

I-270-Vasquez Blvd. Planning and Environmental Linkage Study – Early Action Improvement Projects

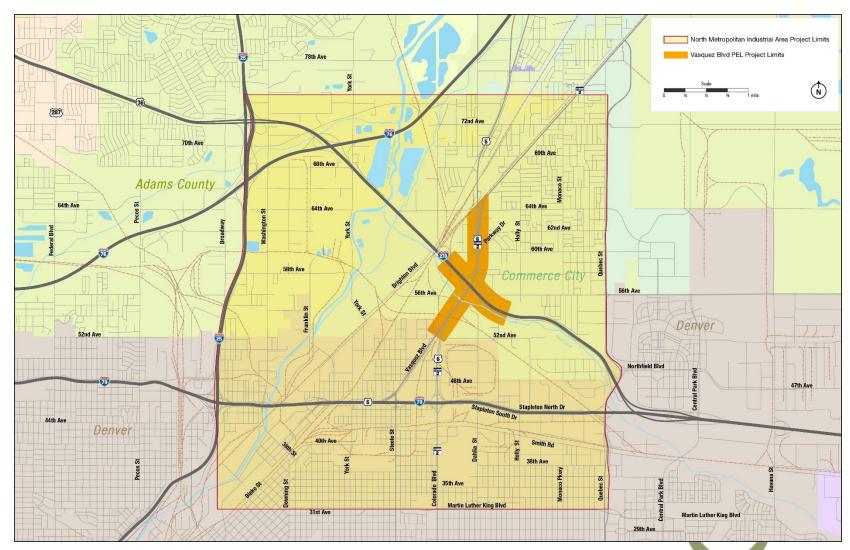
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Project Study Area 72nd Ave 76 **(6)** 2 69th Ave 64th Ave 62nd Ave Quebec St 60th Ave 58th Ave 56th Ave 56th Ave 52nd Ave 50th Ave **(6)** 48th Ave Project limits Municipal boundaries

I-270/ Vasquez Blvd. Project Study Area



NMIACS Study Area







Project Purpose and Need

The purpose of the project is to improve operations, mobility, and safety for vehicles and freight at the I-270/Vasquez Blvd. interchange – and its connection to the Vasquez Blvd/56th Ave. and Vasquez Blvd/60th Ave. intersections and the surrounding local road system-and improve transportation connectivity for all modes.



Project Purpose and Need

The study is evaluating potential changes in the following locations:

- I-270 ramps at Vasquez Boulevard
- The intersection of Vasquez Boulevard, 60th Avenue and Parkway Drive
- The intersections of Vasquez Boulevard and 56th, 58th and 62nd Avenues

It is also looking at ways to accommodate pedestrians, bikes and transit along Vasquez Boulevard.



Safety Analysis – Vasquez Blvd. MP 292.44 to MP 294

Year	Crashes				Persons	
	PDO	Injury	Fatal	Total	Injured	Killed
7/2010 – 6/2011	78	19	0	97	25	0
7/2011 – 6/2012	88	26	0	114	32	0
7/2012 – 6/2013	82	17	0	99	21	0
7/2013 – 6/2014	91	18	2	111	22	2
7/2014 – 6/2015	126	18	1	145	26	1
Total	465	98	3	566	126	3
Average	93.0	19.6	0.6	113.2	25.2	0.6

Safety Analysis – Intersection Crashes

Intersection	Crashes					
	PDO	Injury	Fatal	Total		
56 th Ave.	121	25	1	147		
60 th Ave.	121	29	1	151		
Total	242	54	2	298		
Average	48.4	27.0	0.4	59.6		



Traffic Analysis

	Existing Conditions (min.)		2040 No Action (min.)		Percent Difference	
	AM Peak	PM Peak	AM Peak	PM Peak	AM Peak	PM Peak
Northbound Vasquez Blvd.	2.28	2.51	5.10	6.72	+124	+168
Southbound Vasquez Blvd.	5.42	2.23	6.27	8.15	+16	+265



Background

- Public meeting was held in August 2017
- Presentation to City Council in September 2017
- Commerce City letter to CDOT:
 - General support for One Way Pairs alternative
 - Did not support Viaduct alternative
 - Support further refinement of the alternatives
 - Identify immediate construction improvements that could be built with minimal "throwaways"



