WELCOME to the
Federal Boulevard
(5th Avenue to Howard Place)
Planning Environmental Linkage Study
PUBLIC MEETING

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What is a Planning Environmental Linkage (PEL) study?

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) defines Planning Environmental Linkage (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. This can lead to a better decision-making process that minimizes duplication of effort, promotes environmental stewardship, and reduces delays in project implementation.

Why is this project a PEL study?

- The Federal Boulevard (5th Avenue to Howard Place) project is only partially funded.
- The City and County of Denver currently has funding for the widening of Federal Boulevard between 5th Avenue and 7th Avenue in concurrence with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) reconstruction of the US 6/Federal Boulevard interchange.
- Additional funding is needed for the remaining portions of the Proposed Action.

What about other transportation projects located in the project area?

- The Federal Boulevard (5th Avenue to Howard Place) PEL study overlaps with several other planned transportation projects. These include:
  - Regional Transportation District (RTD) West Corridor Light-Rail (LRT) project along Lakewood Gulch
  - RTD replacement of the Federal Boulevard Bridge over Lakewood Gulch
  - I-25 Valley Highway project (Reconstruction of the US 6/Federal Boulevard interchange)
  - Federal Boulevard (Alameda Avenue to 5th Avenue) project
Planned Transportation Projects in the Vicinity of the Project Area

Note: The RTD West Corridor LRT Study Area extended from Alameda Ave. to 19th Ave. and included the entire Federal Blvd. (5th Ave. to Howard Pl.) project area.

LEGEND
- Federal Blvd - 5th Ave to Howard Place Project Area
- Federal Blvd - Alameda Ave to 5th Ave Study Area
- Federal Blvd Bridge over Lakewood Gulch Replacement Project
- RTD West Corridor LRT Project
Purpose and Need

Purpose of the Proposed Action

- Improve the safety and efficiency of Federal Boulevard from 5th Avenue to Howard Place
- Relieve traffic congestion on Federal Boulevard from 5th Avenue to Howard Place
- Address roadway deficiencies on Federal Boulevard from 5th Avenue to Howard Place, linking with existing and planned sections of Federal Boulevard to the north and south
- Improve multi-modal mobility (pedestrians, bicycles, public transit, and private/commercial vehicles) along Federal Boulevard from 5th Avenue to Howard Place

Need for the Proposed Action

- Safety
- Capacity
- Roadway Deficiencies
- Multi-Modal Connectivity

Objetivo de la Acción Propuesta

- Mejorar la seguridad y eficacia de Federal Boulevard desde la 5th Avenue hasta Howard Place
- Aliviar el congestionamiento de tráfico en Federal Boulevard desde la 5th Avenue hasta Howard Place
- Atender las deficiencias de la ruta en Federal Boulevard desde la 5th Avenue hasta Howard Place, uniendo con las secciones existentes y planificadas de Federal Boulevard al norte y al sur
- Mejorar las deficiencias multimodales (peatones, bicicletas, transporte público y vehículos privados/comerciales) a lo largo de Federal Boulevard desde la 5th Avenue hasta Howard Place, uniendo con las secciones existentes y planificadas de Federal Boulevard hacia el norte y al sur

Necesidad de la Propuesta

- La seguridad
- La capacidad
- Las deficiencias de la ruta
- La conectividad multimodal