



CITY OF ARVADA



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JPPHA NEXT STEPS

Arvada, CO..... The Jefferson Parkway Public Highway Authority (JPPHA), comprised of Jefferson County, the City and County of Broomfield, and the City of Arvada, was formed with the goal of constructing the next significant piece of the metropolitan beltway, closing the gap between State Highway 128 in Broomfield and State Highway 93 at approximately W. 64th Avenue north of Golden. The entire Denver metropolitan area stands to benefit from this completion.

Since its formation on May 22, 2008, the JPPHA has made significant progress towards achieving its goal. The purpose of this advisory is to outline the next steps.

Three different tasks are underway for the JPPHA: Permitting, Securing Right-of-Way, and Financing.

Track One: Permitting

The JPPHA will be addressing the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) followed by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) over the next few months.

At the June 17 meeting of the CDOT Commissioners, the JPPHA was authorized to submit a final 1601 plan* to CDOT, to be reviewed by CDOT staff and voted on by the CDOT Commissioners at their July 23 meeting. Next, the JPPHA will apply for inclusion in the DRCOG Fiscally Constrained Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan** by July 30, to be voted on by the DRCOG Board in December of 2009.

Track Two: Securing Right-of-Way

The Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge Act of 2001 ensures preservation of 5,000 acres of the former nuclear weapons production facility as a wildlife refuge and reserves a 300-foot strip on the east side of the Refuge for future transportation needs. The preferred alignment for the Jefferson Parkway will require the 300 feet of right-of-way. The JPPHA will secure the right-of-way from the Department of the Interior following the Parkway's inclusion on the DRCOG Fiscally Constrained Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan.

Track Three: Financing

The JPPHA will seek private investors to submit proposals for financing the construction and operation of a toll road.

There will be many public hearings throughout this process with ample opportunity for input.

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The next meeting of the JPPHA is Wednesday, July 15 at 9:00 a.m. at Arvada City Hall, 8101 Ralston Road. The Authority typically meets on a quarterly basis.

The Jefferson Public Highway Authority Board of Directors is pleased with the progress being made to build the Jefferson Parkway. Questions about the three tracks described above or any other information about the JPPHA may be directed to any of the following individuals:

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**CDOT Policy Directive 1601 Purpose Statement: all requests for new interchanges and major improvements to existing interchanges be reviewed and evaluated in a fair and consistent manner; that sufficient information be available to make an informed decision; and that duplicative analytical, regulatory and procedural requirement be minimized. To that end, this procedural directive provides guidance that encourages the integration of the CDOT and FHWA environmental and access permitting and approval procedures into the 1601 interchange approval process.*

***The DRCOG Fiscally Constrained Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan is prepared by reducing the Metro Vision transportation system to the highest priority projects and pooled expenditures that can be accommodated with future expected revenues. Those projects and expenditures retained in the Plan will provide the greatest transportation benefit to the region in the key multimodal corridors and the most benefit toward implementing the Metro Vision growth and development elements.*

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DRCOG has just received the draft air quality conformity results for proposed Metro Vision and Transportation Plan amendments. The results indicate that the amendments meet all emission tests. These tests used modeling that included both land use and transportation amendments, meaning that the Candelas Activity Center was included as well as the Parkway.

Here is how the rest of the process unfolds:

October 28- DRCOG send out agenda for November 4 MVIC/Board study session re amendments. At the same time, the November 4 mtg. is posted on DRCOG's calendar of upcoming meetings.

November 4- MVIC/DRCOG Board Study Session (6:15 PM) re proposed plan amendments- this is both the Candelas Activity Center and putting Parkway on FCP. **Arvada needs to be represented as study session includes opportunity for public comment.**

November 5- DRCOG staff completes transportation amendment summary and air quality conformity finding to send to Air Quality Control Commission.

November 13- DRCOG announces the December 16 Board hearing

November 19- DRCOG requests Air Quality Control Commission to hold hearing on conformity finding on December 17th. **Arvada needs to be represented as this proceeding includes opportunity for public comment.**

December 16- DRCOG public hearing (7:00 PM). **Arvada needs to have staff to answer questions and speakers to support amendments.**

December 17- Air Quality Control Commission public hearing on conformity finding (9:00 AM). **Arvada needs to be represented as this proceeding includes opportunity for public comment.**

January 21- DRCOG Board consideration and action on plan amendments and conformity finding (7:00) **Arvada needs to be represented.**