


HANCOCK EXPRESSWAY/ACADEMY BOULEVARD  
Planning and Environmental Linkages Study and Design

# Hancock / Academy PEL Stakeholder Meeting

Hancock/Academy Planning & Environmental Linkages  
Study (PEL)  
September 24, 2014  
City of Colorado Springs

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# Charter / Stakeholder Meeting

- Meeting Agenda
  - Welcome / PSA
  - Introductions
  - Background
  - PEL Process
  - Project Issues & Needs
  - Charter
  - Communications
- Site Tour

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# Background & history

- Academy Blvd. Corridor Great Streets Plan (GSP)
  - Adopted by City Council 2011
- Hancock / Academy Node
  - First phase project for GSP
    - High priority in 2035 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan
    - Prototype project for Academy Corridor
  - Funding for PEL and preliminary design
    - Surface Transportation Program-Metro funding source

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## Hancock/Academy PEL Process

**What is a PEL?**

- FHWA defines PEL as:  
*"a voluntary approach to transportation decision-making that considers environmental, community and economic goals early in the planning stage and carries them through project development, design, and construction."*

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## Hancock/Academy PEL Process

- The Academy / Hancock PEL will:
  - Integrate community participation
  - Establish Purpose and Need
  - Inventory and evaluate environmental resources, land use, and transportation systems
  - Develop and screen alternatives through multiple stages
  - Recommend a multi-modal preferred alternative
  - Provide PEL documentation and completed FHWA Questionnaire

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## STUDY AREA

- North – South
  - Chelton
  - Jet Wing
- East – West
  - Jet Wing
  - Boychuk



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## Goals and Objectives

Pick Up Where Great Streets Left Off

- Intermodal "Complete Street"
  - Enhance Access
    - Pedestrians
    - Bikes
    - Transit
    - Vehicles
  - Enhance Vehicle Travel
    - Improve Mobility
    - Increase Safety
    - Reduce Congestion

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## Goals and Objectives

- Community Development
  - Area enhancement
    - Streetscape
    - Aesthetics
    - Feasibility of undergrounding of overhead transmission line for Academy Blvd.
  - Disposition of land at intersection

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## Project Work Flow

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### Critical PEL Success Factors

- Prepare a PEL acceptable to FHWA, CDOT and the community
- Determine the feasibility of transmission line undergrounding
- Identify an effective and creative ROW disposition plan
- Gain consensus on a preferred alternative
- Define new points of access
- Set the stage for subsequent project funding, environmental approval processes, design and construction

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### Discussion Topics for Issues and Project Needs

- Transportation
  - Access
  - Safety
  - Congestion
  - Transit
  - Pedestrian
  - Bicycles
  - Design
- Community
  - Access
  - Economic
  - Quality of Life
  - Aesthetics
  - Relationship to local neighborhoods, schools, and recreation
  - Relationship to Academy Blvd. Corridor

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### Communications

- Communications
  - E-newsletters
  - Stakeholder input
  - One-on-one meetings
  - Public meeting
  - Data base
  - Web

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# Charter Agreement



**TEAM CHARTER AGREEMENT**  
September 24, 2014

We the undersigned acknowledge and agree to the Hancock Expressway / Academy Boulevard P&E Team Charter. We are committed effectively to working as a team by following through on commitments and helping one another succeed a successful project outcome.

Participants

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# SITE TOUR

- Site tour begins at 12:15

# Thank You!

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