

# WANT TO KNOW MORE?



The Powers Meeting Center is your place for current project information.

## Powers Meeting Center Now Open

Has this project piqued your interest? The Powers Meeting Center has corridor maps and concepts for you to review and give us your input. The address is 953 North Powers Boulevard on the southeast corner of Powers and Galley and is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every Tuesday. To access the center, turn east off Powers Boulevard onto Galley Road, and right off Galley Road onto Conrad Street. Then, turn immediately right into the shopping center. The center is on the west side of the shopping center and faces Powers Boulevard.

If you'd like a staff member to discuss roadway improvement techniques, interchange types, traffic modeling, etc., we'd be happy to schedule an educational program to meet your needs or those of your homeowner association. Please call: (719) 598-LINK [5465], or e-mail: theLINK@wilsonco.com. ■



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# WHERE WE'VE BEEN



Share your comments with us. See page 3 for details.

## Powers Project Update

In addressing the needs of the Powers Corridor, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) along with the Federal Highway Administration began conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA). Still in process, the EA evaluates various transportation alternatives that will help reduce the serious congestion problems projected for Powers Boulevard by 2025.

The first step we took in the EA was a Mode Feasibility Study/Corridor Assessment (MFSCA). It identified all reasonable options and helped select the most appropriate ones, which were carried into concept design and even more detailed environmental studies.

The MFSCA revealed the *highway* family of alternatives provided the greatest potential for congestion relief. These options, which are being studied further, include enhanced expressway, freeway and tollway. They also could be combined with express bus rapid transit, express and local bus service, bicycle/pedestrian options, and transportation-management strategies such as ramp metering, variable message signs and more.

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Next, we held one-on-one and small-group meetings and open houses to let you know about potential effects associated with any type of proposed improvement. These meetings were a valuable way of getting to know you and hear your ideas. We also began putting together roadway concepts that addressed your concerns and needs and were feasible within the corridor. These concepts were displayed at July and August open houses. ■

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# YOU'RE INVITED

Corridor-wide Open House — Two Days, Two Locations

**WHAT YOU TOLD US**

**Your Input Matters**

At the July and August one-on-one and small-group meetings and open houses, you provided many valuable written and verbal comments. One recurring remark questioned why Powers Boulevard would be enhanced rather than Marksheffel Road or another roadway further east. That's a good question, and the answer lies in the MFSCA.

The study shows that proposed improvements on Powers Boulevard would be in response to an immediate and localized need to expand roadway capacity and to accommodate local traffic demand. Upgrades to Marksheffel may alleviate future traffic demands in the immediate vicinity, but they'll have little effect on Powers' needs.

We also heard concerns about access to Aeroplaça, Astrozon, Galley, Hancock, North and South Carefree, and Victor Place. You also wondered about increased traffic to Rio Vista and Tutt.

As we explore the remaining roadway alternatives, we're taking into account what you've told us and incorporating your comments into the process. Rest assured that your input is meaningful and helps this project go in the right direction. ■



**You're Invited to a Corridor-Wide Open House**

Based on what you've said at the one-on-one and small-group meetings and open houses, we've refined roadway concepts and eliminated some ideas, adding others. The next step in this journey is an environmental analysis of the most promising ideas, but first we want to get together with you.

You're invited to a corridor-wide Open House. For your convenience, we'll hold the Open House on two different days with the same information presented at both. Come see where we're at now, talk with project team members and CDOT representatives, and let us know your thoughts. Plan now to attend!



*Citizens gave their input at last summer's Open Houses.*

Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request for people with disabilities. If you require a specific accommodation to participate, contact Lora Riley, Wilson & Company, at (719) 520-5800. Can't make the meetings? The information presented at these meetings will be made available on the web site, [www.thepowerslink.com](http://www.thepowerslink.com), approximately one week afterward.

We're linked together in improving Powers Boulevard, and we don't want to proceed without you. ■

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To contact a project representative to submit comments, ask questions, or be added to the project mailing list, please:

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**OPEN HOUSE Two Days Two Locations**

**Date: Tuesday, Dec. 9**  
**Time: 4-7 p.m.**

Location: Friendship Assembly of God  
3685 Bloomington  
Colorado Springs 80922  
Directions: Take Powers to North Carefree. Go east to Bloomington. The church is on the southeast corner of North Carefree and Bloomington.

**Date: Wednesday, Dec. 10**  
**Time: 4-7 p.m.**

Location: Radisson Inn & Suites  
Colorado Springs Airport  
1645 N. Newport Rd.  
Colorado Springs 80916  
Directions: Take Powers to Fountain Boulevard. Go east to North Newport Road and turn left.

**JOIN US Learn More About...**

- which alternatives hold the most promise to reduce congestion in the future — and why.
- what is an environmental analysis?
- how you can become more involved.
- what are the next steps.