Current Status

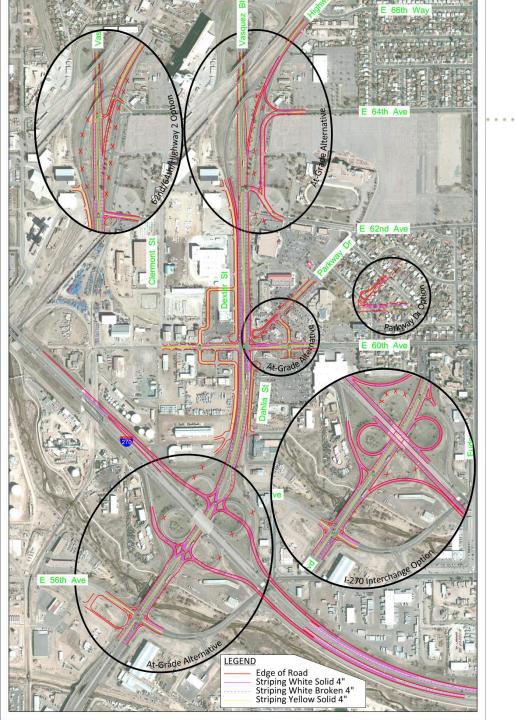
- Draft PEL has been completed and is under review by agencies
- PEL will not select a preferred alternative but will determine project elements that are consistent across all three alternatives that could be built to make immediate improvements while minimizing "throw aways"
- A future NEPA document will further evaluate the various alternatives and identify a preferred alternative
- CDOT to start that process summer 2018



Three Alternatives

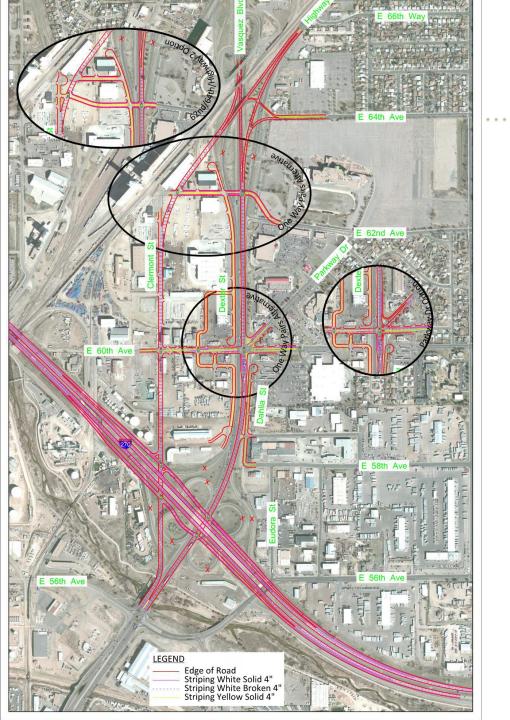
- At Grade Alternative
- One Way Pairs Alternative
- Viaduct Alternative





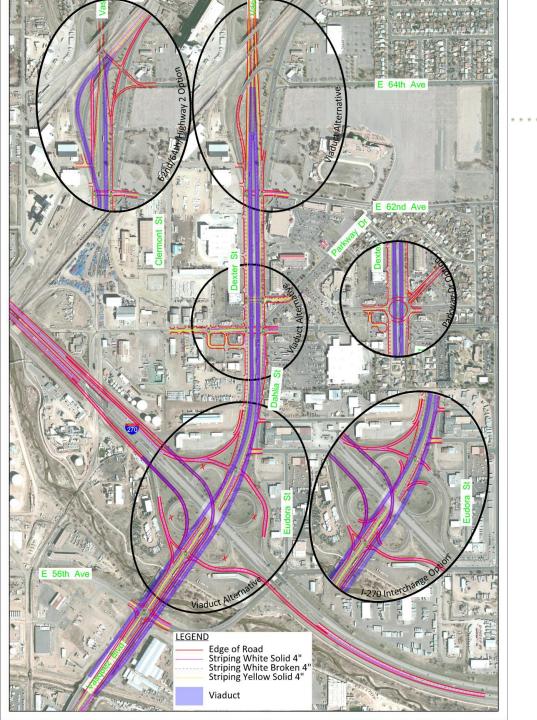
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One Way Pairs Alternative



