

**I-25 Lone Tree to Monument Improvement Project
Report re January 26, 2017 Public Meeting
Director Topolnicki**

Director Topolnicki attended the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) meeting on Thursday January 26, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. in Kirk Hall at the Douglas County Fairgrounds for public input concerning plans to improve highway I-25 from Lone Tree to Monument Colorado.

Attendees were given the following information:

1. CDOT has found funding for a planning and environmental linkages study (PEL) to accelerate delivery of transportation projects by combining federal requirements for long-range transportation planning and environmental clearances to be completed by May 2018. The vision of the study is to conduct an open and transparent process that builds partnerships and provides a roadmap for projects that improve safety, travel reliability, and mobility on the vital stretch of I-25 between Monument and C-470, **with special focus on advancing an early action construction project in the “Gap” between Monument and south Castle Rock.**
2. Funding has not been approved for any construction and several options were listed on charts.
3. CDOT is aware of the planned Crystal Valley Pkwy and I-25 interchange and will explore incorporation thereof during “Gap” construction. Communications are occurring between CDOT, Castle Rock Council members, and Town staff. **Environmental approvals re the interchange are already completed.**
4. CDOT’s goal is to start “Gap” construction in 2.5 years if funding is available.
5. Additional public meetings will be scheduled between now and start of the “Gap” construction.

See handout that accompanies this report.