

**This is the first in a series of Fact Sheets to keep you up-to-date regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) for SH 402 from US 287 to the I-25 Interchange.**

*The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has retained J.F. Sato and Associates (JFSA) to perform the EA for SH 402 from US 287 East to the I-25 Interchange.*

### Project **BACKGROUND**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as the lead agency, and the Colorado Department of Transportation, Region 4 (CDOT) have initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate potential improvements along SH 402 from US 287 east to the I-25 Interchange. As the lead federal agency, FHWA has the authority and responsibility to make the final decisions. CDOT is the applicant and is responsible for the preparation of the EA.

Planning and construction of improvements along the approximately 4-mile stretch of SH 402 have been ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the North Front Range (NFR) 2020 Regional Transportation Plan, and the project is currently in the State-wide Transportation Improvement Plan for highway improvements. The EA will identify alternatives to improve mobility and safety, which will include the No Action alternative. Maintaining or improving access to the residences, businesses, and the park-n-Ride within the study area will also be evaluated. CDOT will examine alternatives for the ability to meet these goals now and in 20 years.

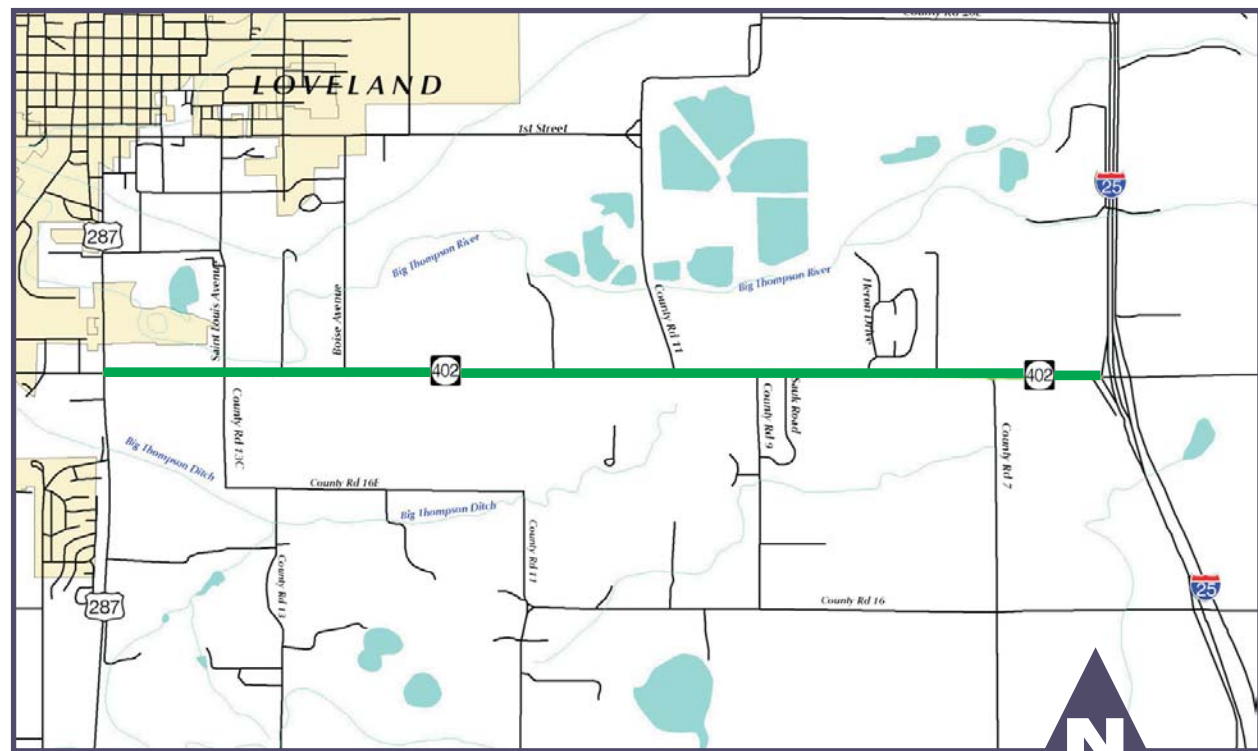


### EA **PROCESS**

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CDOT is currently in the Scoping phase of the project. Scoping is a process conducted early in the project that is open to the public (agencies and general public) to identify the range or "scope" of issues and alternatives to be addressed during the environmental studies and in the EA.

Formal Scoping will conclude in Fall 2001. Public Involvement, however, is ongoing throughout the process to keep interested individuals, groups, and agencies informed about the project and to solicit input at key milestones in the project.



### Project **LOCATION**

-  Water Bodies
-  Project Area
-  Loveland Municipal Boundary
-  Roads
-  Streams & Rivers

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## Proposed **Action**

The proposed action under study is to evaluate potential improvements along SH 402 from US 287 east to the I-25 Interchange that improve safety and increase capacity. The EA process will evaluate various alternatives, and the No Action alternative, to determine a preferred alternative. The preferred alternative will meet the purpose and need of the project, to improve safety and increase capacity, while:



- **Considering compatibility with local and state plans**
- **Providing on-going coordination with federal, state and county agencies**
- **Protecting or maintaining community values and the environment**
- **Minimizing utility, traffic, and access impacts during construction if an action alternative is the preferred alternative**

The EA will be conducted in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and will encourage public involvement throughout the process. CDOT is committed to maintaining the environmental integrity, both natural and human, of the study area.

