
Arapahoe Road Corridor Study, I-25 to Parker Road

Community Resource Panel Focus Group Meetings

Round #3

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. Focus Group meetings were previously held with HOA groups, bicycle/pedestrian/trail advocates, and business/Metro District representatives in April and August 2006.

The third and final round of focus group meetings were held on January 30 and 31, and February 13 and 14, 2007 at the Arapahoe County Public Works office. Meetings were held for each of the following focus groups: bicycle/pedestrian/trails advocates, emergency providers, HOA groups and Metro District/business/Chamber representatives.

A total of 40 focus group representatives attended over the four meetings. Meeting summaries were distributed to those group representatives that could not attend.

Large format graphics were used to provide an overview of the preliminary improvement recommendations for the I-25 interchange, Arapahoe Road corridor, urban streetscape design elements, parallel roadway improvements, transit services and pedestrian/bicycle improvements. Input was then solicited on the preliminary recommendations 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. A summary of comments is provided on the back of this page.

Summary of Focus Group Comment Topics

Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails Meeting - 01/30/07

- Detached path along Arapahoe preferred (as opposed to bikes using sidewalks or shoulders)
- Bike route/lane and destination signage suggestions made (signs preferred over striping)
- Bike route connections to roadway overpasses are important
- Consistent implementation of plan between various jurisdictions is important
- Cherry Creek Trail connections suggested

Emergency Provider Meeting - 01/31/07

- Center median sight distance issues noted
- Median emergency breaks are needed
- Grade separations and median supported to help eliminate illegal intersection maneuvers
- Support for lower, consistent speed limit along corridors

HOA Meeting - 02/13/07

- Visual and noise impact concerns noted
- Concern with traffic impacts of retail development at Jordan Road
- Need for new lane striping at Jordan Road
- Concern with potential frontage road impacts on north side of Arapahoe west of Jordan Road

Business/Metro District Meeting- 02/14/07

- Available funding and timing of improvements are of high interest
- Support for parallel roadway improvements
- Need to raise awareness of new Easter Avenue connection and other parallel routes
- Support for ITS and TDM elements
- Concern with congestion near I-25 interchange
- Concern with visual impacts to businesses due to grade separations
- Concern with inconvenience to retail access caused by slip ramps

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