

## **Appendix E: Public Involvement**

# OPEN HOUSE

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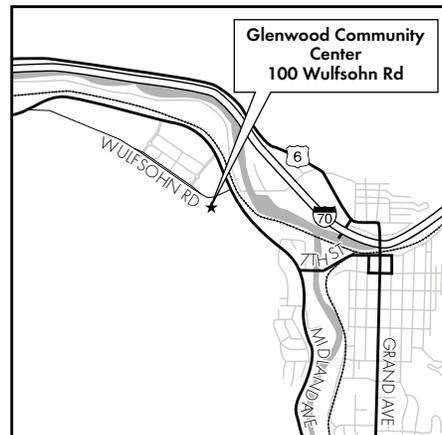
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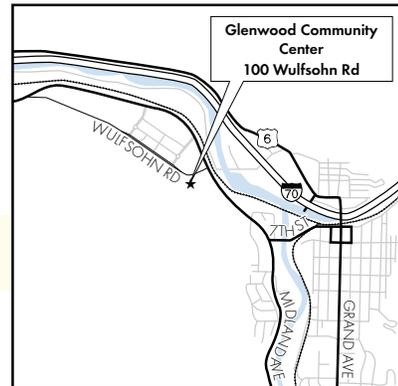
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## Jacobs Carter Burgess

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Attn: Troy Halouska



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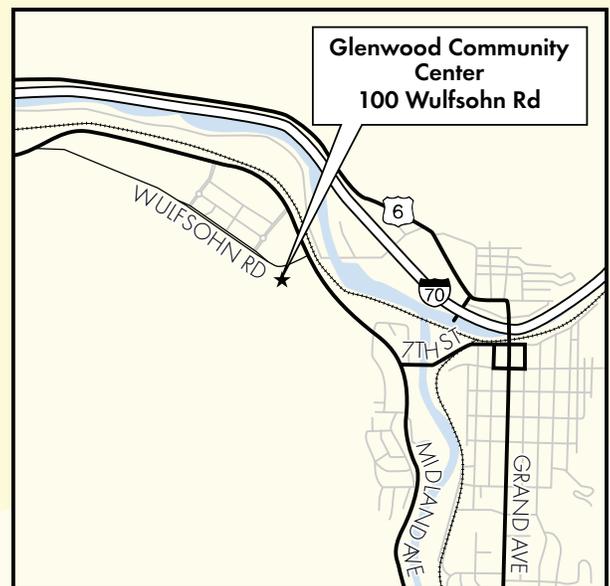
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# REUNIÓN COMUNITARIA

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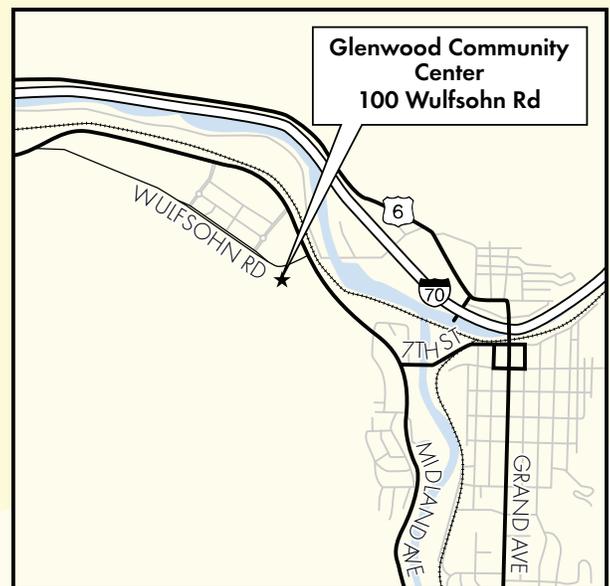
**JUEVES 7 DE FEBRERO DEL 2008 • 5 PM A 7 PM**

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La Ciudad de Glenwood Springs, el Condado Garfield, la Administración Federal de Carreteras y el Departamento de Transporte de Colorado lo invitan a participar de una Reunión Comunitaria para hablar del estudio de Evaluación Ambiental para el proyecto propuesto del South Bridge (Puente del Sur), y para recibir los comentarios del público. La reunión será el jueves 7 de febrero del 2008 en el Glenwood Community Center (ver mapa para las direcciones). Se servirá un refrigerio.