## Coordination/**Public Involvement**

Coordination of this effort will be through CDOT and its consultant, J.F. Sato and Associates (JFSA).

Future Public Workshops will be advertised, and updates on the status of the EA will be provided through periodic project fact sheets, notices, and the project Web site, [www.sh402ea.com](http://www.sh402ea.com), at key milestones during the project.

Your input is essential to the process in order to solicit input and help in issue identification. CDOT is asking for your assistance. Please take a few minutes to answer the postage-paid survey included in this Fact Sheet. If there are any issues pertinent to the study area not listed in the survey, please include them in the comment section. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Opportunities for **Public Involvement**

Please feel free to contact; Jeff Manuel, Environmental Unit Manager, CDOT Region 4; Michelle Li, Project Manager, JFSA; or Melanie Pyryt, Public Involvement Manager, JFSA with any additional questions or comments you may have regarding this project, or to be added to the mailing list.

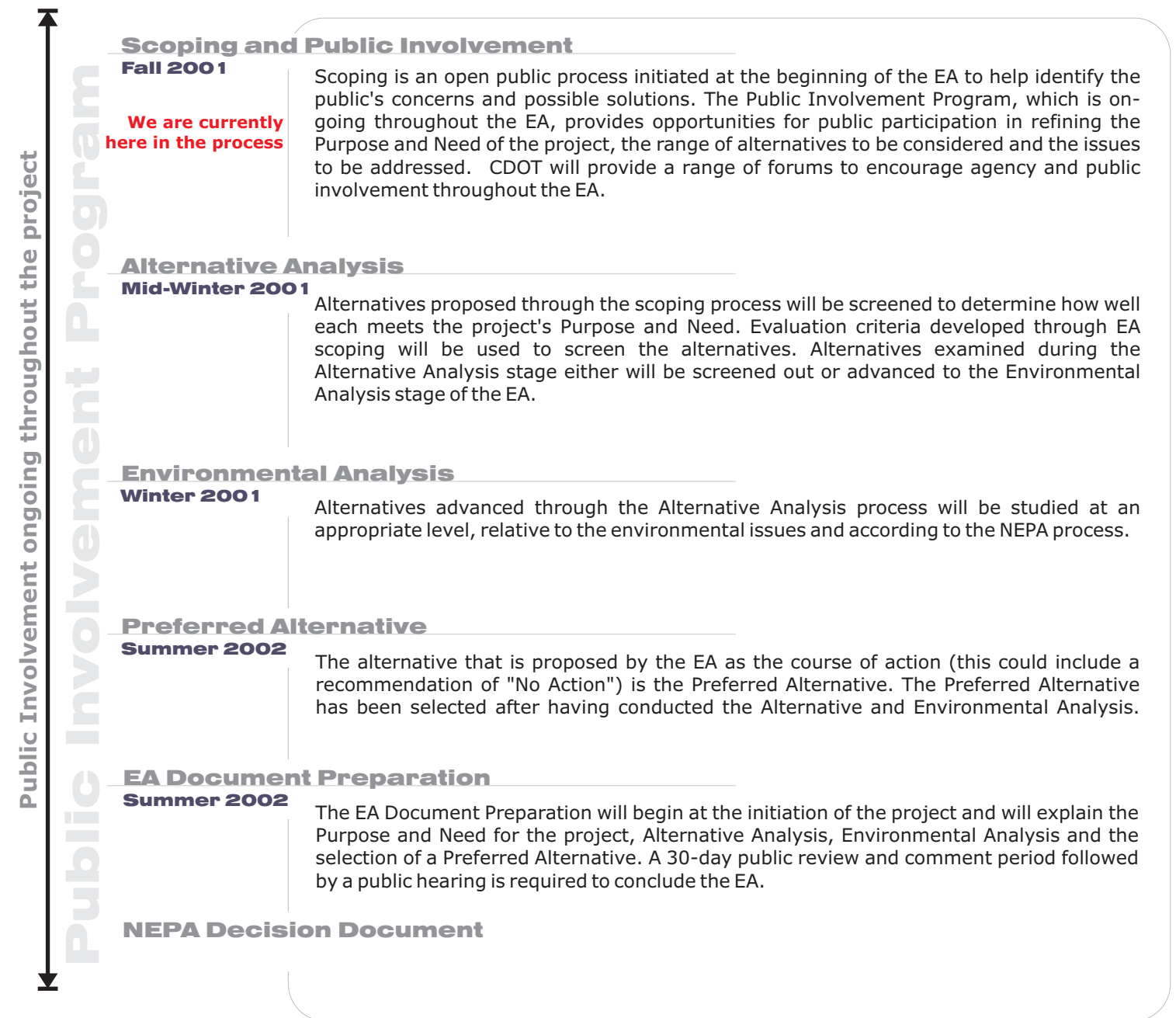
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You can also visit the project Web site at [www.sh402ea.com](http://www.sh402ea.com).

# EA **PROCESS**



## Important **CONTACTS**

