



**West Corridor Public Involvement
"Coffee with Dennis" small group meetings**

"Coffee with Dennis" meetings were implemented at the request of the community, who wanted to have the opportunity to talk directly with the design team. These small group meetings were limited to 12 people and people were asked to sign up on line, to list their concerns/topics of conversation, and to specify which meeting they planned to attend. A group of Coffee's was scheduled for June, August and October. Coffees are offered at various locations and times of day/evening to encourage attendance.

Coffees will be offered in October and December. We will schedule 6 sessions each month. The community was notified of this opportunity through public meetings and e-mails.

Details from August 2006

6 Coffee dates were offered
 75 people signed up
 62 people attended - 83% of sign ups showed up

Attendance by session

Date	Location	Time	# of Attendees
Aug 22	Clement Center	5:30 p.m.	13
Aug 23	Lakewood CC	Noon	12
Aug 24	St. Anthony's	7:00 a.m.	9
Aug 29	Lakewood CC	Noon	11
Aug 30	Clement Center	5:30 p.m.	12
Aug 31	St. Anthony's	5:30 p.m.	5

Overall, this strategy was quite helpful to the process. It enabled community members (ones that were very involved with specific questions as well as those who were new to the process and wanted to hear what was happening. It was also helpful to let the community members hear what other people had concerns about. It was good to get differing viewpoints on issues within the community and give them the chance to discuss amongst themselves.

We also had a couple of reporters and elected officials who joined the meetings and their responses were very positive. There was a positive article written in the Rocky Mountain News regarding the coffees on August 28.