### En la Reunión Comunitaria usted recibirá información sobre:

- La historia de este proyecto propuesto
- El propósito de este proyecto
- Los temas relacionados con el proyecto
- Cómo participar en el proyecto



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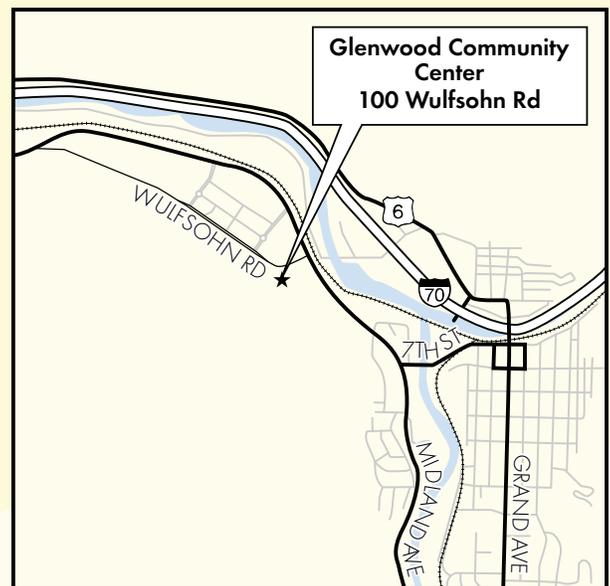
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008 • 5 PM TO 7 PM

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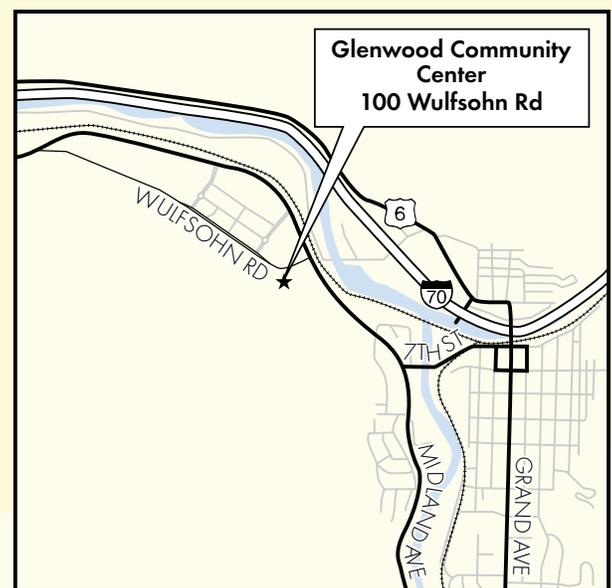
**MIÉRCOLES 23 DE ABRIL DEL 2008 • 5 PM TO 7 PM**

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### En la Reunión Comunitaria se brindará información sobre:

- El proyecto en general
- Las alternativas propuestas
- Temas de posible preocupación
- Cómo participar en el proyecto



