



2016 MAJOR TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS PLAN UPDATE

Facilitated Discussion Meeting Summary

Pikes Peak Regional Building

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

9:30-11:00 AM

Meeting Purpose

- Provide an overview and broader context of the project
- Summarize community input to-date
- Discuss and collect feedback on draft report materials
- Outline next steps between now and project completion

Welcome and Introductions

Angela Woolcott, GBSM, welcomed meeting attendees, provided a broad overview of the meeting purpose, facilitated brief introductions and walked through the day's agenda. Meeting attendees consisted of Highway Advisory Commission members and community members who expressed an interest in participating in the public input process. Angela explained the updated plan will build on the results and vision from the 2011 plan and that feedback collected from the collaborative discussion will help inform the final report.

Major Transportation Corridors Plan (MTCP) Update

Todd Frisbie, FHU, shared the importance of the Major Transportation Corridors Plan (MTCP) Update. The plan will review and update the future transportation needs of the region based on community input and existing projects. The plan looks 20 to 40 years into the future and analyzes traffic reports, expected congestion, and a variety of other transportation engineering factors.

Todd explained the reality of funding makes it challenging to complete all of the projects included in plans like these, but by identifying and prioritizing projects within the plan, the County can make the best use of limited resources to improve roads. Included in the MTCP Update is a Road Impact Fee Program. Todd explained that as of now, the county charges a new development fee per trip. Every new development within the county is associated with a road impact fee based on estimated trips. To fund the required county road and transportation improvements, the fee must be updated. The MTCP Update will help to establish a new standard for the Road Impact Fee.



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Input-to-Date

Angela provided an overview of community outreach conducted to-date as well as feedback and input received through tools such as, online surveys and presentations to the HAC and broader community. In addition to surveys and presentations, a variety of other communication channels have been utilized, including a project website, flyers, postcards, regular email updates, and one-on-one conversations. Angela reminded attendees that the team is still seeking input on project specific maps to be included in the final report and encouraged everyone to visit www.epcroadplan.com by October 4th to complete the latest survey.

Input themes collected to-date include:

- **Maintenance** – Maintaining the county’s existing transportation system is a high priority,
- **Funding** – Be transparent and diligent in discussing funding sources and costs,
- **Choice** – Consider more diversified transportation (bus routes, streetcars, etc.),
- **Safety** – Getting places safely rather than quickly,
- **Economic Vitality** – We should consider growth and economic opportunities,
- **Environment** – Be considerate of environmental impact during the planning and construction process, and
- **Connectivity** – Increasing and prioritize bicycle/pedestrian connections, road connections and transportation connections to other areas.

Angela provided a few examples as to how feedback is being taken into account and opened the discussion for clarifying questions and comments. The following topics were discussed:

- **Car-sharing:** Attendees were interested to know how car-sharing services, like Uber and Lyft, might affect the road impact fee.
- **Funding:** One participant asked how the plan would be funded, and requested clarification on what existing funding is in place for the plan.
- **Traffic counts/trip fees:** Todd described how the road impact fee is adjusted based on traffic counts and trip fees.
- **Development:** Attendees were interested to hear about how development and growth effects traffic counts and the road impact fee.

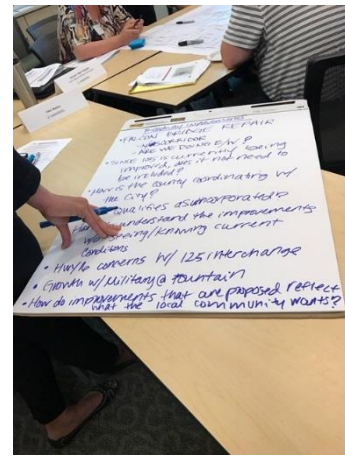
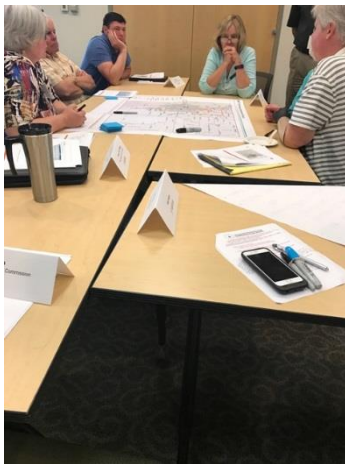


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Small Group Discussion

Attendees broke into two small groups to provide detailed feedback and input on two separate maps:

- 2040 Roadway Improvements
- Proposed Multimodal Improvements

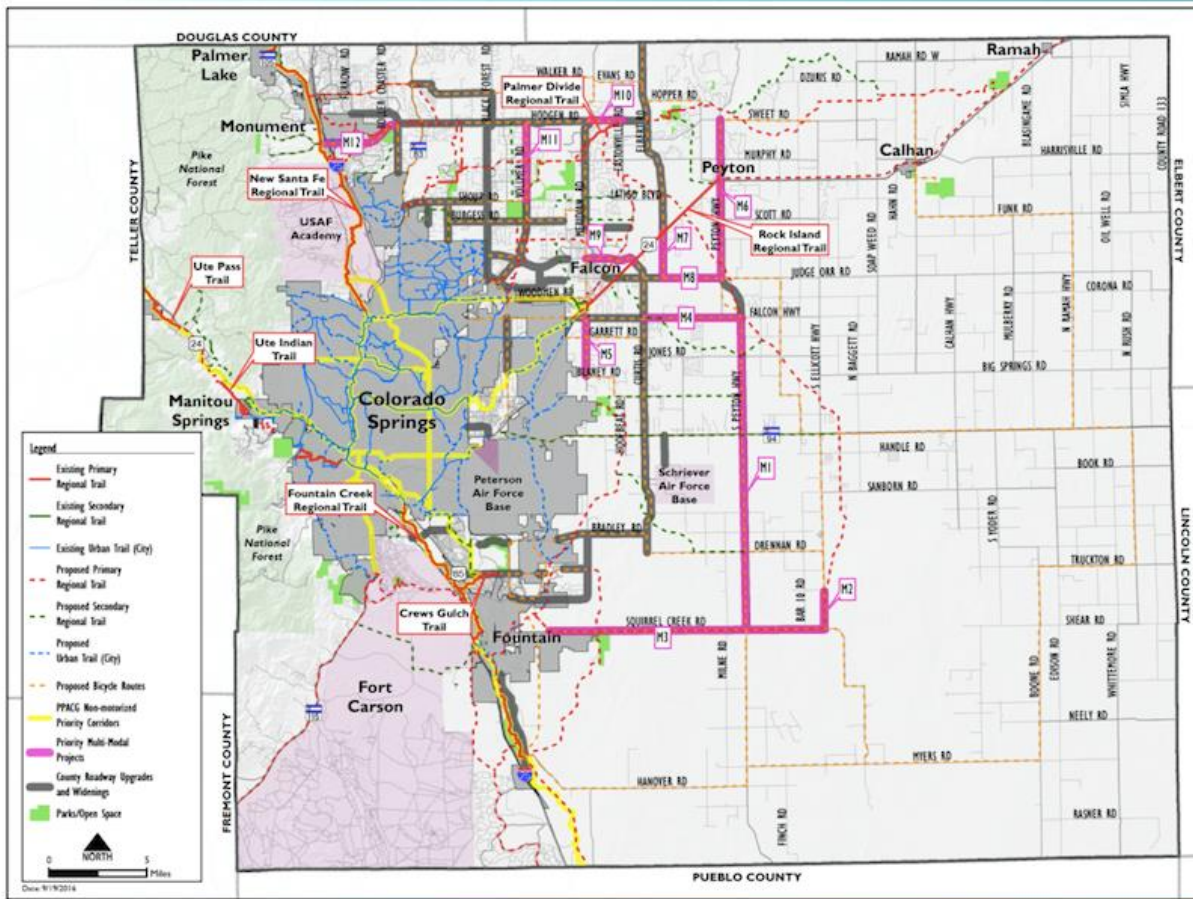


Each group was asked to identify opportunities the team may have missed; provide feedback on current proposed improvements; and to prioritize projects based on their own knowledge of the area and the plan. The following tables highlight the feedback received:



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Proposed Multi-Modal Improvements

