

Town of Blue River/Colorado Department of Transportation

Chain Up Station Regroup Meeting

September 15, 2021

Agenda

- **Project Update**

The Blue River truck chain-up station will become separate from the two chain-up stations being designed in Park County.

Project timeline (more to come on dates):

- Field Inspection Review (FIR) – will have the plans 30% complete and will be able to identify what the project will look like at a high level. CDOT would involve Project Leadership Team (PLT) to review and comment.
- Final Office Review (FOR) – will have the plans 90% complete and will firm up everything that the project will encompass. The PLT would attend a meeting and be able to review, ask questions, discuss issues
- Develop project specifications and plans that are advertised for construction
- Estimate project will advertise in November 2022
- Estimate construction will begin in spring/summer 2023

Right-of-Way

Need to acquire a small portion on the east side of the roadway at Whispering Pines and will need to a temporary easement for landscaping

- **Public Information & Stakeholder Feedback**

- Not a lot of new feedback. Stakeholders are generally happy with the direction the design is going.

- **Project Leadership Team (PLT)**

CDOT proposes setting up an informal PLT, which will help define desired goals and endorse the project/process with stakeholders

- PLT will consist of the core CDOT design team (Patti Henschen, Clark Roberts, Laeken Carey, Emily Wilfong) and Blue River representatives (Trustee Mark Fossett, Town Administrator Michelle Eddy, Blue River Police Chief Ahmet Susic, and property owner Mr. Stein). The PLT will include on an as needed basis “technical advisors,” including John Hall, Grant Anderson, Andi Staley, Elise Thatcher, Summit County, Summit Stage, US Forest Service, etc.
- Bi-monthly meeting schedule with first meeting occurring mid-November on a Wednesday at 10 a.m.
- At this point, general public outreach on hold until spring/summer 2022.

- **Comments/Q&A**

- Chief Susic – Ran two portable weigh stations with Port of Entry – could help decrease truck traffic
- Michelle Eddy – In spring of 2023, Region 3 is planning a large paving and shoulder extension project on CO 9 going a half-mile north of this project all the way to Boreas Pass.

Emily – This is good information to have. Should add to the PI Spec that these projects need to coordinate.

- Mark Fossett – Still have people bringing up that there aren't plans for a chain-down station and this isn't being addressed. If a chain-down was a little further north near Deadman's curve, maybe CDOT could kill two birds with one stone and straighten out that curve. Real issue is what CO 9 will look like over the next 20 years. Clark/Emily – we should have this information ready for any public meetings. Also need to determine long-term plans and what could/would happen with a chain-down station. Could be part of PLT documentation. Clark – Freight is aware chain down is an issue. Chain up stations become more of a priority but could brainstorm if we could do shoulder widening and add one in – could it be part of paving and shoulder widening.
 - Mark Fossett – US Forest Service over 3 to 5 years will do a heavy timber removal project, starting in western boundaries first, but will come through CO 9 with 6 to 8 timber trucks Monday through Friday.
- **Next Steps**
 - Emily send meeting notes
 - Emily set up bimonthly meetings starting mid November 2021 – Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
 - Identify important topics for PLT meetings – public info, traffic control, signing and striping, construction phasing, bigger picture CO 9, landscaping/environmental, etc.