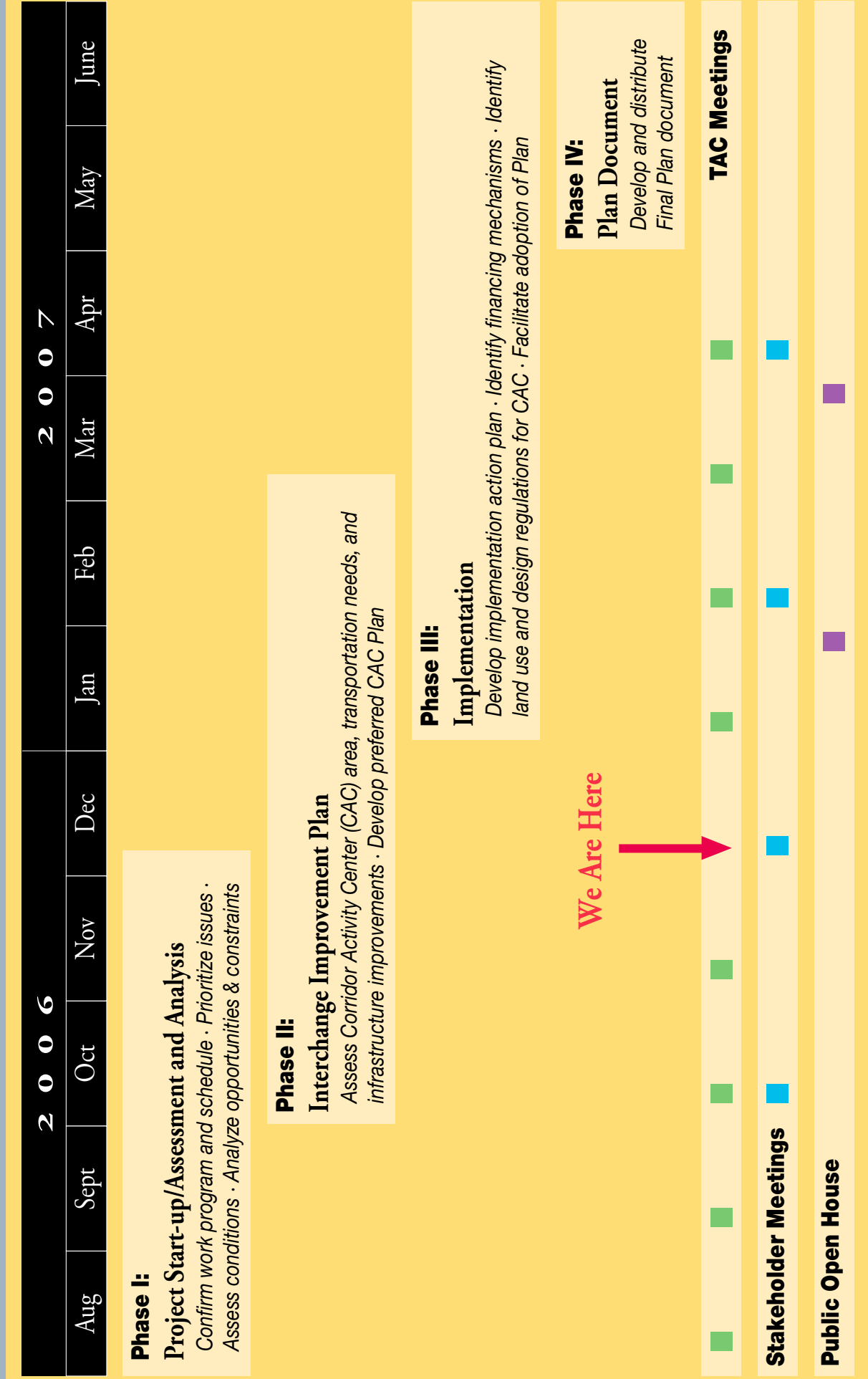




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## Project Schedule



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# Stakeholder Bulletin

## First Stakeholder Meeting a Success

During the first Stakeholder Group Meeting held on October 11th, the staff and consultant team provided a general overview of the project, initial base information, planning process schedule and expected end products. Most importantly, during the October meeting the Group shared first hand their issues and goals for represented properties in the area. Progress and action are paramount to the success of the plan!

As a follow-up to the Stakeholder Group Meeting, the team met with the western property owners and discussed several topics, including the Frontage Road alignment and environmental issues.

## Help Spread the Word

The success of the I-25/SH392 Interchange Improvement Plan will be influenced by the level of input provided by stakeholders. Please let your neighbors know about the group meetings and encourage them to attend. If you know a stakeholder that hasn't been contacted, let Pete or Joe know and they'll place them on the invite list.

If you missed the first meeting, please request the Stakeholder Meeting I Bulletin from the contacts below.

## CONTACT THE PROJECT SPONSORS

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the I-25/SH392 Interchange Improvement Plan, please contact the project sponsors:

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## SAVE THE DATE

Be sure to mark the following meetings on your calendar:

January 31, 2007: Public Meeting

February 14, 2007: Stakeholder Meeting III



## Opportunities and Constraints Summary

The I-25/SH392 Interchange study area is regionally important because of its role as a gateway to Fort Collins and Windsor and its proximity to the critical habitat and other resource values at Fossil Creek Reservoir. The project is an opportunity to create an inviting entrance for both communities that reflects and preserves the area's unique environmental features.

Valuable features of the study area to build upon include:

- Outstanding views of preserved open space, the reservoir, and rare wildlife activity
- Integral gateway of two growing communities
- Consumer visibility from highway and through streets
- New planned road improvements
- Proposed BRT station near the interchange
- Large areas of vacant land

Potential of relocating the frontage road to create a new north south street  
Key constraints in the area include:

- Sensitive wildlife habitats including bald eagle feeding and roosting areas
- Wetland and riparian systems
- Required wetland, wildlife and habitat buffer requirements
- Land topography changes
- Floodplain and dam spillway areas
- Existing traffic congestion around the interchange
- Unconsolidated parcels of vacant land with many owners
- Adjacent land uses include rural estate housing

These opportunities and constraints will set the stage for a preferred vision for the area.

## Land Use Options

With forward-thinking planning, the study area has the potential to create a unique sense of place that solidifies the long-term status of the area as an attractive, revenue-generating gateway to Windsor and Fort Collins.

Three fundamental drivers of the land use plan for the area are the preferred Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) station in the immediate area of the interchange, the existing open space amenities at Fossil Creek Reservoir, and a series of transportation improvements (including relocating the frontage road). Development would build upon these three resources, creating new employment areas, neighborhoods, commercial areas, and a system of connected open space areas. Mixed use developments will capitalize on the BRT station, creating transportation options and a walkable community. Two new bridges- one at the interchange and one smaller pedestrian crossing- will create a striking gateway that identifies the interchange and the communities as a whole.

## Project Team Explores Funding Options

One of the prevailing comments the team heard at the first meeting is that the plan should focus on funding. The team is currently evaluating a number of funding options, including special improvement districts and a combination public/private partnership. As viable funding options are developed they will be shared with the stakeholder group.

Based on previous projects, it is estimated that the I-25/SH392 Interchange project could cost about \$22 million.