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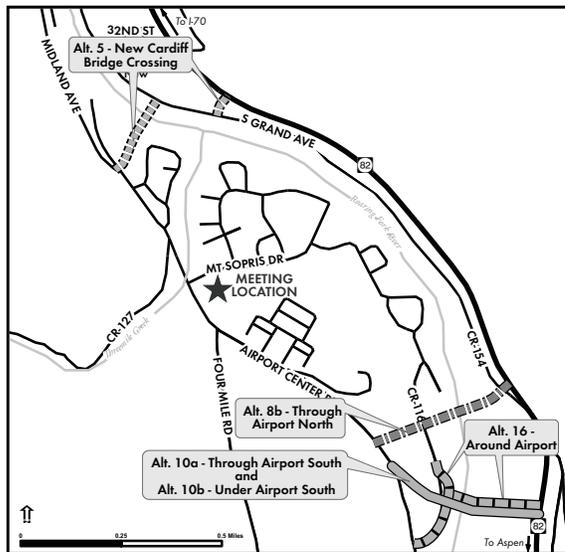
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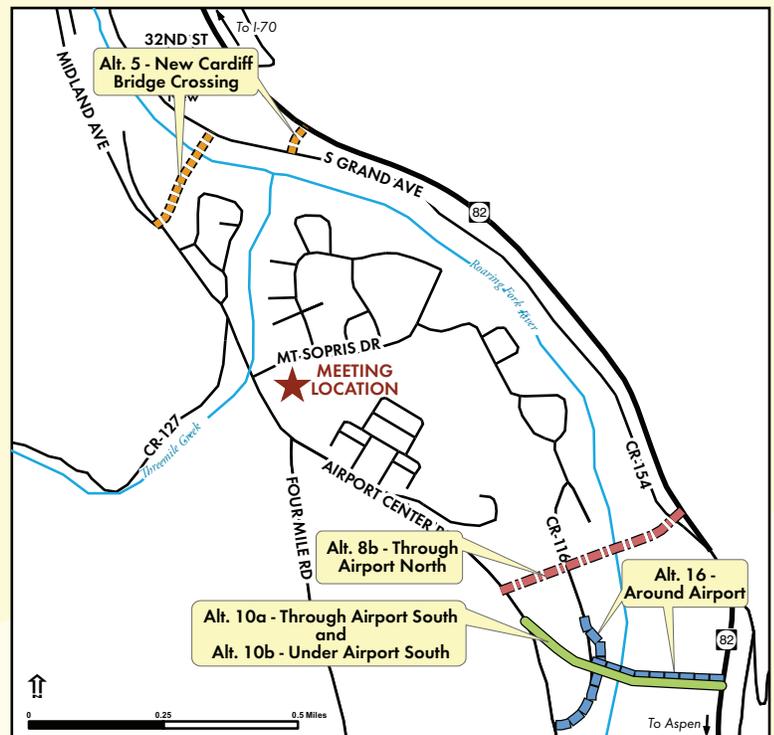
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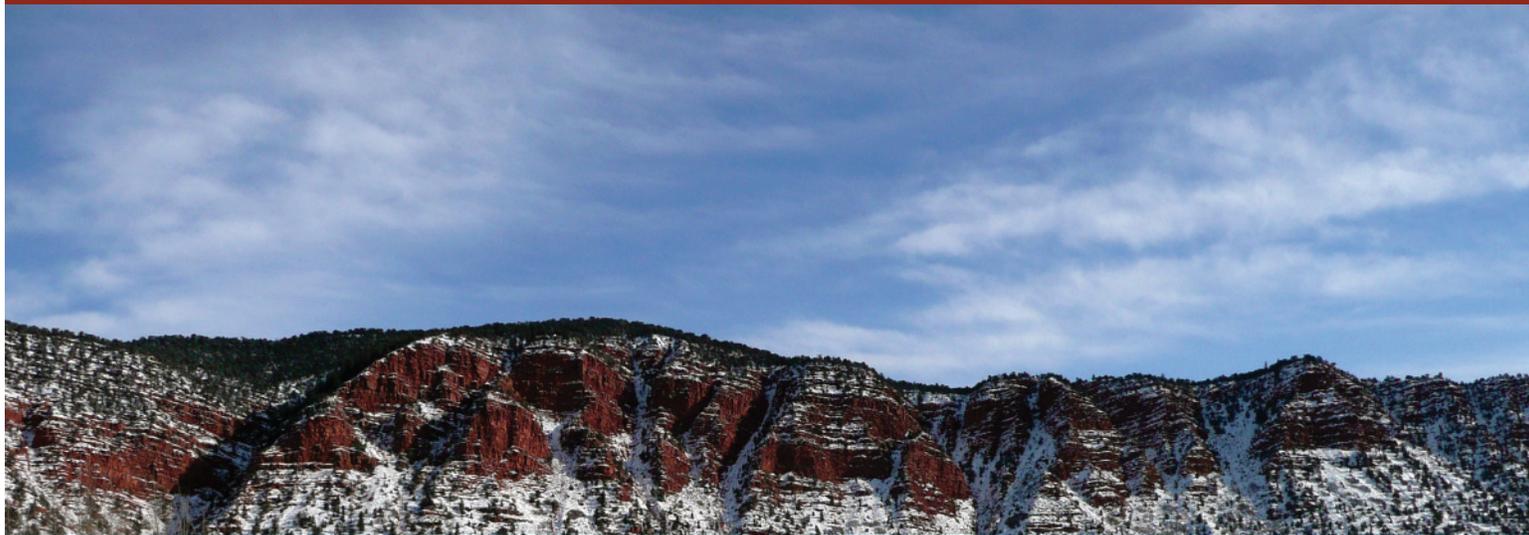
  
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## What is the project?