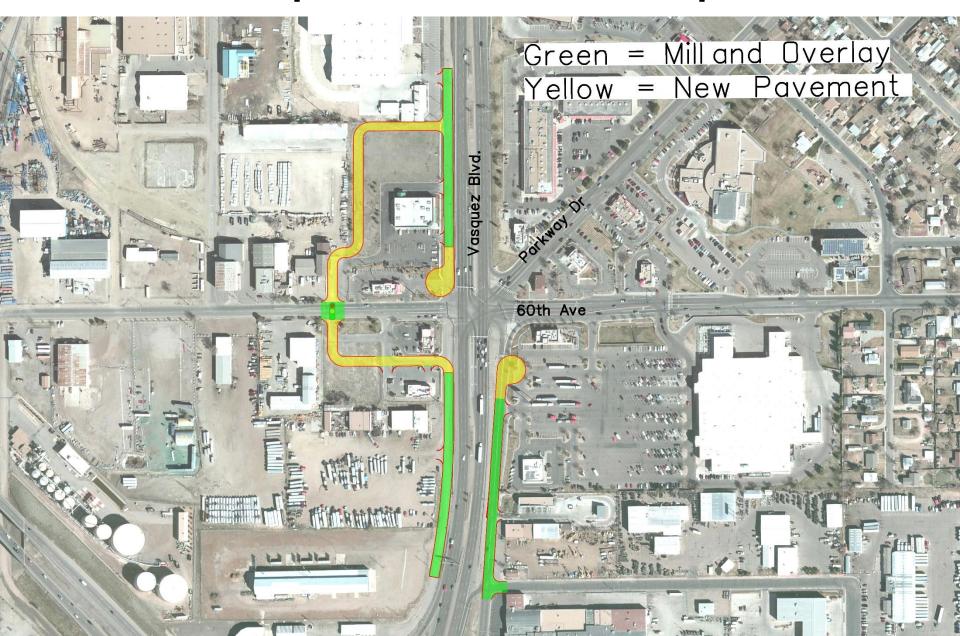


Viaduct Alternative

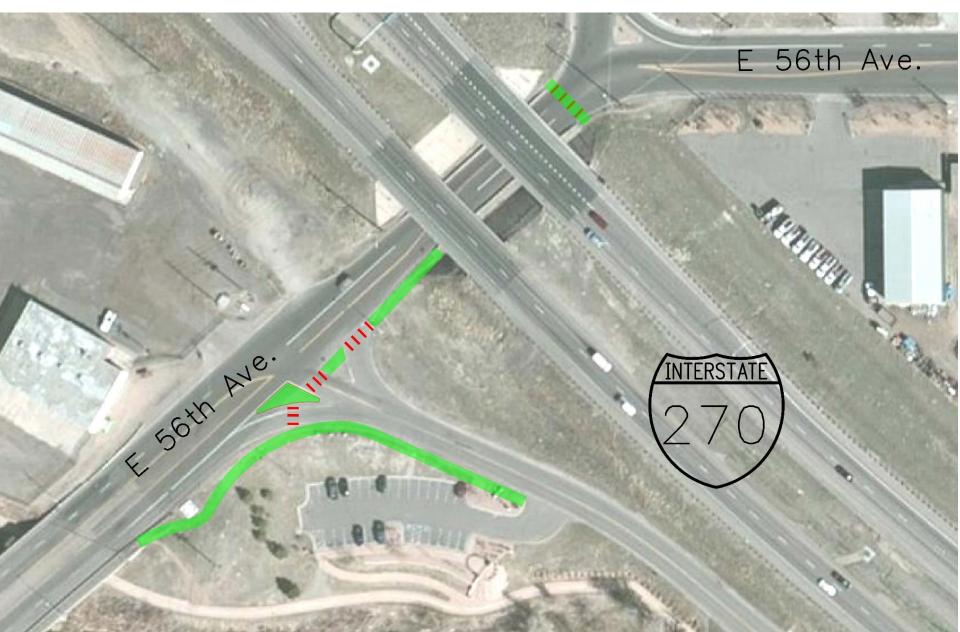














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Questions & Discussion