ENVISION I-70

WELCOME

I-70 Regional Needs Assessment and Strategies Development Study
(I-70 PEL)

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STUDY TEAM

- Transportation Corridor Improvement Group (TCIG)
  - MoDOT
  - East-West Gateway Council of Governments
  - Metro
- Consultant Team
  - Jacobs
  - URS
  - StratCommRX
  - Development Strategies
  - Alta Planning & Design
  - Archaeological Research Center of St. Louis

Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study

What is it?

A transportation planning study that takes a broad look at transportation, economic, social, and environmental issues to determine the needs along a corridor

What is the I-70 PEL?

A transportation study that will provide a visioning framework for I-70.

Will the future I-70 be a commuter corridor? Freight? Short trips?

Who will be using I-70 in 20 years?

Benefits of a PEL

- Early public involvement
- Improved decision-making
- Streamlining project development
- Does not prohibit existing projects in corridor from moving forward

Outcome of a PEL

- Determine system-wide strategies
- Identify infrastructure investments and services that would implement strategies
- Establish sections of independent utility that could progress into the NEPA process
- Prioritize and move forward sections as funding is available

I-70 PEL STUDY

Study Area Boundary

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A Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study

What's Happened Since 2014?

- Project put on hold October 2014
- MoDOT issued a Notice to Proceed December 2016
- Project Team has been updating the Corridor Condition Assessment Report
  - Focus on changes in the corridor since 2014

SCHEDULE

ENVISION I-70 TIMELINE
CORRIDOR CONDITIONS ASSESSMENT
DEVELOP PURPOSE AND NEED
IDENTIFY BROAD RANGE OF STRATEGIES
SCREEN AND EVALUATE STRATEGIES
DEVELOP PEL REPORT
I-70 PEL FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS
2017
JAN
FEB
MAR
APR
MAY
JUN
JUL
AUG
SEP
OCT
NOV
= Public Meetings

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Advisory Groups
- Public Official Briefings
- Public Meetings
- Website
- Social Media
- Digital Survey

What's Next?

- Public Meeting to gain further input on Purpose and Need – March 30, 2017

- Share our website at www.envisioni70.com with co-workers, family, friends, and others