



Memorandum

TO: Randy Young, City Manager
FROM: Tim Paranto, Director of Public Works
DATE: June 9, 2010
SUBJECT: Talking Points—DRCOG Project Submittals

DRCOG has announced that additional Federal funds are now available for 2010-2011 transportation projects. The City submitted four (4) projects for consideration:

1. 32nd Avenue and Youngfield Street Widening at I-70 Interchange Project, \$5.5M
2. Environmental Study for the Kipling/ I-70 Interchange reconstruction, \$1.1M
3. Wadsworth Boulevard Multiuse Trail Project, \$780,000
4. Kipling Street Multiuse Trail Project, \$3.5M

32nd Avenue and Youngfield Street Widening

- 32nd Avenue is currently very congested during morning and evening peak traffic hours
- The Levels of Service for the intersection of Youngfield St. and 32nd Ave. is currently at “D” and the intersection of the Applewood Shopping Center entrance and 32nd Ave. is currently at “F”.
- The east-bound I-70 off ramp has a current Level of Service of “E”.
- Widening of 32nd Ave. and Youngfield St. will reduce traffic delays in this area by 45%.
- These improvements will also improve the operation of the off/on ramps to I-70.
- The project is fully designed and “shovel ready”.
- All State-required environmental clearances are in place.
- No additional right-of-way is required.
- Construction of these improvements may stimulate the development of the Cabela’s Shopping Center.
- While the City has requested a Federal appropriations ear-mark for this project through Ed Perlmutter, this information will only confuse the DRCOG Directors.

Kipling Interchange Environmental Study

- This interchange is failing with congestion approaching gridlock on a daily basis.
- Traffic on the I-70 off-ramps routinely backs out into I-70 mainline lanes.
- There are insufficient accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists along Kipling Street at the interchange.
- Kipling Street will service the new Gold Line Arvada Ridge Station.
- The Arvada Fire Department must use Kipling Street to service properties south of I-70.

Wadsworth Boulevard Multiuse Trail

- The project would construct a trail on the east side of Wadsworth from 26th Ave. to 29th Ave and continue on the west side of the highway from 29th Ave to 32nd Ave.
- The trail would connect a primary bike route and sidewalk system on 26th Ave to 32nd Ave and the regional trail that accesses the Crown Hill Regional Park.
- The project is calculated to save (using DRCOG formulas) over 350,000 vehicle miles of travel each year because of new walking or biking trips replacing vehicle trips.

Kipling Street Multiuse Trail

- The project would complete the trail on the east side of Kipling St. from 32nd Ave to the Clear Creek Trail.
- The project would connect the Crown Hill Regional Park to the Clear Creek Trail.
- The project would connect a regional bike route, 32nd Ave., to the regional Clear Creek Trail.
- The project is calculated to save over 900,000 vehicle miles of travel each year because of persons walking and biking instead of driving to destinations.

As always, I am available to provide additional information, if desired.