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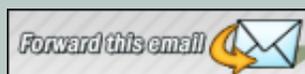
Welcome!

Welcome to the Hancock Expressway/Academy Boulevard Planning and Environmental Linkages Study e-newsletter.

Project Next Steps

As the PEL Study has been completed, this is the last project e-newsletter. Within the next few weeks the final PEL plan will be posted to the City of Colorado Springs project webpage, so please check back at: [Hancock Expressway / Academy Boulevard Planning and Environmental Linkages Study | Colorado Springs](http://coloradosprings.gov/hancock-expressway-academy-boulevard-planning-and-environmental-linkages-study)

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Project Team Presents Recommended Alternative



More than 40 stakeholders participated Thurs., August 27, in the third and final Stakeholder Public Meeting for the Hancock Expressway/Academy Boulevard Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study and Design project. Participants included property and business owners, developers, staff from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs Utilities, Colorado Springs Police Department, neighborhood associations, citizens and several other local organizations.

During the meeting, the public reviewed and provided feedback to the recommended alternative and discussed revitalization opportunities that the Hancock/Academy recommended alternative may provide. The City's project manager and the consultant team presented:

- Project background
- Development and Evaluation of Alternatives
- Evaluation matrix
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Read more about the [August 27 public meeting](#) and the [feedback, comments and questions](#) from stakeholders. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the presentation.

Information from Prior Meetings

[CLICK HERE](#) for information and documents from the March 5, 2015 and September 24, 2014 Stakeholder/Public Meetings, found toward the bottom of the page.



Project Background

The City of Colorado Springs has been actively engaged in a revitalization planning and implementation effort focusing on the segment of Academy Boulevard between Maizeland Road and Drennan Road/Proby Parkway. In 2011 City Council adopted the *Academy Boulevard Corridor Great Streets Plan* for this approximately six-mile corridor and changed its functional classification from expressway to principal arterial. The corridor has also been designated an Economic Opportunity Zone (EOZ). In 2013 Mayor Bach created a Solutions Team to further propose ideas and options for the corridor.

Both the *Great Streets Plan* and the *2014 Solutions Team Action Plan* identify Hancock Expressway/Academy Boulevard as a major redevelopment node and recommend this more detailed process for comprehensively re-purposing this intersection and the surrounding area to become more urban, safe, multi-modal, livable and economic development supportive.

The Hancock/Academy PEL is the next step in the *Great Streets Plan*. The recommended alternative is a package of transportation improvements that support, sustain and contribute to the revitalization of this portion of the South Academy Corridor and its associated planning areas, positioning the City to pursue funding as it becomes available.

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