The purpose of the South Bridge project is to provide a critical second route between SH 82 and the western side of the Roaring Fork River in the southern portion of Glenwood Springs. This new access would provide enhanced access for emergency evacuation and emergency services such as public safety and medical calls as well as provide for improved local transportation access to land uses in this area. This second route would respond to the congressional earmark for the Glenwood Springs South Bridge (new, off system bridge), Public Law 109-59, 109th Congress (see box to the right). The project area in south Glenwood is in the vicinity of the Cardiff Glen neighborhood and Four-Mile Road. This study is not

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being developed to provide congestion relief to Grand Avenue (SH 82) or as an alternate

route to SH 82. A separate study, for this purpose, is being conducted by the Colorado Department of Transportation (see below for more information).

## Other Related Projects

The South Bridge Project accompanies two other transportation planning projects ongoing in Glenwood Springs.

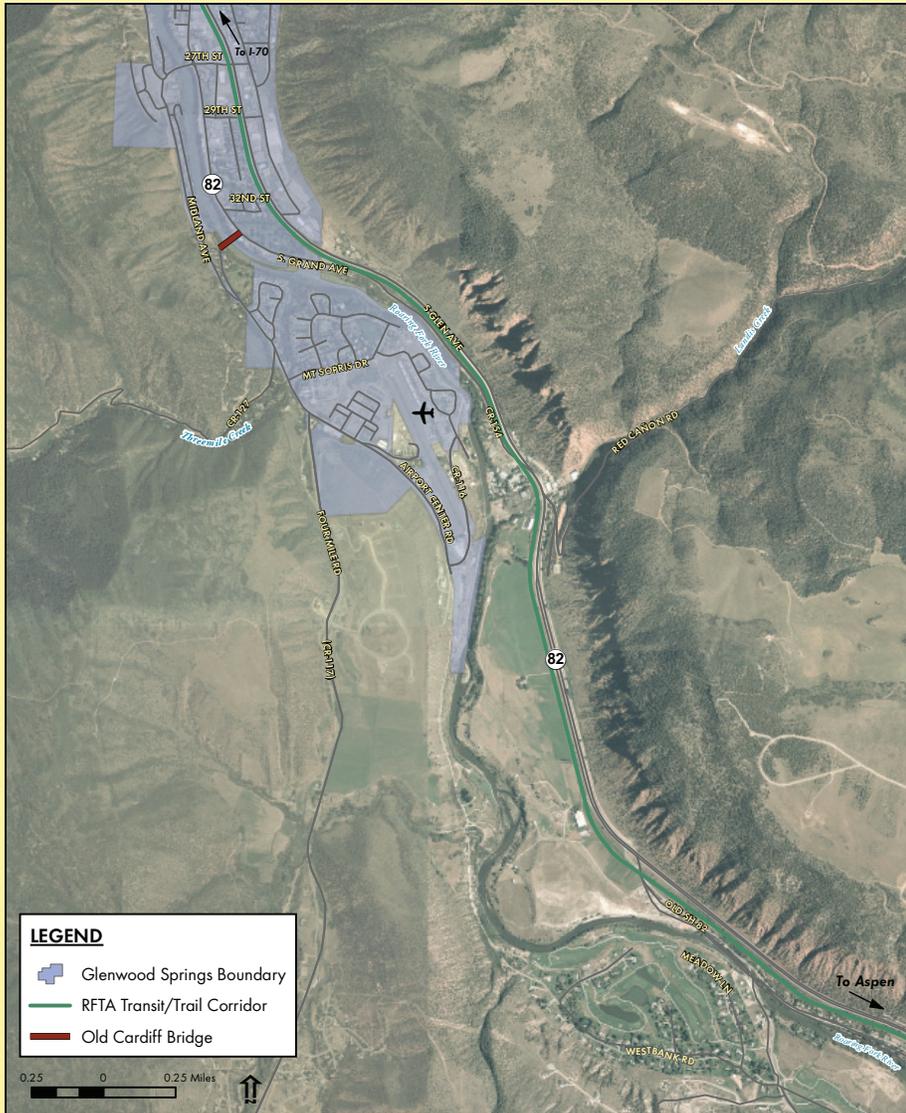
### *Corridor Optimization Plan*

This study is looking at congestion relief for Grand Avenue (SH 82) in town. Numerous alternatives and variations have been developed and were presented at a public open house on February 27th. Some of the alternatives overlap the Glenwood South Bridge study area. Information on the project can be found at [www.glenwoodsprings-highway82.com](http://www.glenwoodsprings-highway82.com) (Continued on next page)

## CONGRESSIONAL EARMARK FOR GLENWOOD SOUTH BRIDGE PROJECT

Following the Coal Seam Fire of 2002 that caused the evacuation of thousands of residents of Glenwood Springs, the U.S. Congress passed an earmark for the Glenwood South Bridge Project. The earmark has led to the South Bridge Study and could eventually be used for design and construction.





