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## **Austin Bluffs Corridor Preferred Alternatives Ready for Design**

The Pikes Peak Regional Transportation Authority (PPRTA) and the City of Colorado Springs will host a public open house to present the preferred alternative solutions that will be carried through design and construction for widening three key segments on Austin Bluffs Parkway.

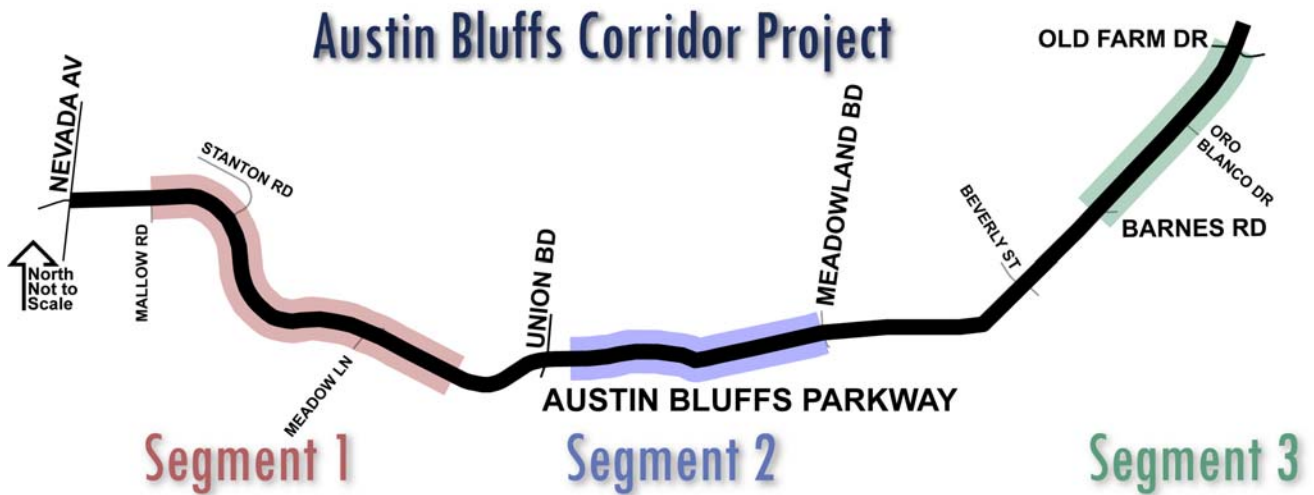
The open house will be held on Thursday, November 4; from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Calvary United Methodist Church at 4210 Austin Bluffs Parkway. Based on the comments received at the June open house, the project team has put together a preferred alternative for each of the three project segments. The purpose of the open house is to show how the public's input shaped the alternative selection.

For Austin Bluffs Parkway to become a consistent six-lane roadway, three segments will be widened. This phase of the project focuses on the design of these segments; thus, the alternatives to be presented at the meeting concentrate on the roadway segments from Nevada Avenue to Union Boulevard, Union Boulevard to Meadowland Boulevard and Barnes Road to Old Farm Drive. The construction of the three segments is anticipated to begin in 2012, pending future funding.

For more information, visit the Web site at [www.austinbluffscorridor.com](http://www.austinbluffscorridor.com). Those interested in further information may also call the project hotline at (719) 302-6782 or send an e-mail to [austinbluffs.info@wilsonco.com](mailto:austinbluffs.info@wilsonco.com).

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The Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority was formed when voters in Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs, Green Mountain Falls and El Paso County approved a one percent sales tax in November of 2004 to address infrastructure and transit needs in the region. The tax revenue is divided into three categories: 55% capital improvements, 35% maintenance, and 10% transit. The capital portion of the tax (which is funding the Austin Bluffs Corridor Improvements) will sunset in 2014.



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