



Public Meeting #1 Summary

The first public meeting for the Northeast Area Transportation Study (NEATS) Refresh was held on November 29, 2017 at the E-470 Public Highway Authority administration building. This meeting was held from 4:30 – 6:30 PM in an open house format, with no formal presentation. Attendees were invited to review the study history and overview, and discuss existing and future conditions with project team members. Approximately 35 members of the public attended the meeting.

To advertise the meeting, an email blast was sent to the project’s electronic mailing list, a news release was sent to local media outlets, a story ran on Aurora TV the week preceding the meeting, and the City posted the notice on the City’s web page and distributed through their communication forums. Groups such as the Aurora Chamber distributed the message to their members.

Following is a summary of comments submitted by public meeting attendees on comment sheets, recorded by open house staff during one-on-one conversations with attendees, and submitted via email surrounding the meeting. This summary includes comments received through December 14, 2017.

Comments

What roadway and intersection/interchange improvements do you see as the greatest need in this area?

- I-70 and Picadilly.
- I-70 and Harvest Road.
- Additional I-70 access to Aurora Highlands.

What bicycle, pedestrian, and transit improvements would help enhance multimodal transportation in northeast Aurora?

- Pedestrian/transit connection to Peña Station is desired along 64th.
- A-line Station north of Gaylord could help serve the area too.
- I live in the High Point community south of 64th and the RTD train stop at 61st and Peña frequently. I would like to see more trails (bike/ped) and mass transit connect Peña Station to the northeast Aurora community. Using 64th and 60th Avenue to act as corridors to Peña Station would help connect the local community to the rest of Denver.



Please provide general suggestions and comments regarding this project.

- ❑ Need good access to Aurora Highlands project.
- ❑ We (Open Country) have an approved FDP and have dedicated ROW already and expect that Harvest will stay on the section line. Section 17 representatives were there also and not in support of properties being bisected diagonally and creating two triangles. We are happy to continue dialogue about the ultimate road network but need to make sure that our existing approvals are protected. Thank you very much for all of your hard work. I know this is a massive effort.
- ❑ Harvest between 48th and 56th, ROW and water line are planned. Concern noted if Harvest is not planned on grid alignment south of 48th.
- ❑ There was previous consideration of Harvest moving east of section line.
- ❑ Picadilly crossing of E-470 near Gaylord between 64th and Peña – Structure exists on Peña built to accommodate a future underpass (needs excavated under bridge).
- ❑ Buckley Air Force Base limits east-west access.
- ❑ Drainage issue on Gun Club at Murphy Creek causes flooding. This is a problem at the I-70 interchange too, where the road under is a low spot. Residents were trapped after past floods.
- ❑ Gun Club Road is accident prone.
- ❑ Concern with impacts of phased construction east of E-470.