## PROJECT VICINITY

The project vicinity generally consists of an area south of I-70 along SH 82. It starts at 27th Street on the north and continues south to Westbank Road.

## Midland Avenue Traffic Calming

This project has resulted in recommended traffic calming improvements along Midland Avenue between 8th Street and 27th Street. This study does not overlap with the Glenwood South Bridge study area but the Corridor Optimization Plan does overlap Midland Avenue with some of the alternatives. Information on the project can be found at <http://www.ci.glenwood-springs.co.us/departments-publicworks/projects/midland/index.htm>

## Other Associated Plans and Projects

In addition to the Corridor Optimization Plan and Midland Traffic Calming Projects, other related work on transportation issues is ongoing. These efforts include the RFTA (Roaring Fork Transportation Authority)

## GET INVOLVED!

- Look for newspaper information
- Visit the project website:  
[www.GlenwoodSouthBridge.com](http://www.GlenwoodSouthBridge.com)
- Attend future project meetings
- Get on the project mailing list or send comment to project team by contacting:

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### NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

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5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
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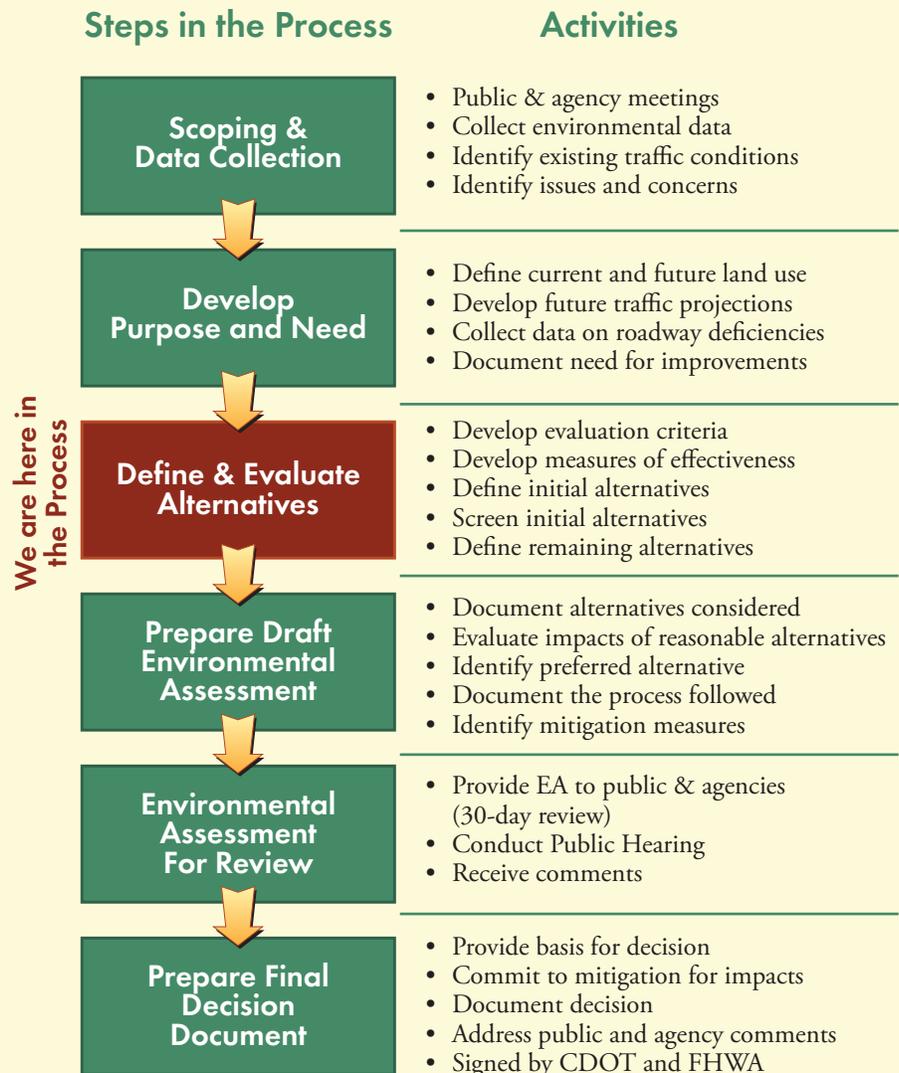
BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) Study; the round-about designs for the 29th Street/Midland Avenue intersection and the Four Mile Road/Midland Avenue intersection; and the new traffic signal at SH 82 and Buffalo Valley

The fact that these planning projects are happening simultaneously is not an accident. The collective answers to Glenwood Springs' transportation issues that these plans reveal will provide positive direction to elected officials and staff in the development of a comprehensive transportation improvements plan for the city.