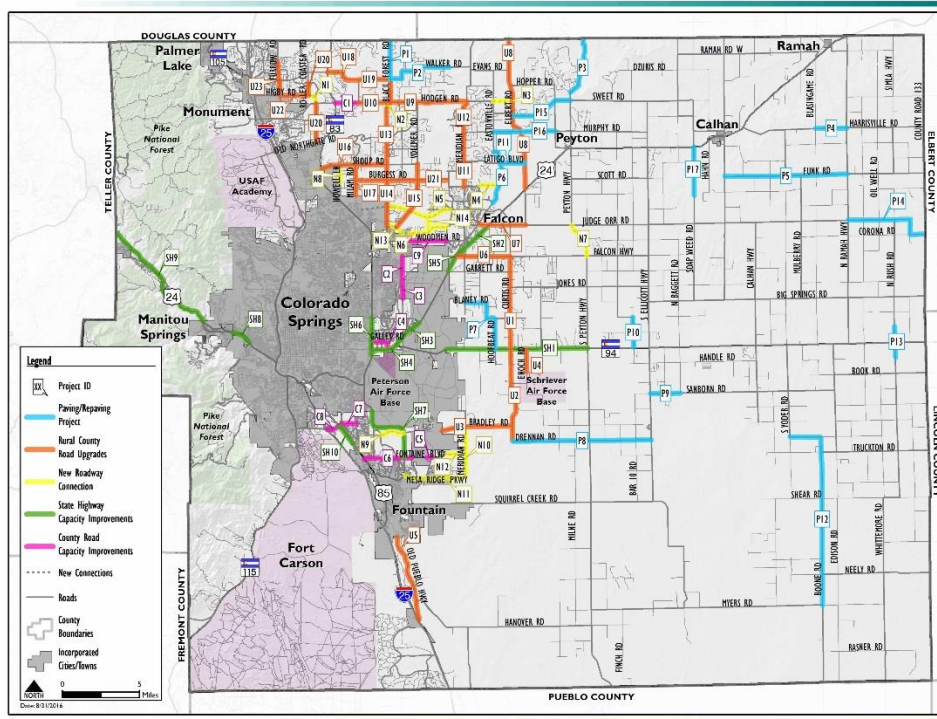


Theme	Comments
Development and Growth	Peyton Hwy and Squirrel Creek going to grow/need expanding Consider growth in Fountain
Use and Access	Further North and West there are more bikes Higby Rd is popular for bike because of terrain Woodman road too crowded for bikes
Map Improvement Suggestions	Add recreational attractions Identify commuter versus recreational routes Show when/where development is anticipated (homes, businesses, etc.) Consider design standards for bike lanes and trails
Plan Improvements	High priority for shoulders at Eastonville/Hodgen Add bicycle routes on Enoch with improvements Stapleton/Briargate connection Consider Ped Bridges with bike lanes like Denver



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DRAFT 2040 Roadway Improvement Projects



Theme	Comments
Connectivity	<p>Falcon bridge repair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North/South Corridor - Are we doing E/W? <p>Highway 16 concerns with I25 interchange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cucheras Ranch - Bradley Heights - Colorado Center Metro District, etc. <p>Black Forest preservation plan is in conflict with some of the proposed road improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Milam to Hodgen (preservation) - Black Forest Road and Volmer (need) - do need to be upgraded (lanes too narrow, etc.)
Development and Growth	<p>Flying Horse at Shamrock Ranch Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All the improvements around Bradley - SH94 - Curtis - Enoch <p>Fort Carson growth drawing down</p> <p>Schriever has a lot of capacity that could be built out if needed</p> <p>Growth with Military at Fountain</p>
Suggested Improvements	<p>Capacity improvements for Highway 83 from North Gate to 105</p>
General Questions	<p>How is statewide high-speed rail being taken into account?</p> <p>How do improvements that are proposed reflect what the local community wants?</p> <p>How is the county coordinating with the city?</p> <p>What qualifies as incorporated?</p> <p>Since 105 is currently being improved, does it not need to be included?</p>



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Closing

Angela provided a quick summary of the remaining milestones between now and the project completion and encouraged attendees to help disseminate information to the broader community.

Next steps:

- Current survey live until October 4th
- Draft update in early-to-mid-October
- 30-day review period
- Present to the Board of County Commissioners in November
- Final submittal before the end-of-year

Attendees:

Ahrens, Dave	Eastern Plains Chamber
Davies, Susan	Trails and Open Space Coalition
Dills, Ed	Highway Advisory Committee
Ennis, Joseph	Highway Advisory Committee AC
Everitt, Cheryl	Highway Advisory Committee
Galpin, Brian	Highway Advisory Committee
Horstmeier, Darren	Schriever Air Force Base
Joy, Caroline	El Paso County
Kley, Ben	Highway Advisory Committee
Lucia-Treese, Joan	Highway Advisory Committee
Martinez, Donald	Highway Advisory Committee
Orphan, Rick	Fort Carson Directorate of Public Works
Roberts, Tim	City of Colorado Springs
Tobias, Larry	Highway Advisory Committee
Von Ahlefeldt, Judy	Black Forest Transportation
Walton, Vikki	Community Resident
Williams, Reb	Highway Advisory Committee

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Frisbie, Todd	FHU
Swank, Cate	GBSM
Woolcott, Angela	GBSM