



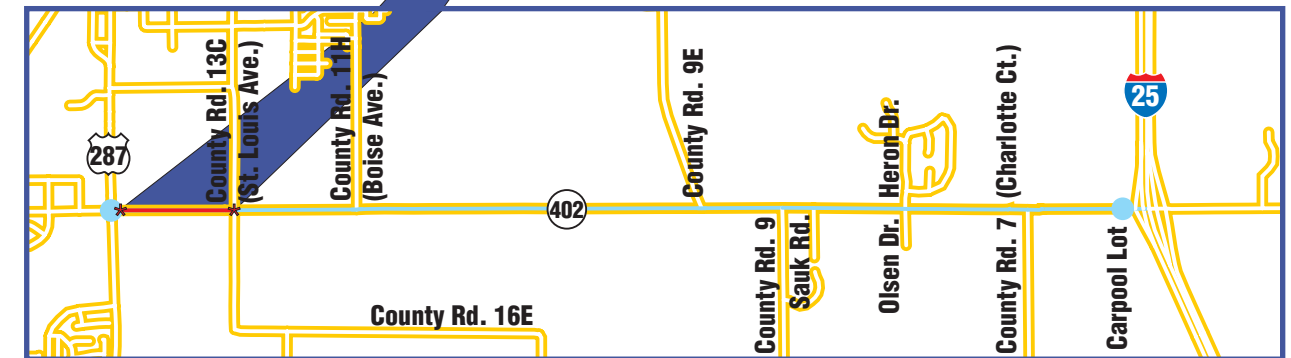
This fact sheet briefly summarizes the project. For additional information, please review the EA document at the locations described in this fact sheet or go to the SH 402 project website at www.sh402ea.com. Postage-paid comment sheets will be available for mail-in at all locations or comments can be recorded via the project website. AND, please come to the project public hearing on August 22, 2007.

Project BACKGROUND

Description. State Highway 402 (SH 402) is a heavily used two-lane, east-west arterial connecting US 287 (also known as Lincoln Avenue) and I-25. This 4-mile highway is located south of the city of Loveland in Larimer County, Colorado. SH 402 serves local residents and businesses and is used as a commuter route to I-25.



SH 402 is no longer two lanes west of St. Louis Avenue. Developers, in coordination with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the City of Loveland, have partially built SH 402 improvements between US 287 and St. Louis Avenue (CR 13C), improving the north or westbound side under a Categorical Exclusion dated September 18, 2003. This interim condition will remain until the development on the south side of SH 402 is completed at a future date.




Level of Service (LOS) is a qualitative measure of the operational characteristics of traffic flow, ranked from A (best) to F (worst). LOS is described in terms of speed, travel time, freedom to maneuver, traffic interruptions, comfort, convenience, and safety.

Purpose and Need. The purpose of this project is to improve mobility and safety along SH 402. The need for the project was established by identifying and analyzing the 2030 travel demand and expected growth and development. Without the proposed project, 2030 LOS would be F for the entire corridor. LOS will improve to C with the proposed project.

Alternative Screening Process. Five alternatives were identified initially: a No Action and four action alternatives. All action alternatives included widening to four through lanes with associated auxiliary lanes, turn lanes, and a bike lane. After two levels of screening, the No Action alternative and the Meander Alternative were retained for detailed environmental analysis. Public workshops were held in September 2002 and April 2003 to collect input on the alternatives to be analyzed in the environmental assessment (EA).

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Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) would like to invite you to an upcoming public hearing for the SH 402 Environmental Assessment and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation.

When is the public hearing?

FHWA/CDOT will hold a public hearing on August 22, 2007, between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. (presentation at 5:15 p.m.).

Where will the public hearing be held?

CDOT Region 4, Loveland Residency at 2207 East Highway 402 in Loveland, Colorado 80537

When will questions be answered and comments received? The public hearing will begin at 4:30 p.m. with an open house format where guests can review information. At 5:15 p.m., a short presentation will be given, followed by a question and answer period. Project team members will be available to answer any additional questions. A court reporter will be available to receive formal comments.