### Public Scoping Meeting Held in February

A public meeting in the form of an open house was held about the project on February 7 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Glenwood Community Center. This was a scoping meeting that is typically held at the beginning of a new project. The project team "scopes" out relevant and pertinent issues to study, and because the public is generally very knowledgeable about the project area, their input is invaluable.

Besides the scoping aspect of the meeting, the purpose was to provide background in-



formation on the project, explain the environmental process, answer questions about the project, and take comments from the general public.

The meeting was quite successful in that the project team received great input. There were

69 members of the public that signed in at the open house, and the project team received 25 separate written comments.

The next public open house is scheduled for April 23rd where the focus will be on the different alternatives for the project.



# Project Schedule



  
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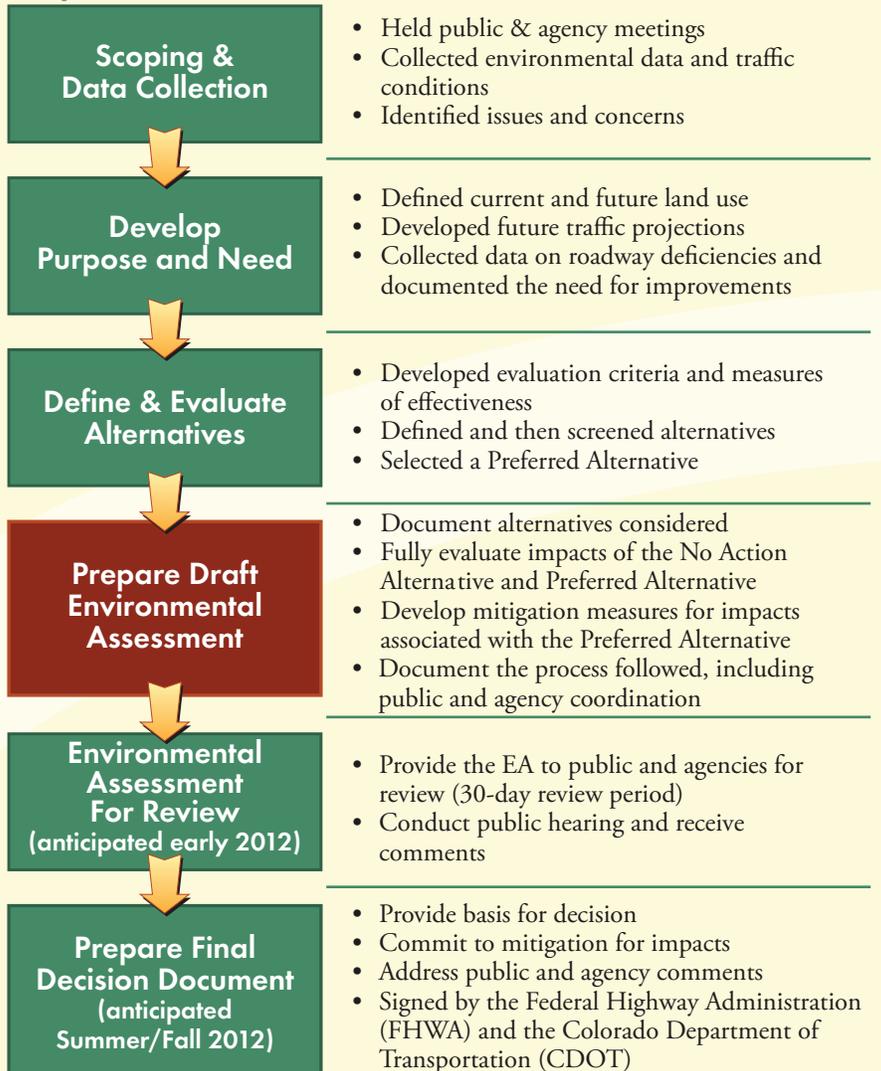
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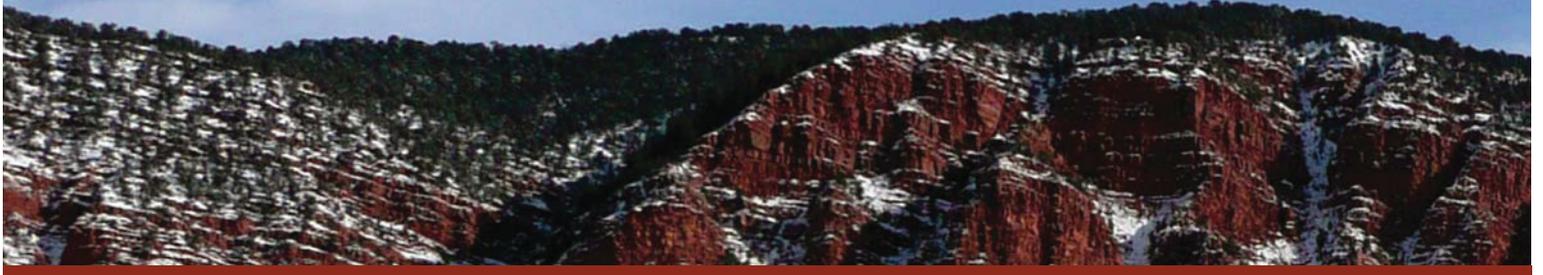
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### Steps in the Process

