



COMMUNITY LEADERS COORDINATION MEETING SUMMARY

Date/Time: October 15, 2014/4:30-6:30 P.M.

Location: Swansea Elementary School

Attendees*:

Tom Anthony	Bill La Crue	Sal Arrieta	Bettie Cram
Rumualdo Chavez	Jane La Crue	Veronica Rivera	Ray Ruppert
Ruth Opperman	Tony Stewart	Larry Kowalis	Isidro Rodriguez
Steve Kinney	Luis Fundora	Cynthia Thorstad	

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 October 15, 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. The comment period ends on October 31, 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 provide the public information about 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:

One attendee was concerned about the construction detours near the railroad, the noise barriers blocking connectivity, too much Spanish language at the hearings. This person also thought that the school should be moved and doesn't like roundabouts.

One person prefers the 8 lane configuration and no road between the cover and the school.

One resident commented about liking roundabouts.

Another resident does not like the train noise.

The following comments were translated from Spanish

One gentleman, whose house is going to be acquired, was provided an explanation that because his house is historical, it can't be acquired until after the ROD is signed. This was explained through the assistance of the translator.

One person was concerned about the lack of support the preliminary identified alternative had during the public hearings. She doesn't understand why people are afraid to openly support the project like they did previously. She is wondering if the Partial Cover Lowered Alternative is going to be built or not.

Two gentlemen (father and a son) talked about the Partial Cover Lowered Alternative. They were concerned about the structural integrity of their property during construction, specifically when digging starts to lower the highway. They also asked questions about mitigation measures on air quality, noise, increased local truck traffic and bridge demolition. Even though they support the Partial Cover Alternative, they did not want to be identified.

III.COMMENT FORMS RECEIVED

Two comments forms were received. One was translated from Spanish. The comment sheets contained the following:

The cap is destructive to kids.

The walls are bad.

The cap does not connect the neighborhood.

Why not try the boulevard idea?

Why not rebuild the viaduct?

Toll roads or ten lanes are not needed on I-70.