

This Just In: Additions and Changes... Below are updated dates and times for Listening Sessions and dates for the first Telephone Sessions.

# Learn More About the GAP: CDOT Launches Effort to Engage Residents and Drivers

"CDOT is coming to a neighborhood near you to inform and listen," said CDOT Executive Director Mike Lewis. "The I-25 South Gap is in dire need of improvements and CDOT is on an accelerated schedule to fix the Gap. Providing a variety of public outreach opportunities is essential for the convenience of motorists and residents who want to learn more and ask questions."

CDOT will be holding a series of informal "listening sessions" at public libraries and other local venues along the I-25 corridor. There has been a great deal of discussion lately regarding CDOT's consideration to add a tolled lane – or an Express Lane – in each direction of the Gap as a way to improve travel reliability in the corridor. CDOT will provide detailed information on this potential approach at these meetings.

In addition to the "listening sessions," CDOT will also host two telephone townhalls on February 21 and 22 for residents unable to attend meetings in person.

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Listening Sessions

### Penrose House - Proby Room

1661 Mesa Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80906 January 30 12:30 - 2 PM

Meadows Park Community Center 1943 S El Paso Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80905 January 31 5:30 - 7:00 PM

### **Rockrimmon Library**

832 Village Center Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919 February 5 4:45 - 6:15 PM

# **Cheyenne Mountain Library**

1785 S 8th St Colorado Springs, CO 80905 February 6 5:30 – 7:00 PM

#### **Monument Library**

1706 Woodmoor Drive, Monument, CO 81032 February 8 6:45 – 8:15 PM

Natural Grocers North Academy 7298 North Academy Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO 80920 February 12 5:30 -7:00 PM

#### **Natural Grocers Monument**

1216 W. Baptist Rd. Monument, CO 80132 February 13 5:30 - 7:00 PM

# Natural Grocers South Nevada

1604 South Nevada Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80906 February 15 5:30 - 7:00 PM

# Telephone Town Halls

El Paso County\*, Feb. 21, 6-7 PM Douglas County\*, Feb. 22, 6-7 PM

\*More information on the phone number and other meeting details for the Telephone Town Halls to be released later.

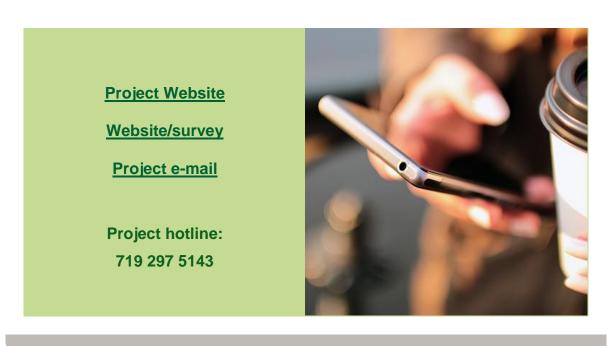
More listening sessions will be scheduled for Douglas County to be held in early March. Formal public hearings will be held in the spring and they will be held in Douglas County and El Paso County.

The public can learn, ask questions or provide comments at the following:

Project Website
Website/survey
Project e-mail
Project hotline:
719 297 5143

## About the project:

CDOT is on an accelerated schedule to begin construction on improving 18 miles of I-25 between Castle Rock and Monument. The project would add a lane in each direction, widen shoulders, repave the surface and improve wildlife crossings. CDOT is considering making the additional lane an Express Lane, which would be built alongside the two General Purpose Lanes in each direction. Motorists would have the option of driving the General Purpose lanes for free or they could take the Express Lane for a more reliable trip in exchange for paying a variable toll. CDOT spent a year evaluating more than 100 alternatives to improve 32 miles of I-25 between Colorado Springs and Denver. From this process, it was determined an early action project was needed on the Gap to improve safety, mobility and travel reliability. CDOT will begin construction end of this year once environmental work is completed and should \$350 million in funding be secured.



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