Ralston Valley Transportation Town Hall
Hosted by the Ralston Valley Coalition

Thursday, June 8, 2023 from 7:00-9:00 pm
Storyline Church, 14605 W 64th Ave., Arvada, CO 80004

Invited Traffic, Transportation, Planning, Public Works Entities:
CDOT, City of Arvada, Jefferson County

Thank you to the entities attending the Ralston Valley Transportation Town Hall to share information on transportation planning and answer traffic questions from the community. The Ralston Valley Coalition is hosting this community forum on traffic as a service to the community and our members. Follow up info and where to access the recorded event will be posted online at RalstonValleyCoalition.org.

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS WILL BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA OR ANSWERED AT A LATER DATE IF TIME DOES NOT ALLOW FOR ALL TO BE ANSWERED TONIGHT. NOTE: PLEASE KEEP QUESTIONS SPECIFIC TO TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION AND NOT ANY SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT.

AGENDA

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. RVC Introductions / Rules of Decorum

C. Introductions of Government Representatives in Attendance
   1) Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Jefferson County and City of Arvada

D. Overview of Town Hall - What Do We Want to Learn Tonight?
   1) Are the roads in the Ralston Valley at capacity?
   2) If the roads are at capacity, what is being done about it?
   3) How do the local City, County and State entities direct and compile traffic studies and how is that information used to inform decision making?
   4) How do the various jurisdictions here tonight share information and coordinate transportation planning?

E. Guest Speakers Presentations – CDOT, JEFFCO, ARVADA

1) Updates on City and County Transportation Master Plans

F. Questions and Answers (pre-submitted by community members)
   1) Traffic Studies
      a. How are requirements for a traffic study for the applicant generated?
      b. Which department determines how the roads for a specific study are chosen, and are other nearby developments that are in process and will also add volume, be considered in that study?
      c. How do you get realistic traffic studies? (For example: based on holiday seasons for logistics distribution centers, etc)

   2) Truck Routing and Studies
      a. Who determines when a study is not required and where can the documentation and rationale for not performing a study be found?
      b. Are there currently any designated Heavy Truck Routes on any roads in the Ralston Valley?

   3) Understanding Equivalent Daily Load Applications (EDLA) and 18 KIP Axle Loading

   4) Explain minor and major/principal arterials - what capacity is allowed on each, etc? (Please use McIntyre and Indiana as the examples).

   5) What are the regulations surrounding semi-truck parking on minor arterials, residential streets and private property lots (including churches, strip malls, schools, parks, etc.) and how can communities be protected from unauthorized semi-truck parking?

   6) There currently is no public transit in west Arvada -- we are a car-dependent community. Also, there is virtually no housing that is affordable for our essential service workers -- whether it is health care workers, day-care and school teachers, those who fix our cars or serve us in the grocery stores or restaurants. Surveys have shown that over 80% of the jobs in Arvada are filled by people who have to commute from outside the city - typically less expensive areas. This adds to our traffic problems, air pollution, and overall inequality and lack of socioeconomic diversity in West Arvada.
      a. What is being done with future planning to help address this?

   7) Traffic Signal Warrants
      a. Process for initiation of a signal warrant request
      b. Criteria to issue a warrant
      c. Coordination between jurisdictions
      d. Collection of fees and determination of fees
      e. Distance between signals

   8) Can a new infill development have the ability to restrict certain ingress/egress options of an existing neighborhood? In other words, does an existing community have priority if a new development will cause a modification access and diminish the existing community's access?
      a. What is considered as proper or legal and/or is there a precedence on this?