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Austin Bluffs Corridor Alternatives Ready for Public Input

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

The open house will be held on Thursday, June 10, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Calvary United Methodist Church at 4210 Austin Bluffs Parkway. The purpose of the open house is to share the critical factors that emerged through public input, and to share several draft alternatives that incorporate these issues into the solution for widening the roadway.

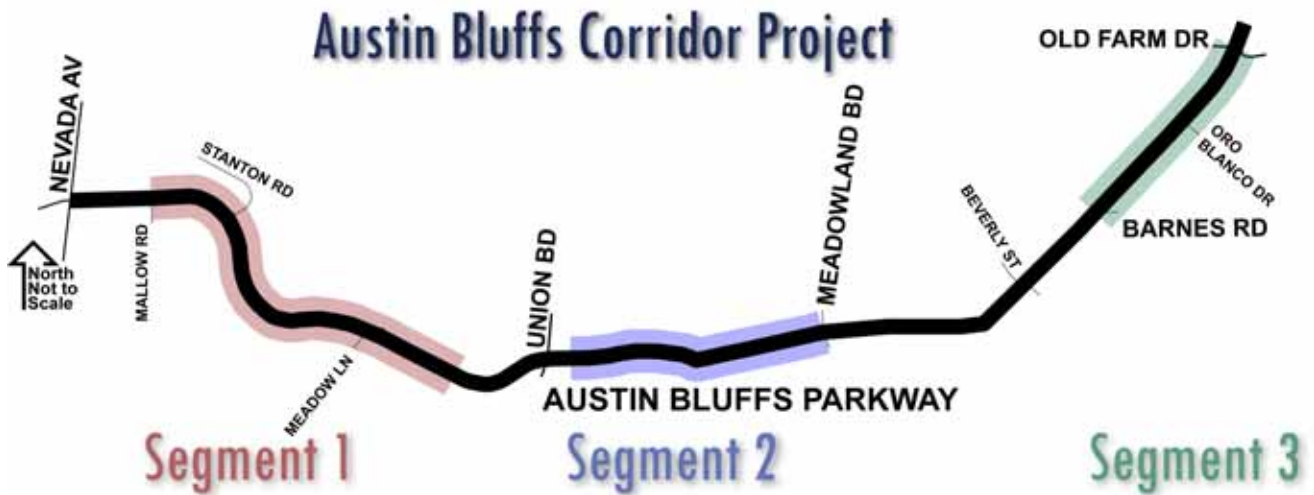
The issues that emerged from the previous public meeting and subsequent communication include safety, access, noise, cost, right-of-way and park protection.

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. 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.

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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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