
Arapahoe Road Corridor Study, I-25 to Parker Road

Public Meeting #1

Meeting Overview

The first public meeting for the Arapahoe Road Corridor Study, I-25 to Parker Road project was held at the Arapahoe Library District's Support Services Building, 12855 E. Adam Aircraft Circle, Englewood, Colorado from 5:00 to 7:30 PM, Thursday, February 23, 2006. A postcard introducing the public to the project and inviting them to the meeting was sent via mail to approximately 900 stakeholders within the project area, emailed to many others, and the meeting was advertised on the project website, in local newspapers, local television broadcasts, and by two variable message sign boards posted along the corridor with a hotline phone number that provided further meeting information.



Approximately 90 people attended the meeting. Based on informal information requested on where attendees live and work, there was a good representation of area residents, employees and commuters of the corridor.



The meeting was conducted with an open house from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM, with a brief presentation by the project team at 6:00 PM. The project team introduced the corridor study, discussed project goals and objectives and presented information collected to date. This was the first opportunity for interested parties to provide comments and find out more about this study to improve travel on Arapahoe Road between I-25 and Parker Road. Public comments were solicited to help identify project needs for improvements that best serve the community.

The majority of the meeting was held as an open house format, during which time the public was able to view exhibits and discuss the project with project team representatives and Technical Advisory Committee members in attendance. The presentation by project staff was followed by a brief question and answer period.

Comments were received at the meeting during the question and answer period and during project team conversations with attendees during the open house period. Record of these comments as well as comments received before and after the meeting (in the form of comment sheets, email and website entries) are included in the *Comments Received* section of this document.



SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED

Land Use/Market Analysis:

- Need to consider accesses for businesses along Arapahoe Road
- Use development impact fees for funding transportation improvements
- Property values in area are decreasing due to congestion

Existing Traffic Conditions:

- Parker/Arapahoe and I-25/Arapahoe intersection congestion mitigation is needed
- Encourage area employers to offer flex time to reduce rush hour traffic
- Need for improved traffic flow along Arapahoe Road
- Maintain current speed limits on Arapahoe Road
- Need to lower speed limits along Arapahoe Road
- Traffic signal timing needs to be investigated – current timing forces a stop at every light along the corridor (should be matched with speed limit to create a “circuit”)
- Need to eliminate some of the stop lights in order to improve traffic flow
- Increase the number of traffic signals to make Arapahoe Road more closely resemble a city street
- Mitigate soccer field traffic – could move entrance/exit to Parker Road
- Concern over diversion of traffic onto other roads/impact on surrounding neighborhoods by cut-through traffic
- Accommodations need be made for projected increased traffic
- Consider no left turns allowed
- Concern over traffic volumes on Arapahoe Road east of Parker Road, including Grandview High School
- Need fewer intersections along Arapahoe Road and build frontage roads
- Consider two turn lanes at Jordan (southbound) with longer turn light

Public Transit:

- Need for express bus service along Arapahoe Road
- Dedicated bus lanes would improve ridership by facilitating a benefit to ride versus drive
- Add light rail on Arapahoe Road
- Improve links between transit and employment centers in the area
- Expand the call-n-Ride service further west
- Add a free shuttle bus service along Arapahoe Road

Environmental Resources:

- Noise pollution mitigation – fence improvements need to be made at residences along the corridor

Pedestrian/Bicycle:

- Better access to Cherry Creek State Park is needed – improve Cherry Creek trail access
- Need for dedicated bicycle lanes on Arapahoe Road and neighboring streets
- Consider pedestrian and bicycle overpasses
- Improve pedestrian safety, including longer walk lights and safer sidewalks
- Consider Jordan/Parker/Windmill Creek equestrian trail

General:

- The following area transportation improvements would help improve Arapahoe Road traffic:
 - Extend County Line to Parker Road
 - Widen Bronco's Parkway and extend to Havana via tunnels under runways at Centennial airport
 - Widen Peoria Street north of Arapahoe Road
 - Extend Briarwood to connect from Lima to Peoria
- Convert Arapahoe Road to three levels
- Widen medians on Arapahoe Road to improve safety
- Keep aesthetics of corridor in mind during decision on improvements
- Concern regarding construction delays
- Need for alternative east/west routes
- Airport issues:
 - Possible tunnels under runways for connecting east/west routes
 - Moving airport out of growing urban/metropolitan area
- Add limited access express lanes, possibly reversible
- Eliminate/reduce toll on E-470