



# Highway 62 Corridor Project

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Dear PDT and CAC Members,

We haven't forgotten you as we work to finish the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Highway 62 Corridor Project. Some of the project's Technical Reports have taken longer than anticipated - particularly using the updated regional traffic models.

Our timeline now looks like we should wrap the Technical Reports up by September, with the publication of the DEIS early in 2009.

Meantime, while the team has been writing the Technical Reports, the project management team has been answering project questions from interested parties, including property owners.

As we said before, prior to publishing the DEIS for public and agency comment it is our intention to re-convene both the PDT and CAC and provide you with an overview of the environmental effects of the project alternatives. Once we have completed the 45 day public and agency comment period we will meet again to review the comments, consider the environmental effects and assess the alternatives based on our Evaluation Criteria and select a preferred alternative. The project team will then advance the design of that alternative to a point where mitigation measures can be incorporated into the project's design. We will then publish a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) that documents the measures to mitigate the environmental impacts to the extent possible and practical. That should be late in 2009. The final step of the NEPA process will be the issuance of a Record of Decision (ROD) that documents the projects decision making process and commitments.

You can expect to hear from us soon as we approach the completion of the DEIS. In the meantime if you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact either Dick Leever (774-6393), Gary Leaming (774-6388) or Pat Foley (423-1372). Thanks again for your time, patience and commitment to this project.