

Is This the Most Promising Alternative?

The PACT is working on the Current Alignment as the more promising alternative. There seems to be growing support and understanding that the Current Alignment provides the most opportunities to mitigate impacts to neighborhood growth and quality, and more broadly improve/encourage transportation/transit safety and use, and economic development.

The PACT is working on the Current Alignment because of the positive aspects (shown in green), while continuing to work on the negative aspects (shown in red).

Positive Aspects

- 1** Maintains current location/plan for the FasTracks National Western Stock Show Station on the North Metro Line and preserves the potential for a larger Transit Oriented Development area
- 2** Maintains two major highways in the area (I-70 and I-270) for safety, multiple route choices, and emergency access
- 3** Avoids the negative impacts on the neighborhood of 10 to 20 times the amount current traffic on 46th Avenue in realignment
- 4** Less impact to Sand Creek Regional Greenway compared to the realignment alternative that adds a second river crossing and moves I-270 closer to the river
- 5** Allows for South Platte River and Riverside Cemetery access without a visual barrier
- 6** Maintains the current straight, shorter highway alignment compared to the realignment's additional curves
- 7** Preserves potential for National Western Stock Show to continue to operate in its current location with their current programs
- 8** Knowledge of the current conditions leads to better understanding of the potential future impacts associated with widening the current I-70
- 9** Higher potential for near term funding because initial phases require less funding

Negative Aspects

- 10** Impacts to neighborhood quality – visual, noise and air quality
- 11** Impacts to development opportunities due to the continued existence of a viaduct in the neighborhood
- 12** Possible impacts to Swansea Elementary School
- 13** The number of houses and businesses acquired or impacted
- 14** Emergency response times hampered by one-way local streets

The PACT is looking for additional positive and negative aspects to address