



**Meeting:** South Broadway, Arizona to Exposition & I-25 Interchange Open House  
**Location:** Design Center, Denver CO  
**Meeting Date:** May 5, 2011  
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**Attendees:** Attendees List On File

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## MEETING MINUTES

### Public Open House Summary:

The South Broadway: Arizona to Exposition & I-25 Interchange Public Open House was held on May 5, 2011 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Grant Avenue Community Center located at 216 South Grant Street in Denver, CO in Parlors I and II. A total of 35 members of the community were in attendance.

The meeting was organized using a combination open house and presentation format. A facilitated Q&A discussion followed the presentation to enable in-depth discussion between the project team and members of the public.

During the Open House, the public was invited to view display boards featuring:

- Preferred Alternative Project Improvement Map
- Typical roadway sections and proposed lane widths on South Broadway north and south of Mississippi Avenue
- Typical roadway sections and proposed lane widths on Mississippi west and east of Broadway
- The project area neighborhoods
- Current 30% Design vs Conceptual Design from Environmental Assessment (EA) including a list of 14 changes under consideration
- Right of Way Comparison between EA, no longer required under current design and proposed additional right of way.
- Sustainable Strategies
- Multi-use Paths: Pedestrian and Bike Connections
- Broadway/I-25 Interchange Overview (existing conditions and planned improvements)
- Broadway/I-25 Interchange Overview (before and after visual simulations)
- Proposed Historic Interpretation Locations
- Public Outreach: Ways for project stakeholders to stay informed

In addition, a 3D computer visual simulation illustrating a virtual tour of before and after scenarios showing the realignment and reconstruction of three of the I-25 interchange ramps and the extension of Exposition Avenue to provide a northern access into RTD's I-25 & Broadway Station.

And finally a presentation lasting approximately 30 minutes was led by Project Manager, Mike Harmer followed by a question and answer session to answer any additional questions about the project. Upon completion of the Q&A, the public was invited to speak one-on-one with project representatives and further examine display boards, visual simulations and project maps. Meeting display boards, virtual tour and PowerPoint presentation can all be viewed on the project website located at [www.sobroi25.com](http://www.sobroi25.com) under the Public Outreach – May 5, 2011 Open House - Meeting Materials.

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## **Presentation Overview:**

The presentation began at approximately 6:00 p.m. with Councilman Chris Nevitt welcoming meeting attendees and congratulating the design team for the hard work put forth in developing the 30% design on Broadway. He encouraged the audience to visit the 3D visual simulation virtual tour to get a better perspective for the before and after scenarios being presented and then turned the presentation over to Mike Harmer, Project Manager for City and County of Denver-Public Works.

The PowerPoint presentation consisted of a detailed update on the design progress, an outline of proposed changes to Environmental Assessment preferred alternative and discuss next steps. The presentation can be viewed in its entirety on the project website located at [www.sobroi25.com](http://www.sobroi25.com) under the Public Outreach – May 5, 2011 Open House - Meeting Materials.

Mr. Harmer reviewed the goals of the meeting and introduced the project consulting team members. He then reminded attendees of the project purpose as follows:

- To construct infrastructure improvements to South Broadway from Arizona Avenue to Exposition Avenue, and the I-25 Interchange.
- To create a corridor that provides safe and efficient mobility for all transportation modes (pedestrian, bicycle, transit and automobile).
- To promote transit-oriented development.

Mr. Harmer reviewed the current design and informed attendees that the City was awarded \$2.7M in TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) funding from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) along with the 2009 FASTER (Funding Advancement for Surface Transportation & Economic Recovery) funding collected from higher vehicle registration fees, rental car fees and other vehicle fees. This Phase I funding will be used to reconstruct the Broadway and Tennessee intersection and to construct a water quality facility near I-25 Interchange.

Mr. Harmer unveiled the results of the bicycle/pedestrian connectivity study, reviewed the typical sections for Broadway and Mississippi, and described the design enhancements since the conceptual design presented in the Environmental Assessment. Enhancements to the design include the following fourteen changes under consideration:

1. **Exposition – Lincoln to Broadway Improvements:** Widening of Exposition from 30 feet to 41 feet, widen south sidewalk from 5 to 8 feet; maintained parking as currently located on the south side of the street.
2. **Exposition Extension Modified Alignment:** Modified Exposition Extension alignment to tie into RTD's I-25 Broadway Station at the same location as the existing Ohio/station entrance.
3. **Southbound Broadway to Southbound I-25 On-Ramp Dedicated Right Turn Lane Added:** Changed outside SB Broadway lane to a through only. Added a second dedicated right-turn lane.
4. **Northbound Broadway at Ohio – Modified Alignment:** Flattened horizontal curvature to achieve a 35 mph design speed.
5. **Kentucky West of Broadway – Modified Alignment:** Realigned Kentucky to create a more traditional 90 degree intersection with Broadway. Combined Kentucky and southbound I-25 off-ramp intersection with Broadway.
6. **Broadway South of Tennessee – Modified Alignment:** Horizontal alignment was straightened along Broadway to improve safety.
7. **Broadway East and West Sidewalk – Widened:**