Where can the EA document be found?

The SH 402 EA document is available as of July 31, 2007, and can be viewed on the project website at www.sh402ea.com. The document can also be viewed at the various locations listed in this fact sheet. Postage-paid comment sheets will be available for mail-in at all locations or comments can be recorded via the project website.

Comments must be received by August 29, 2007. Mail or email comments to:

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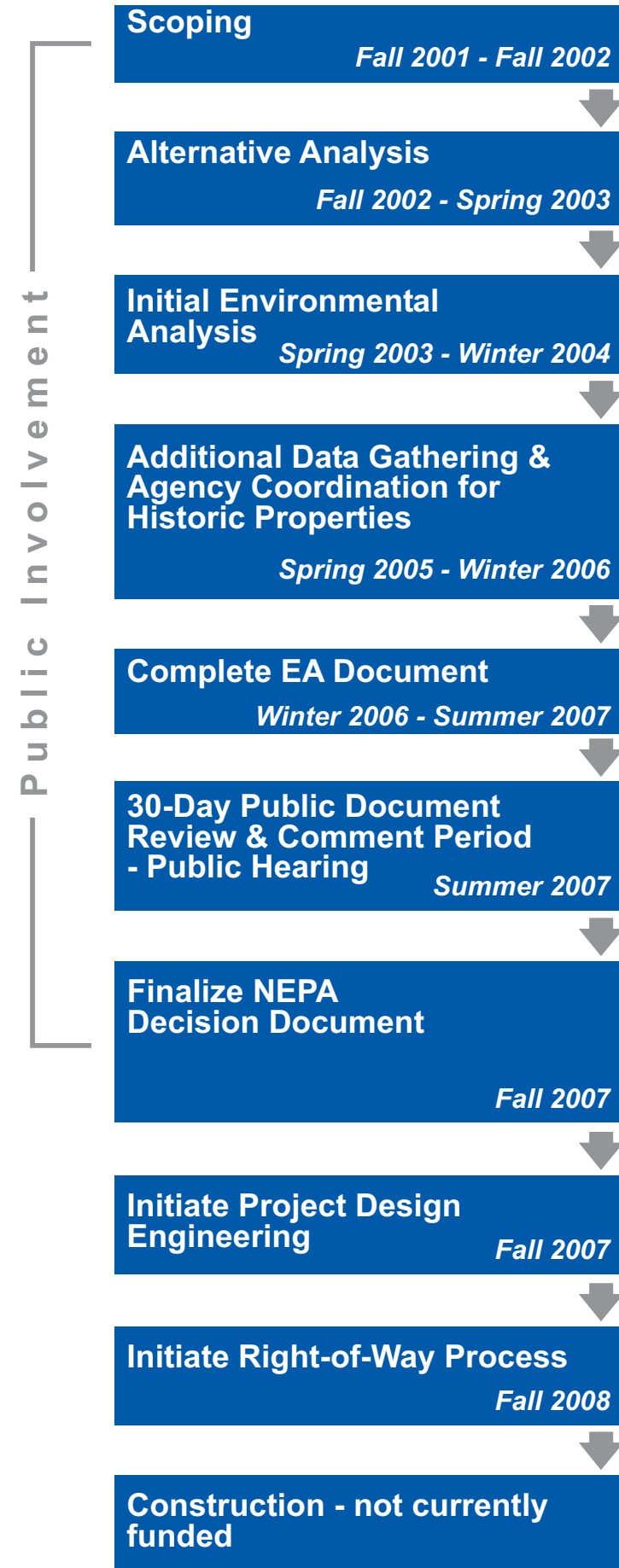
Environmental Assessment. The EA process was initiated in 2001. This study has been conducted in close coordination with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Larimer County, and the City of Loveland. The Environmental Assessment and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation (EA document) is available now for public review.

