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Subject: RE: VB/I-70

Thanks Betsy. Let us know if you decide you want to participate in the next CAG meeting.

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Subject: FW: VB/I-70

FYI…I wanted the VB-I70 team to be aware of this communication from the state to Joan. I have not yet connected with Joan but will let you all know how that goes.

Betsy

From: Smidinger, Betsy
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 4:33 PM
To: Joan Seeman <joanseem@msn.com>
Subject: Re: VB/I-70

Hi Joan - I tried calling you this afternoon to follow-up on this email and return your call. Your mailbox was full, so I will give you another try tomorrow.

Betsy

Sent from my iPhone

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On Jul 17, 2019, at 2:23 PM, Opila - CDPHE, Jennifer <jennifer.opila@state.co.us> wrote:

Joan,
I received your voicemail regarding CDPHE support of the Vasquez Blvd/I-70 CAG. I also spoke to Betsy Smidinger of EPA who received a voicemail from you.

Both EPA and CDPHE are interested in supporting the VB/I-70 CAG and improving communications with the VB/I-70 Superfund Site community. To that end, we developed the following path forward:

1. **Updated Community Involvement Plan (CIP)** - The EPA currently is updating the existing VB/I-70 Superfund Site CIP. This involves community interviews and other data gathering to 1) assess the need for a Community Advisory Group (CAG); 2) provide a recommendation regarding how often a CAG should meet, based on the desires of the community and ongoing work; and 3) assess the best forms of communication to communicate with the project stakeholders. CDPHE will review and comment on the updated CIP.

2. **Posting CAG Meeting Materials** - Consistent with many other Superfund CAGs, we will post materials to the CDPHE website for the EPA VB/I-70 Superfund Site quarterly CAG meetings, to include announcements, meeting agendas, presentations, and meeting summaries (EPA will begin creating these). We will begin by posting materials from the last quarterly CAG meeting and the announcement and agenda for the next quarterly CAG meeting.

3. **VB/I-70 Superfund Site CAG Meetings vs. Other Community Meetings** - The EPA currently is holding quarterly CAG meetings to discuss issues related to the VB/I-70 Superfund Site. These quarterly meetings are organized by the EPA, to include meeting logistics (announcements and scheduling space) as well as developing agendas and meeting presentations. In the future, we believe it is important to distinguish between the VB/I-70 Superfund Site CAG meetings versus the other community meetings, where topics being discussed are outside our regulatory authority. EPA does not attend the non-Superfund community meetings unless specifically requested to do so. Moving forward, CDPHE will also not attend the non-Superfund community meetings, unless we are specifically requested to do so.

Please feel free to contact me if you have other questions.

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