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- Widened sidewalk on the east side of Broadway from 8 feet to 10 feet between Mississippi and Tennessee.
  - Widened sidewalk on west side of Broadway from 8 feet to 10 feet between 10-foot sidewalks are consistent Mississippi and Kentucky.
  - 10-foot sidewalks are consistent on Mississippi and Kentucky with Lionstone and Cherokee Design Guidelines.
8. **Mississippi North Sidewalk – Widened:** Widened sidewalk on the north side of Mississippi from 8 feet to 10 feet between Logan and Broadway.
  9. **Water Quality Pond West – Under Consideration:** Conceptual Water Quality Pond under consideration.
  10. **Water Quality Ponds East:** Utilized areas near NB I-25 Ramps for two water quality ponds.
  11. **Southbound I-25 On-Ramp Structure – Lengthen from 2 Spans to 4 Spans:** Lengthened SB I-25 on-ramp bridge to improve site distance along Broadway and at the Broadway / Kentucky /SB I-25 off-ramp intersection.
  12. **Southbound I-25 On-Ramp Pedestrian Underpass - Widen from 18 feet to 49 feet: Widened** SB I-25 on-ramp underpass to provide open views between Broadway and the I-25 Broadway RTD Station area.
  13. **Broadway/Mississippi Modified Turn Radius:** Modified turning radius to reduce pedestrian crossing distance.
  14. **Broadway/Mississippi Sidewalk – Bulb-out at Northeast Corner:** Provided sidewalk bulb-out on Broadway to shorten pedestrian crossing at the north side of Mississippi.

Mr. Harmer then described changes in current right-of-way impacts compared to conceptual impacts and sustainability measures being proposed by the project team. The PowerPoint presentation can all be in its entirety on the project website located at [www.sobroi25.com](http://www.sobroi25.com) under the Public Outreach – May 5, 2011 Open House - Meeting Materials.

### **What We Heard**

At the conclusion of the presentation, attendees asked questions and Mike Harmer answered. The following questions, comments and responses voiced during the Open House and Q&A are briefly summarized below.

**Comment:** A schedule (even if tentative) should be provided to the property owners in the loop ramp for acquisition of their properties.

**Comment:** Stanchions or bollards should be placed at the corner of Exposition and Broadway to protect the house from vehicles crashing into it (e.g.: Pete's UPC at University and Evans, which has bollards in front of it).

**Comment:** Look at modifying the northbound I-25 Off-Ramp to eastbound Ohio turning radius; delete the free-flow right.

**Comment:** Look at ways to protect the house located in the northwest quadrant of Lincoln and Exposition from getting hit by vehicles.

**Question:** Will the water quality pond have standing water?

**Answer:** No

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**Question:** What will be done about vehicular noise in the project area?

**Answer:** Denver has noise ordinances that they enforce.

**Question:** Concerns with existing sanitary sewer lines being damaged during construction, and how a homeowner can get reimbursed if sewers are damaged.

**Answer:** Homeowners should contact CCD Construction Project Manager in the case of damaged sanitary sewer or water lines.

**Question:** Is the Exposition alignment final?

**Answer:** No, CCD is still working with adjacent developers to come to agreement on final alignment.

### **Outreach Methods Used to Engage Public Participation:**

- March 23 to April 19, 2011 - Website [www.Sobroi25.com](http://www.Sobroi25.com) updates to include: Open House meeting announcement, design progress to date, project status update, project accomplishments to date, added project improvement map and multi-Use Paths, project overview and refinements, Description of Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Funding, and right-of-way information.
- April 12, 2011 – Emailed Open House meeting announcements (122 emails) to Councilman Nevitt's office, neighborhood and business organizations and members of the public added to email contact list at past neighborhood and public meetings.
- April 18, 2011 - Postcard invite mailed to nearly 3,000 property owners and residents within project area.
- April 22, 2011 – Letter mailed to affect property owners by I-25 on-ramp requesting a one-on-one meeting to provide information on the preliminary engineering design, project accomplishments to date, and to discuss refinements to the alignment as it relates to the Environmental Assessment completed November 2008.
- April 29, 2011 Distributed meeting flyers to the Denver Design District stores (50), recreation centers, two coffee shops (Buffalo Doughnut & Coffee Shop and Wash Perks), and the Wild Oats Grocery in the project area.
- May 5, 2011 Public Open House held from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Grant Avenue Community Center located at 216 South Grant Street in Denver, CO in Parlors I and II. A total of 35 members of the community were in attendance.
- May 9, 2011 Website update to include Open House meeting materials including display boards, PowerPoint presentation, public meeting photos, and 3D virtual tour.