

- How will conservation plans be shown in corridors?
- Some resource agencies want to meet together with CDOT to assure correct data interpretation
- Look at small pilot area first.
- Involves agencies on mitigation strategy
- Document unavailable data. Don't have to have ALL data first time
- WORM written request/ time line/ what's the commitment?
- Mitigation strategies are taken into account during project development

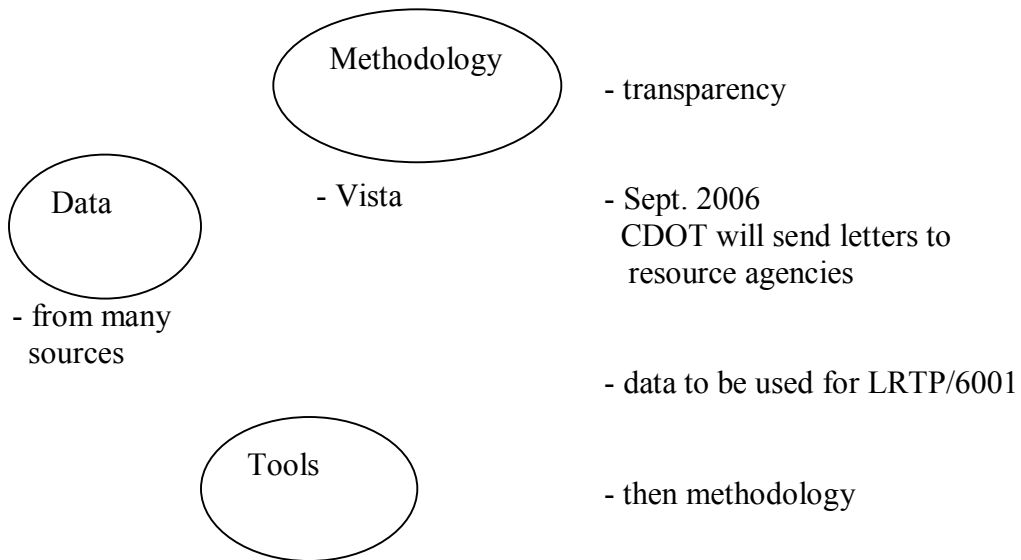
Section 6001

1. Consult
2. Comparison
3. Mitigation Discussion

Data

- standardization
- interpretation
- different data between agencies, organizations
- appropriate use of data
- limitations of data, how it will be used
- everyone has a database
- CDOT has data...is it right?
- difference between data and plansd
- TNC Ecoregional Plans
- NO shortage of data
- how to choose which to use
- pick one dataset for year One
- use Roland's existing system
- Heritage has some unprocessed data – needs processed
- multiple funded, centralized clearinghouse

- sensitivity of data – (who can see it?)
 - generalize to protect specific locations
- At what point have you satisfied 6001?
- Who is doing the process?
 - planners?
 - technical specialists?
 - analysis of data important
- CDOT will reach out to agencies
 - do we have the right data?
 - are we using it correctly?
 - better data for future use?
- Historic – don't have to map historic resources, just mention they are within the corridor



Methodology

- will this take longer than the LRTP process is afforded?
- get data, then meet with resource agency, inform them of projects, how can we develop long term solutions?
- educate decisionmakers
- corridor where much work is planned, do concentrated effort where CDOT will be doing most work
- Use GIS to identify which corridors have which resources
- use it to eliminate problematic projects
- some MPOs DO have to plan at project level
- use more analysis before you identify projects
- “environment” has been a planning factor
- planning is ongoing process
- looking for red flags, showstoppers
- don’t have to look at whole universe

- bring resource agencies in, talk about selected corridors
- ISTPRs, can't have separate meetings
- identify where mistakes have been in the past
- mitigation strategies
- look for places to correct past mistakes, impacts
- take broader view
- TNC has flagging system, identification of sites
- Too much detail, more appropriate for NEPA doc.
- What are we trying to do with LRTP?
 - don't identify specific projects
 - issues, opportunities, constraints, vision
 - focus on reconstruction, passing lanes, reconnect wildlife habitat
 - anticipated dollar amounts
- CRITICAL for CDOT to know what is in corridor
 - don't screw up recovery goals
 - can we actually help?

VITAL FEW/ SCALE

MITIGATION DISCUSSION

case study = Shortgrass Prairie Initiative

CDOW – Nesler

FS – Regional – Deb Ryan
- Veronica Mitchell

CDOT/MPOs

BLM – Lancelor

Historic – Polanski

CDPHE – Jill Cooper

EPA/Region 8 – Deb L.

Corps – Tim and Don

FWS – Susan, Alison, Field Office, Refuge – Dave Weisman

NPS – Jane, Greg Ekhert, Planning office in Lakewood

TNC – Betsey Neely

Heritage – Mellissa

State Parks – Rob Billerbec

CDOT

Yates O.

Scour NEPA docs? – NO!

Talk to resource agencies instead

What do you recommend?

Key parcels? Inventories of solutions

Laundry list of possible opportunities

Migratory birds – Avoidance

Programmatic

Surveys done?

CONSULTATION:

DTD – needs local expertise

East slope/west slope Forum

Get basic information out first to facilitate discussion

Can include non-government experts

DOT experts on expected impacts

- place in transportation context
- see what's missing

How will central office coordinate with region?

- needs improvement

Commitments

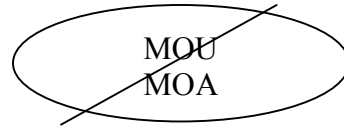
FWS

Heritage

EPA

CDOW

CDOT – George – Forum(s)



- Non binding agreements

- Charter

- TERC

- November mtg at SHPO

September 2006 –

October 2006 –

November 2006 – draft mit. discussion

December 2006 –

January 2007 – comments back

September 2007 – mitigation done
discussion

October 2007 -  Finish first iteration

DOT/MPO

CDOT has offered to use umbrella consultation effort

- not bound to it
- can go own way

Corridors are too limiting to MPOs

- some MPOs only have state corridors

Coordinate (CDOT/MPO) before the forums

OTHER Planning Factors

- should MPO and state be using exact same data, same methodologies?
- VISTA?

www.HabitatandHighways.org

Shara – followup with TNC

Action Plan/to do list
- see white board

Defenders of Wildlife – website

Yates – data (by September)
to resource agencies

Oct – MPO
partnering

Forums – Dec/Jan

Noc - TERC

- Use existing meetings (regularity scheduled)

focused enough on Colorado?

- yes?
- exceeded expectations for CO focus

3. Implementation Plan ☒
- SAFETEA-LU regs.

1. Data – Availability and use ☒

Commitment to follow through ☒

10/2006 (short term) regs ☒

Human Resources – CDOT ☒

2. Contacts – Resource Agencies ☒