

# VISUALIZE THE FUTURE



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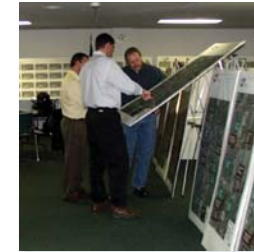
# UPDATE

**The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)** along with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has been evaluating potential solutions to address the serious congestion problems on Powers Boulevard. Unless something is done, these problems are expected to get much worse over the next 20 years.

**Potential solutions ranged** from rebuilding Marksheffel Road as a freeway or expressway to improved transit or a light rail line somewhere along the eastern edge of Colorado Springs. These general concepts and opportunities were evaluated and compared and were presented to the public. The most promising solution that emerged from this process was to improve Powers Boulevard. That's because Powers is the best route for a lot of people to get to work, their neighborhoods, or nearby businesses.



**But if Powers should be improved**, what kinds of improvements are needed? Should Powers be an expressway or a freeway? Are interchanges like the ones on I-25 even feasible? What about provisions for transit, bicycles, and pedestrians?



**To address these issues** CDOT has been gathering data, drawing up concepts, and looking at potential impacts. We held one-on-one and small-group meetings and public open houses to show you our ideas and to inform you of potential impacts from a range of proposed improvements. These concepts were presented at the July and August 2003 open houses.

**We have continued to meet** one-on-one and in small groups to further refine and focus on potential improvements that address congestion on Powers Boulevard while minimizing negative effects on nearby homes and businesses.

**During this process** we considered traffic flow, connectivity to the local street system, residential and business access, right-of-way impacts, and constructability. Comments and findings were incorporated into the roadway concepts presented at the December 2003 open houses.

# WHERE WE'VE BEEN

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the **LINK** powers corridor  
*Moving Together*



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## Your Input Matters

**At the December open houses** and the subsequent meetings, you provided many helpful comments. Some of the comments we frequently heard were about changes in access, effects on residential and commercial property, traffic noise, and safety. Your ideas and suggestions have helped us craft better roadway concepts.

**For some time now**, we also have been working with the businesses located nearby. They have many issues that are very specific to their operations. For example, a primary concern has been the potential change in visibility from Powers or from the connecting streets like Constitution or Palmer Park.

**There are three separate issues that concern them:** business visibility, visibility of access, and view.

**Business visibility** relates to the ability of a motorist to see a business.

**Visibility of access** concerns the ability of a customer to locate the appropriate driveway or street to access the business.

**View** basically involves the question, "What will the improvements look like from my vantage point?" These are important issues that must be carefully considered and addressed based upon the unique situation of each business.

## Visit The Powers Meeting Center



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

**Has the project triggered your interest?** The Powers Meeting Center has corridor maps and concepts for you to review so that you can 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 team member to discuss roadway improvement techniques**, interchange types, traffic modeling, etc., we'd be happy to schedule a meeting with you or your homeowner association or organization.

**Please call:** (719) 598-LINK [5465], or e-mail: theLINK@wilsonco.com.

## Contact Information

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

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# You Are Invited to a Corridor-Wide Open House

**We've been refining** the roadway concepts based on the comments received at previous open houses and meetings.

**You're invited** to a Corridor-Wide Open House to view our recommendation. For your convenience, we'll hold the open house on two different days with the same information presented at both. Come see where we are now, talk with the project team members and CDOT representatives, and let us know your thoughts. Please plan to attend!

Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request for people with disabilities. If you require a specific accommodation to participate, contact your Powers Public

Involvement representative Marcus Kochis, at (719) 520-5800. Can't make the meetings? The information presented at these meetings will be made available on the project Web site, [www.thepowerslink.com](http://www.thepowerslink.com), approximately two weeks afterward.

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

## Two Days Two Locations

**Date: Tuesday, May 25**

**Time:** 4-7 p.m.

**Location:** Radisson Inn & Suites  
Colo Spgs Airport  
1645 N. Newport Rd.

**Directions:** Take Powers to Fountain Blvd. Go east to North Newport Road and turn left.

**Date: Thursday, May 27**

**Time:** 4-7 p.m.

**Location:** Friendship Assembly  
of God  
3685 Bloomington

**Directions:** Take Powers to North Carefree. Go east to Bloomington. The church is on the southeast corner of North Carefree and Bloomington.



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# The Recommendation

**We've been listening** to your comments to help refine and screen the alternatives and now we're ready to present our recommendation. After we hear your comments we will develop a proposed action that will be evaluated and compared to the no-action alternative in the Environmental Assessment (EA).

**To help you better understand** the recommendation, we've prepared 3-D computer simulations that will be available at the Corridor-Wide Open Houses in May.

## Our Work Continues

**CDOT and FHWA are preparing** an Environmental Assessment for Powers Boulevard. The Powers Boulevard EA is expected to be complete in 2005.

**The EA will examine in-depth** the effects of the proposed action on the environment. The EA will address specific items such as noise, visual affects, right-of-way, socio-economic factors, and affects to the natural environment. This document will be made available for your review and comment. A public hearing will also be held.

**FHWA will then evaluate all** public and agency comments received and will determine whether proposed improvements to Powers Boulevard should proceed.

## The Powers Corridor

