

VII. Project Coordination

A. Project Coordination Chronology and History

Throughout the development of this project, public meetings were held for the purpose of informing/updating the public and soliciting public input on the project. The meetings were held in different locations to make it convenient for the greatest number of citizens to attend without having to travel great distances. These meetings were very well attended.

Because the public expressed a need to explore other alternatives for the project, town meetings were held in several locations. Work groups were then formed to discuss other options and address concerns of the local agencies and the public. Copies of all written agency correspondence is included in **Appendix A: Correspondence**.

Following is a chronology of the Guanella Pass Road coordination meetings. Copies of the minutes of these meetings are available for review at the locations listed at the end of **Chapter VI: Availability of Technical Reports**.

March 1991	A Preliminary Study Report was prepared addressing Guanella Pass Road and including information about the feasibility of reconstructing the roadway, route location alternatives, recommended standards, and anticipated problems.
March 1992	Guanella Pass Road was recommended for reconnaissance and scoping at the Colorado PLH program meeting. An interagency reconnaissance team was designated which included members from the FS, Park County, Clear Creek County, and the FHWA. CDOT was not represented.
September 15, 1992	Reconnaissance team field review
February 1993	Decision by the PLH agencies (which included FHWA, the USFS, and CDOT) to include Guanella Pass Road in the Colorado PLH program for improvements
August 1993	Guanella Pass Road Reconnaissance and Scoping Report published by the FHWA
October 25, 1993	First meeting of the Social, Economic and Environmental (SEE) Team (FHWA, USFS, Clear Creek County, Park County, and CDOT)
December 1, 1993	Interagency meeting (FHWA, Park County, Clear Creek County, Georgetown, FS, CDOT, USACE, CDOW, Historic Georgetown), Georgetown, CO
January 13, 1994	Interagency scoping meeting (FHWA, Public Service Co.), Georgetown, CO
January 19, 1994	Public scoping meeting, Shawnee, CO
January 20, 1994	Public scoping meeting, Georgetown, CO
January 31, 1994	Winter Maintenance Field Trip (FHWA, Clear Creek County, Park County)

February 10, 1994 Interagency scoping meeting (FHWA, Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association), Idaho Springs, CO

February 14, 1994 Interagency scoping meeting (FHWA, Clear Creek County Economic Development Corporation), Idaho Springs, CO

February 16, 1994 Interagency scoping meeting (FHWA, Georgetown Planning Board), Georgetown, CO

February 16, 1994 Interagency scoping meeting (FHWA, Clear Creek County Planning Board), Georgetown, CO

February 22, 1994 Interagency scoping meeting (FHWA, Park County Planning Commission), Fairplay, CO

March 8, 1994 Interagency water quality scoping meeting (FHWA, USGS, Georgetown, Public Service Co., Georgetown League of Women Voters), Georgetown, CO

March 10, 1994 Interagency water quality scoping meeting (FHWA, USGS, Georgetown, Public Service Co., Denver Water Board, FS, Park County, Clear Creek County, Park County Advisory Board on the Environment, Colorado Division of Water Resources, Colorado Department of Health), Lakewood, CO

March 11, 1994 Interagency forest planning scoping meeting (FHWA, FS, CDOT, Clear Creek County), Lakewood, CO

March 28, 1994 Interagency natural resources scoping meeting (FHWA, FS, EPA, USGS, CDOW, CDOT, Clear Creek County, Park County Advisory Board on the Environment), Lakewood, CO

April 4, 1994 Interagency cultural resources scoping meeting (FHWA, National Park Service, Park County, Clear Creek County, FS, Public Service Co., Historic Georgetown, Georgetown Planning Commission, People for Silver Plume, Colorado Historical Society), Morrison, CO

April 11, 1994 Second SEE Team meeting, Fairplay, CO

May 5, 1994 Third SEE Team meeting, Fairplay, CO

May 1994 Newsletter mailed to public

September 14 and 15, 1994 Initial detailed field walk-through

November 14, 1994 EIS kick-off meeting with FHWA and consulting team, Lakewood, CO

