



COMMUNITY LEADERS COORDINATION MEETING SUMMARY

Date/Time: July 16, 2014/4:30-6:30 P.M.

Location: Swansea Elementary School

Attendees*:

Maria L. Valle	Larry Kowalig	Bruce Johnson	Rick Alexander
Abe Ulibarri	Esmeralda Aguilar	Holliday Aguilar	Wes Adkins
Sal Arrieta	Don Callarman	Rumualdo Chavez	Bettie Cram
Norberta Dominguez	Drew Dutcher	LaVonne Griffie	Armando Perez
Raimundo Riobota	Juan E. Veloz	Bradley Zieg	Roberta Waggoner
Harold Waggoner			

Due to the informal nature of the meeting, attendees may have participated in the meeting without signing in.

I. INTRODUCTION

The I-70 East environmental impact statement (EIS) project team conducted a community leaders coordination meeting on July 16, 2014 as part of the on-going community outreach process. The primary purpose of the meeting was to allow members of the public to speak with project team members, ask questions, express their concerns, and provide comments. The focus of this meeting was to discuss how to provide comments on the Supplemental Draft EIS that is scheduled to be released for public comment on or before September 5, 2014.

The meeting started at 4:30 p.m. as an informal meeting with no presentation. The informal style let people arrive at their convenience, get information that interests them, and provide feedback at any time during the meeting by completing a comment sheet or discussing their thoughts and concerns with a project team member. Boards and plots were available to let the public view the progress on the project.

The meeting included discussion tables facilitated by project team members. The discussion tables allowed individuals to interact with each other, share their thoughts and opinions, and give them an opportunity to discuss their concerns with a project team member in more detail. Spanish translation and light refreshments were available at this meeting.

II. SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

The following questions and concerns were discussed:

Some residents who live south of the viaduct are concerned about impacts during construction. One of them agreed to become a community leader and attend our meetings regularly.

A representative from the group supporting the reroute option had questions about financing. He was concerned about additional financing costs beyond the estimated cost of construction.

A representative for the tire warehouse, just north of Pilot Truck Stop, asked for specific information regarding the impacts that the current proposed project will have on the warehouse. He was advised that a partial acquisition will most likely be required. Specific information is not available at this time and but will become available in the near future. He was given contact information to allow him to contact project representatives with additional questions.

A few people asked about tolling and financing of the project.

III. COMMENT FORMS RECEIVED

No comment forms were received during the meeting.