



**CDOT/Blue River Chain Up Station PLT Meeting #5: Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.**

## Meeting Minutes

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### Attendees

Michelle Eddy (Blue River Town Manager), Mark Fossett (Blue River Trustee), Robert Jacobs (Summit County Engineer), Pete Stein (Blue River property owner), Tracy Sakaguchi (CMCA), David Close (Blue River Police Department), Grant Anderson (CDOT Region 3 Resident Engineer), Patti Henschen (CDOT Region 2 Design Engineer), Gabriel Cosyleon (CDOT Region 2 Environmental), Emily Wilfong (Chain Station Design Public Information), Clark Roberts (CDOT Consultant Designer), Laeken Carey (CDOT Consultant Designer), Kory Kleinknecht (CDOT Consultant Designer)

### Topics

#### 1. Project schedule update

- a. Design Plan Review Meeting (FIR/FOR) on Sept. 13, 2022
- b. Landscaping Workshop Meeting – Late Sept. 2022
- c. Right of way plans submittal – Late Oct. 2022
- d. Project advertisement – Late Nov. 2022
- e. Construction begins - TBD June 2023
- f. Construction completes – TBD Oct. 2023

#### 2. Design update

- a. **Chain Down Station** – The PLT originally discussed using the wide pullout north of Headlight House as well as the area between Whispering Pines and Silverheels as two northbound CO 9 chain down stations. CDOT will not use the wide pullout north of Headlight House because it is generally used as an incident staging area and holding area for stranded truckers. We will continue to design and ultimately build a chain down station on northbound CO 9 between Whispering Pines and Silverheels.
- b. **Landscaping Design update** – CDOT has preliminary landscape designs that will be included in the Sept. 13 plan set review meeting. Following this meeting, we will hold a design workshop meeting in late September to collect and address specific feedback from the PLT.
- c. **Current impacts to utilities** – Working on what the cover requirements for the sanitary sewer that runs within the design on the east side of CO 9. We will be reducing the cover of the pipe but not so much to cause an issue. There are also a TV cable and telephone line on the east side of CO 9 that must be reset – we don't anticipate a disruption of service. The Xcel power poles will have to be relocated so they aren't sitting in the bottom of the ditch.
- d. **1041 submittal/review** – CDOT will submit for this after the review of the plan set on Sept. 13. We will have a preapplication meeting and submit an updated plan set based on



comments and final quantities from FIR/FOR meeting. It will also include info collected in landscaping workshop.

### **3. Right-of-way impacts**

- a. Discussed the ROW process, which follows the federal uniform code – a very strict process to make sure the owner’s rights aren’t being violated. Discussed both permanent easements and permanent right of way take. Both CDOT and the property owner complete appraisals – CDOT pays for both. Then CDOT and property owner negotiates a price. If an agreement can’t be reached, the process could go through condemnation where the price is determined outside of CDOT and the property owner by a court of law.
- b. More information to come on ROW needs, but looking at a permanent easement on the west side of CO 9, and there will be some ROW needs on the east side of CO 9
- c. The ROW process will only occur once during the project design phase happening now

### **4. Signage changes**

- a. Additional signs for the chain down station
  - i. New permanent static sign – one mile south of the chain down station at the Whispering Pines intersection
  - ii. Standard signage for chain station, including “No Parking - 30 Minute Chain Up” signs
  - iii. Changeable sign that shows the accel/decel lane is continuous with the ability to change it to denote that it is a chain station during a Chain Law event. The same sign will be used after the Whispering Pines intersection so drivers turning right are informed.

### **5. Questions/round the table updates**

- a. Pete Stein – Why the delay with landscape design?
  - i. The design team had to meet with CDOT to ensure that what we want to propose is possible. Waiting on a list from CDOT about plan species and spacing. We also didn’t want to finalize anything without talking to the PLT group and due to schedules, a meeting in August wasn’t possible. There will be plenty of opportunity to comment and update the landscape design during the plan set review meeting on Sept. 13 and in later landscape design workshop.
- b. Mark Fossett – Will the ROW takes on east side of CO 9 accommodate the chain down station? Is there funding to build the chain down station now too?
  - i. The design team is going to recommend that both the chain up and chain down stations are built together in 2023 and advertised as one project in November 2022.
- c. Mark Fossett – additional interest from a property owner on the east side of CO 9 between Whispering Pines and Silverheels to join the landscape workshop meeting. Would also like to include another Blue River Board of Trustees member. Michelle Eddy will send CDOT contact information.