
Arapahoe Road Corridor Study, I-25 to Parker Road

Community Resource Panel Focus Group Meetings

Round #2

Overview

The Community Resource Panel (CRP) was convened to provide the project team an opportunity to meet with groups representing property and business owners or others directly affected by the project. The first meeting of CRP participants was held in April 2006 as four separate focus group meetings with bicycle advocates, businesses and Chamber of Commerce representatives, HOA groups and Metro District representatives.

The second round of focus group meetings were held on August 15, 16 and 22, 2006 at the Arapahoe County Public Works office. Meetings were held for each of the following focus groups: Metro District/business/Chamber representatives, HOA groups and bicycle/pedestrian/trails advocates. Each of those meetings were attended by eight to fifteen focus group representatives as well as members of the project team. A meeting of emergency service providers was arranged, but no focus group attendees were able to attend. Meeting summaries and presentations were distributed to those group representatives that could not attend.

Each meeting began with self-introductions. A PowerPoint presentation was used to provide an overview of the land use, market study, travel forecasts and improvement options. Input was then solicited on the improvement options from the members of the focus groups related to their special interests. Meeting notes documenting comments received can be found on the project website (www.arapahoecorridor.com) on the Project Committees page.

Summary of Focus Group Comment Topics

Metro Districts- 08/15/06

- Concern with proximity of widening to businesses
 - Questioned value of boulevard concept
 - Support for parallel road improvements
 - West to north ramp at I-25 needs improvement
 - Need better signage approaching I-25 from east
- Concerns with three-level diamond interchange concept
- Prioritization of improvements needs to consider small and large project elements
 - Support for frequent fixed shuttle
 - Support for ITS and TDM elements
- Lack of support for HOV lanes on Arapahoe Road

HOA Meeting - 08/16/06

- Concern with proximity of widening to residences
 - Havana/Peakview parking needs/concerns
 - Transit improvements for LRT access desired
- Concern with frontage road/boulevard concepts
 - Support for Yosemite/Costilla connection
 - Concern with queuing traffic at SPU I

Bicycle/Trails Meeting - 08/22/06

- Shoulder widening not desirable for bikes
- Detached path along Arapahoe preferred
 - Parallel routes need signage for bikes
- Yosemite/Costilla connection good for peds/bikes
 - Cherry Creek Trail connections suggested
- Grade-separated crossings and signal improvements needed

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