoe Road or Broncos Parkway?
- If C-470 is tolled, more traffic could use local roads, including Arapahoe Road west of I-25.
- Designated lanes on Arapahoe Road for through traffic should be considered, perhaps elevated lanes.
- Reversible lanes in peak hours are a potential option.

4. Action Items:

- PowerPoint revisions
- Nancy Rupert and Phil Weisbach requested the summary, PowerPoint and sign-in sheet (sent to all attendees). The PowerPoint presentation will be posted as pdfs on the project website, including the land use forecasts and market conditions assessment.
- Send TRES Contingency projects to Phil Weisbach for his review.
- Send minutes of meeting/summary to other invited businesses and ask for suggestions.