



**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. Groups of Coffees were scheduled for June 2006, August 2006, October 2006 and February 2007. Coffees are offered at various locations and times of day/evening to encourage attendance.

The main topic of discussion at the February 2007 Coffee with Dennis meetings were the Value Engineering proposals. Attendees had many questions and were able to have them clarified at these meetings. The next round of meetings will take place in April in the area surrounding Sheridan Station to discuss the VE changes proposed to that station and the Federal Boulevard bridge.

The project team plans to survey past attendees prior to the next round of general meetings to determine why attendance was smaller in February than it has been in the past.

**Details from February 2007**

5 Coffee dates were offered, one was cancelled due to lack of attendance  
 31 people signed up  
 25 people attended - 80% of sign ups showed up

Attendance by session

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b># of Attendees</b>
Feb 13	City of Lakewood Administration Building	5:30 p.m.	9
Feb 14	St. Anthony's	Noon	2
Feb 15	United Methodist Church	Noon	5
Feb 20	Cancelled	5:30 p.m.	
Feb 21	Clement Center	Noon	9

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.