### Activities

We are here in the Process





## Where are we now in the process?

After 42 months of work and multiple meetings (including 3 public meetings, over 20 public meetings with local elected officials, meeting with local businesses and the involvement of a Citizen's Advisory Group), a Preferred Alternative for the project has been selected. The Preferred Alternative, known as Alternative 10b, will connect Airport Road to SH 82 across the south end of the Glenwood

Springs Municipal Airport. This connection will go under the airport in a cut-and-cover tunnel, cross the Roaring Fork River on a clear span bridge and connect to SH 82 just south of the Holy Cross Energy facility near Red Cañon Road.

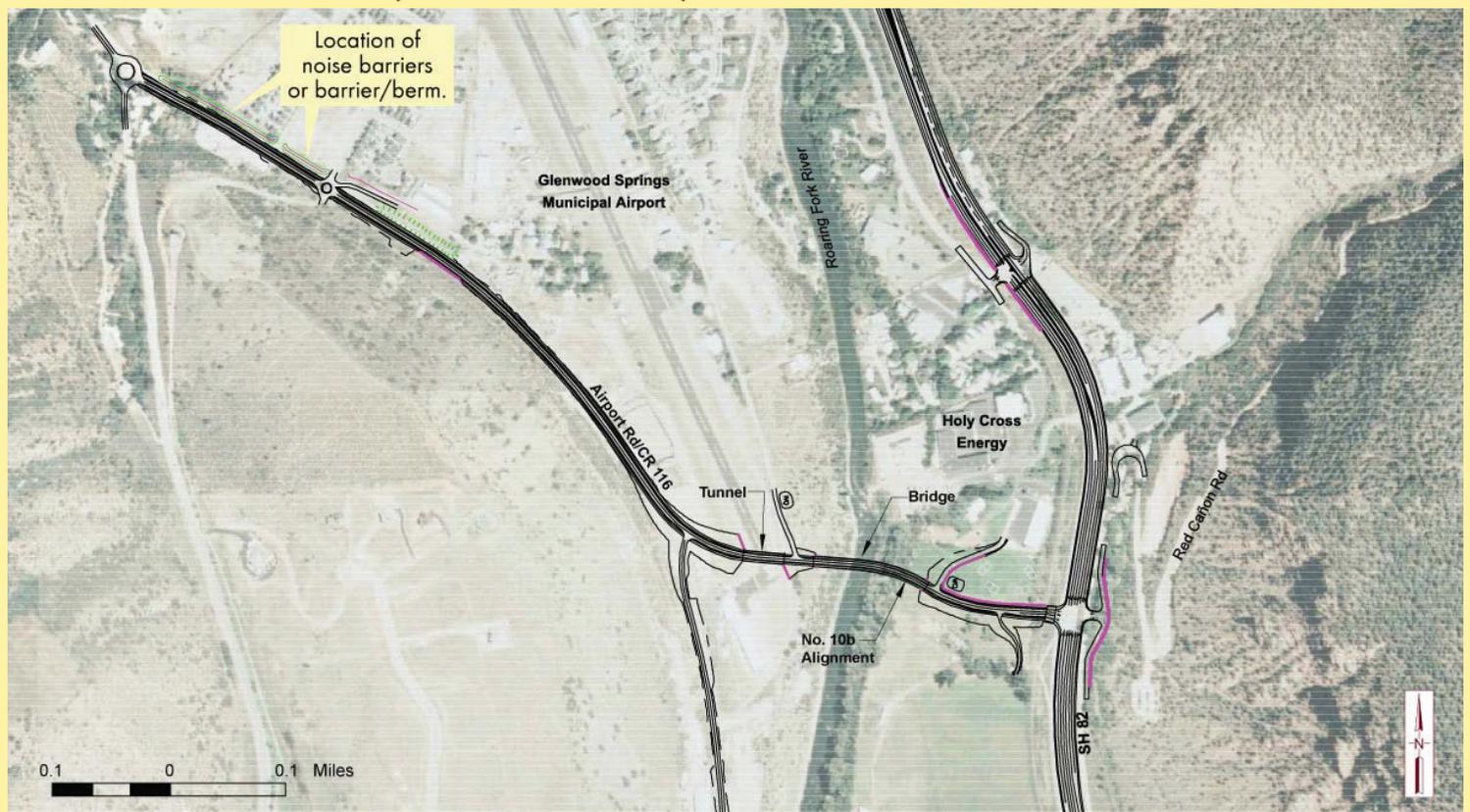
The Glenwood Springs City Council and Garfield County Board of Commissioners endorsed Alternative 10b as the Preferred Alternative earlier this year.

