

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETING #1 October 23, 2002

The purpose of the public meeting/open house was to encourage attendees to provide their comments related to the preliminary plans for the reconstruction of Reach 1 of Cherry Creek South Drive (from University to Colorado Blvd) and to verify the conditions of the corridor. Eighty-five (85) members of the general public attended the open house/presentation, of which 59 live or work in Reach 1. Project team members were positioned at various topic stations with maps and handouts to receive comments and provide information.

A presentation was provided to review the opportunities and constraints of the existing conditions in the corridor and present the Corridor Concept, the preliminary plan for the Cherry Creek South Drive reconstruction. The project team has compiled data over the last several months including information on natural resources, right-of-way, and other traffic and environmental data to assist in determining how the elements of the Master Plan recommendation may be implemented.

Comments were expressed verbally during the presentation and to staff members individually, and by writing on index cards and comment sheets. The comments focused on the following themes:

- The need to improve pedestrian facilities and safety, especially in the vicinity of Alameda to Steele Streets to help in crossing Cherry Creek South Drive. Suggestions included providing crosswalks, signals, or an underpass or bridge.
- Preservation of the Creek's natural habitat is very important; improvements should not encroach on the Creek.
- The preservation of private parking spaces is important. Some suggested providing parking along only one side of Cherry Creek South Drive, instead of along both sides.
- The pros and cons of closing Steele Street in order to promote parkway and recreational opportunities were discussed.
- Comments were divided on the provision of a roundabout in the vicinity of Alameda to Steele.
- Most attendees agreed that if something had to be eliminated from the Master Plan in the tight areas, the tree lawns and median elements were the lowest priorities.
- Discussion regarding the provision of an additional bicycle trail along the south side of the Creek was mixed.

A list of all public comments received at the meeting is available.

If you attended the public meeting, you will **automatically** receive this list.

If you did not attend the meeting and would like to receive the list of comments, please contact:

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For those interested in the issues surrounding the possible closure of **Steele Street**:

After we complete additional research, we will form a Steele Street Advisory Group. This group will be composed of interested stakeholders who will assist us in resolving issues associated with the possible closure of Steele Street. The Advisory Group members will be asked to commit to meet 2 to 3 times between January to March. Please contact Dennis Ohlrogge if you are interested in participating:

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