



# I-70 East

**Update for City of Commerce City  
October 6, 2014**



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## Current Status



### Progress on Two Parallel Tracks:

#### EIS Development

- Release of Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact

#### Funding and Procurement

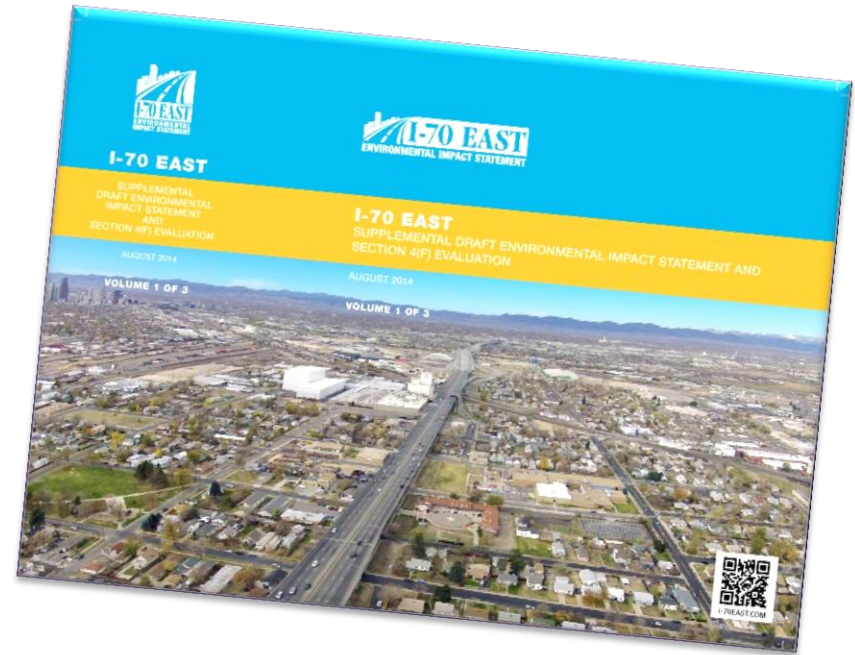
- Determining project limits for 1<sup>st</sup> phase (dependent on funding)
- Evaluating delivery methods



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## Supplemental Draft EIS

- Major Milestone
- Available for Public Review as of August 29, 2014
- Updated alternatives with addition of one more layer of screening
- New noise, air quality, and traffic models
- Updated information and analysis for all resources
- Preliminarily identifies Partial Cover Lowered Alternative with Managed Lanes Option as the Preferred Alternative





# I-70 East Preliminarily Identified Preferred Alternative

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## Partial Cover Lowered Alternative with Managed Lanes

- Remove 50-year-old viaduct between Brighton Blvd and Colorado Blvd
- Rebuild I-70 below grade on the existing alignment
- Place a nearly four-acre landscaped cover over the highway next to Swansea Elementary School
- Adds managed lanes in each direction of the highway from I-25 to Tower Road to improve mobility
- Includes different interchange configurations at Steele/Vasquez



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## Project Alternatives

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No-Action



Revised  
Viaduct



Partial Cover  
Lowered





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## Project Alternatives

**Although publication of the SDEIS is a major milestone; some key issues need further discussion:**

- Access to I-70 at Steele Street/Vasquez Blvd and Colorado Blvd
  - Signalized intersection vs. roundabout intersection
  - Slip ramps between Vasquez and Colorado
- Highway cover
  - Additional length on the first cover
  - Location and length of the second cover, if any
- Frontage roads
  - More opportunities for two-way frontage roads
- North-South connectivity
  - Additional connections across the highway for all transportation modes



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## Proposed Funding

**The following have been identified as potential funding sources for the Project:**

- 1) Annual Bridge Enterprise Revenues (\$850M)
- 2) DRCOG/STP-Metro/CMAQ (\$50M)
- 3) SB09-228 Funds (\$271M)



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## Procurement Method

- **Procurement method not determined yet**
  - Design-Build vs Public Private Partnership
  - Public-private partnership current “preferred alternative” based on Value for Money analysis
- **New Executive Order and Transparency Policy**
  - Public Meetings at Key Milestones
    1. Visioning: June/July 2014
    2. Pre-RFQ: Oct 16 & Nov 5 2014
    3. Pre RFP: TBD 2015



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## Project Scope

### Anticipated Procurement Scope:

- Base Project: Brighton Blvd. to I-270 constructed to full width but initially striped for only one managed lane in each direction. Construct EB I-270 to EB I-70 flyover connection
- Extended Project to I-270: Minimal widening from I-270 to I-225 in order to accommodate/continue one managed lane in each direction
- Direct Connection to I-225: Add direct managed lane direct connection from EB I-70 managed lane to SB I-225.
- *If scope is achievable as a minimum project, RFP may include a scope ladder of a limited number of Additional Requested Elements (AREs)*



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## Next Steps



- Supplemental DEIS August 29, 2014
- Comment Period Ends October 31, 2014
- RFQ December 2014
- Draft RFP Spring 2015
- Final EIS Summer 2015
- Final RFP Summer 2015
- Record of Decision Early 2016
- Construction Late 2016