## What's next?

Preparation of the EA is underway by the project consultant, Jacobs Engineering. Jacobs is writing the various chapters of the EA, which entails an environmental analysis of the Preferred Alternative and the No Build alternative. Tasks include the following:

- A traffic analysis including levels of service at intersections
- A safety analysis

## Preferred Alternative (Alternative 10b)





- A noise model for adjacent properties
- Documentation of eligibility and effects of the project on historic properties
- Determine opportunities for joint planning with the City of Glenwood Springs on a recreational property near the airport
- Other environmental analysis and documentation of resources including, but not limited to, wetlands, water quality, air quality, wildlife, threatened and endangered species, socioeconomics, and land use
- Continued coordination with local and federal agencies
- The new pavement will increase overall pavement in the area by 6.15 acres, but measures to retain water quality will be included so that there will be no direct impacts to water resources such as the Roaring Fork River
- Removal of some roadside vegetation along Airport Road due to roadway widening and sidewalk installation
- Noise will increase to residences along Airport Road and along SH 82, but noise barriers or berms will be included to reduce this noise impact
- The new road and bridge will be visible from various viewing points, changing the visual landscape of the area
- Approximately 850 jobs will be provided during the construction period
- Sidewalks are included, so pedestrian and cyclist mobility along the road will be improved
- Traffic calming measures, such as roundabouts and speed tables, have been included to maintain speeds along the new road
- Landscaping adjacent to the new road will be added

Preliminary information that is being developed indicates the following:

- Acquisition will be needed of 10.9 acres of right-of-way. These are all partial acquisitions, affecting approximately 27 parcels
- Temporary closure of the Glenwood Springs Municipal Airport for 2 to 3 months while the road is constructed underneath the airport
- Mobility enhancements will reduce vehicle miles and vehicle hours of travel which will reduce air pollution
- Congestion along SH 82 will be eased

Information about all of these changes will be available at the public hearing, which is planned for early 2012.

### *The chapters of the EA include:*

- Chapter 1: Purpose and Need
- Chapter 2: Alternatives Analysis
- Chapter 3: Affected Environment, Impacts, and Mitigation
- Chapter 4: Transportation Impacts
- Chapter 5: Comments and Coordination

### **Review Process**

Once the EA is drafted, it will be reviewed by state and federal officials with CDOT and FHWA. The EA is anticipated to be ready for public review in early 2012.

A 30-day Public Review period will commence once the Final EA is issued. A formal Public Hearing will be held during this public review period. After public review, a decision document will be prepared and signed by CDOT and FHWA. The decision document will address any concerns raised through the public review process and lay out the mitigation measures required when constructing the project. A decision document is expected to be issued by the end of 2012.



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