December 12, 1994 Interagency meeting to discuss wildlife issues (FHWA, USFWS), Denver, CO

December 13, 1994 Interagency meeting to discuss wildlife issues (FHWA, CDOW), Denver, CO

January 25, 1995 Public design workshop, Georgetown, CO

March 23, 1995 Public informational open house, Shawnee, CO

April 12, 1995 Meeting with Platte Canyon Area Chamber of Commerce, Pine Junction, CO

May 3, 1995 Meeting with Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, Georgetown, CO

June 12, 1995 Interagency meeting to discuss Scenic Byway Management Plan and forest resource issues (FHWA, FS), Idaho Springs, CO

July 1995 Newsletter mailed to public

August 2 and 3, 1995 Interagency preliminary line and grade field walk-through

August 15, 1995 Interagency meeting to discuss Georgetown terminus options (FHWA, Georgetown Planning Commission, Georgetown Board of Selectmen, Clear Creek County Commissioners), Georgetown, CO

October 31, 1995 Interagency field visit to discuss wetlands (FHWA, USACE)

December 18, 1995 Interagency meeting to discuss the USFS Scenic Byway Management Plan (FHWA, FS), Morrison, CO

June 3, 1996 Interagency project development and update meeting (FHWA, FS, Park County, Clear Creek County), Bailey, Colorado

July 10, 1996 Public informational open house, Shawnee, Colorado

July 11, 1996 Public informational open house, Georgetown, Colorado

October 8, 1996 Interagency cultural resources update meeting (FHWA, Clear Creek County, National Park Service, Historic Georgetown, FS, Colorado Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office), Georgetown, CO

October 30, 1996 Interagency meeting (FHWA, Georgetown Planning Commission), Georgetown, CO

March 11, 1997 Notice of intent to prepare environmental impact statement printed in the Federal Register (Vol. 62, Num. 47)

July 9, 1997 Site Visit and Area Reconnaissance - Native American Studies

July 31, 1997 Interagency meeting (FHWA, USACE, FS) Lakewood, CO

September 9, 1997 Field Survey - Wetland mitigation sites (FHWA, FS, USACE)

October 14 and 15, 1997 Intermediate design field walk-through - including review of environmental issues

April 13, 1998 Interagency meeting to discuss the BA/BE and the Biology Report (FHWA, FS), Lakewood, CO

May 4, 1998 Interagency Preliminary DEIS review meeting (FHWA, FS, USACE, Clear Creek County, Park County, City of Georgetown) Lakewood, CO

October 24, 1998 Interagency Preliminary DEIS review meeting (FHWA, FS, USACE, Clear Creek County, Park County, City of Georgetown) Lakewood, CO

February 18, 1999 USFS meeting to discuss water quality issues and USFS comments (FHWA, FS) Lakewood, CO

June 11, 1999 DEIS Published

August 4, 1999 Public Hearing, Lakewood, Colorado

August 5, 1999 Public Hearing, Shawnee, Colorado

August 6, 1999 Public Hearing, Georgetown, Colorado

August 20, 1999 Clear Creek County Meeting on Guanella Pass Road (held by commissioners), Idaho Springs, Colorado

August 25, 1999 Park County Meeting on Guanella Pass Road (held by commissioners), Bailey, Colorado

September 16, 1999 Town Meeting on Guanella Pass Road, Empire, Colorado

September 20, 1999 Town Meeting on Guanella Pass Road, Idaho Springs, Colorado

September 21, 1999 Meeting with FS, FS office in Lakewood, Colorado

September 22, 1999 Eastern Clear Creek County Community Meeting on Guanella Pass Road, Evergreen, Colorado

September 24, 1999 Field Review with Sierra Club

September 27, 1999 City Council Meeting with Guanella Pass Road on agenda, Silver Plume, Colorado

September 29, 1999 Clear Creek County Commissioners Meeting: To get input based on the 4 meetings held on 9/16/99, 9/20/99, and 9/27/99

October 15, 1999 Field Review with representatives from Senator Wayne Allard's offices.

