

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the project?

The project includes a new interchange at Picadilly Road and I-70 along with a connection of Picadilly between Colfax Avenue and Smith Road, to connect to the new interchange.

What is the purpose of the project?

The project is needed to address growing traffic in the area, improve safety issues on Tower Road, replace deficient roadways and provide easier access to development in the area.

Completion of the Picadilly interchange will reduce out of direction travel, provide vehicle miles traveled and travel time savings, reduce emissions and reduce safety problems. It also provides a missing gap for emergency vehicles and travelers in the area.

What is the project history?

In 2007, a National Environmental Policy Act document called a Finding of No Significant Impact was finalized which included the new interchange at I-70 and Picadilly. The city of Aurora has been working to find funding for the new interchange, which was found to be an important component of the Colorado Aerotropolis study.

The interchange has been included since that time on numerous transportation and land use plans

What work will be done in the next 18 months?

The city of Aurora and its consultant HDR Engineering will work to:

- Reevaluate the Finding of No Significant Impact
- Collect new traffic and environmental data
- Confirm engineering plans
- Conduct public and agency involvement
- Determine what mitigation might be needed to minimize impacts
- By summer 2019, a National Environmental Policy Act document called a Reevaluation will be completed and design of the new road and interchange will be starting.

When will construction start?

Construction will begin after funding is secured. Right-of-way will also need to be acquired before construction can begin.

What environmental issues will be studied?

A full range of environmental issues will be studied, including:

- Noise impacts to residents and businesses in the area
- Air quality impacts
- Future traffic and congestion
- Safety
- Land use impacts
- Effects to neighborhoods
- Effects to low income and minority populations
- Effects to wildlife such as birds and prairie dogs
- Water resource and water quality impacts
- Effects to historic properties
- Effects to wetlands in the area

- Visual character impacts

How can I get involved?

There are multiple ways to get involved in this study:

- Sign up to be placed on our email distribution list.
- Attend a public meeting
- View the public meeting materials online and make comments.
- Ask questions via I70picadilly@hdrinc.com or 303.524.8314.