Environmental IMPACTS

Resource	Preferred Alternative Impacts	Mitigation
Right-of-Way and Relocations	Structures and land acquisition: 6 homes, no businesses, and 3 outbuildings. Total right-of-way acquisition is estimated at approximately 55 acres.	CDOT policy requires compensation under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (Uniform Act).
Hazardous Materials/Waste	Potential for migration of contamination into the intersection due to proximity of the Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) site at the Diamond Shamrock station to the US 287 and SH 402 intersection. Potential relocation of utility transformers that contain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).	Additional monitoring and testing will be conducted prior to construction. Utility companies will be responsible for the handling and disposal of transformers.
Historic Preservation	A determination of adverse effect has been made for the Weber Farm (southeast of CR 13C).	CDOT and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) executed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to resolve adverse effects on this property.
Section 4(f)	A determination of adverse effect has been made for the Weber Farm resulting in a use under Section 4(f). <i>De minimis</i> impacts were found for the following per FHWA on November 15, 2006: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Thompson Manufacturing Ditch Segment (northeast of the Propp Farm) • Propp Farm (southwest of CR 9E and SH 402) • Weber Farm East (southwest of CR 9E and SH 402) • Mountain View Farm (northwest of I-25 and SH 402) 	There is no prudent and feasible alternative that alleviates the use of the historic Weber Farm. The SHPO was consulted and an MOA has been executed. Measures will be taken to minimize harm to the remaining four properties.
Noise	Noise levels equal to or in excess of 66 dB(A) were forecast at 11 residential locations.	No mitigation.
Vegetation	23.7 acres of vegetation will be affected.	CDOT requirements will be followed to ensure adequate revegetation.
Wetlands	0.89 acre of wetlands will be permanently affected.	Wetlands replacement will result in no net loss of wetlands.

Future Plans and Funding. Planning and construction of improvements along the stretch of SH 402 between US 287 and I-25 (approximately 4 miles) are included in both the CDOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) and the 2030 North Front Range (NFR) Transportation Plan. 2007 funding is available for the next phase of this project, which is project design engineering. Currently no funding is available for construction.

EA Process AND TIMELINE



Public Notice Colorado Department of Transportation SH 402 from US 287 to the I-25 Interchange Environmental Assessment and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation (EA Document) Availability and Upcoming Public Hearing

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) have conducted an environmental study for the existing SH 402 roadway from US 287 to I-25.

Preferred Alternative

What has been identified as the Preferred Alternative? FHWA/CDOT recommend the widening of the existing roadway from two to four lanes. The Preferred Alternative is labeled the Meander Alternative in the environmental assessment (EA) document. More information on the Preferred Alternative, its environmental impacts, and associated mitigation is included in the EA document.

EA Document Availability - July 31, 2007

When and where will the EA document be available to the public?

Beginning July 31, 2007, the document will be available at the locations listed below for a review and comment period ending August 29, 2007:

FHWA (front desk)
12300 West Dakota Avenue, Suite 180
Lakewood, Colorado 80228

CDOT Headquarters
Public Relations Office
4201 East Arkansas Avenue, Room 277
Denver, Colorado 80222

CDOT Region 4 (front desk)
1420 2nd Street
Greeley, Colorado 80631

CDOT Region 4
Loveland Residency (front desk)
2207 East Highway 402
Loveland, Colorado 80537

Larimer County Planning Office (front desk, main floor)
200 West Oak Street
Fort Collins, Colorado 80521

North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization
419 Canyon Avenue, Suite 300
Fort Collins, Colorado 80521

City of Loveland Public Works (front desk)
410 East 5th Street
Loveland, Colorado 80537

Loveland Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center
5400 Stone Creek Circle
Loveland, Colorado 80538

Loveland Public Library
300 North Adams
Loveland, Colorado 80537

Town of Johnstown, Town Hall (front desk)
101 Charlotte Street
Johnstown, Colorado 80534

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