November 10, 1999 Meeting with FHWA with FS, CDOT, mainly discussed typical section

January 21, 2000 Meeting at Best Western (FS, CDOT) (facilitated)

February 9, 2000 Meeting in Georgetown, Colorado (Clear creek County, Town of Georgetown) on how to proceed.

February 28, 2000 Meeting with Park County in Fairplay, Colorado how to proceed.

March 2, 2000 Meeting in Georgetown, Colorado (Clear Creek County, Town of Georgetown, CDOT, FS)

April 3, 2000 Work Group Meeting (Clear Creek County, CDOT, FS, Town of Georgetown, Park County) Georgetown, Colorado

April 24, 2000 Work Group Meeting (clear Creek County, CDOT, FS, Town of Georgetown), Georgetown, Colorado

April 25, 2000 Work Group Meeting (Park County, CDOT, FS), Bailey, Colorado

May 8, 2000 Work Group Meeting (Clear Creek County, CDOT, FS, Town of Georgetown, Park County), Georgetown, Colorado

May 22, 2000 Meeting with Park County and Jim Gordon at Tumbling River Ranch

May 25, 2000 Meeting with Sierra Club in Denver, Colorado

June 14, 2000 Meeting with Sierra Club in Denver, Colorado

July 6, 2000 Meeting with Sierra Club in Denver, Colorado

July 28, 2000 Meeting with Jim Keeley and Jim Gordon at Tumbling River Ranch

September 18, 2000 Interagency Meeting on SDEIS

August 18, 2000	Meeting with Mark Taylor, Rick Peters, Steve Boch, Jim Keeley and Jim Gordon at Tumbling River Ranch
October 10, 2000	Meeting with Jim Keeley, Steve Boch, Jim Gordon, Scott Dugan, and Rick Peters at Tumbling River Ranch
November 8, 2000	SDEIS Published
December 4, 2000	Park County Public Hearing on SDEIS
December 5, 2000	Georgetown Public Hearing on SDEIS
December 6, 2000	FHWA Public Hearing on SDEIS
December 7, 2000	Clear Creek County Public Hearing on SDEIS
February 12, 2001	Interagency Meeting reviewing comments on SDEIS
May 22, 2001	Meeting with Georgetown Selectmen
June 11, 2001	Test Strip Preconstruction Meeting with Georgetown Officials
June 22, 2001 through August 10, 2001	Weekly progress meetings with Georgetown Officials regarding test strips
June 15, 2001	Meeting with Georgetown officials and public regarding test strips
June 22, 2001	Field Review with Georgetown Officials
September 25, 2001	Meeting with Georgetown Selectmen
October 22, 2001	Meeting with Dee Geisness regarding construction bypass
October 29, 2001	Interagency Meeting in Denver
November 8, 2001	Meeting with agencies in Denver
January 4, 2002	Field Review with FS and Georgetown
January 22, 2002	Meeting with FS regarding surface types
February 20, 2002	Interagency Meeting in Littleton
March 4, 2002	Field Review of Construction Hauling Mitigation in Georgetown
March 7, 2002	Field Review/Cultural Resources Surveys of Construction Hauling Mitigation in Georgetown
March 18, 2002	Interagency Meeting to discuss Preliminary FEIS
March 19, 2002	Meeting between FHWA, FS, and Park County regarding surface types
April 9, 2002	Meeting with FS on BR
April 12, 2002	Meeting among FHWA, FS, and Park County regarding surface types

May 29, 2002

Field Review of Sediment and Erosion Problems with FS

June 27, 2002

Field Review of Wetland Impacts and Mitigation with EPA and USACE

B. Correspondence

A considerable amount of correspondence has been received by the FHWA on this project. Appendix A contains copies of letters representative of the correspondence that contained substantive comments on the proposal. The issues raised in these letters have been addressed in this FEIS.