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SUBJECT: Area of Potential Effects (APE) Consultation, I-25 Dillon Drive Environmental Assessment,
Pueblo County

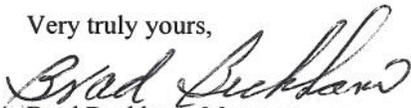
Dear Mr. Nichols:

This letter and the attached map constitute the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) request for review of the APE associated with the project referenced above. CDOT, with officials from the City of Pueblo, have developed a new access at I-25 and Dillon Drive and I-25 and Eden Road. This proposed new access to I-25 would require construction of a new bridge over I-25 at Dillon Drive and new on- and off-ramps to I-25 south of the bridge at Dillon Drive. These new ramps would replace the existing ramps at the south half of the Eden Interchange. This configuration, called a "split diamond interchange", provides all of the movements of a typical "diamond" interchange except the freeway connections are split between two nearby roads. In this case, the connection would be from Dillon Drive and Eden Road. A new two-way road along the west side of I-25 at the existing frontage road would connect the south half of this interchange at Dillon Drive with the north half at Eden Road. In addition, a new rear access drive will be constructed west of the businesses fronting the I-25 access road on the west side of the interstate. This project is being documented as part of an Environmental Assessment (EA).

Consultation with Amy Pallante of your staff occurred in a meeting dated January 7, 2009, at which time the details of the proposed APE were discussed. In addition, known historic properties within the APE were identified. The proposed boundary is located 375 feet from the edge of the proposed improvements on the south side of the project corridor, and 500 feet from the edge of proposed improvements on the north side. The area within the APE consists of recently developed commercial land to the west of I-25 and undeveloped land with multiple linear transportation resources to the east of I-25. On both the east and west sides of I-25, the proposed APE width varies to account for the proposed visual impacts and potential rear access road to the west. Please refer to the enclosed map for an illustration of the APE.

We request your review of the APE boundary as represented on the enclosed map, and your acknowledgement that consultation has taken place. Your response is necessary for CDOT'S and FHWA's compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. If you require additional information, please contact CDOT Assistant Staff Historian Jennifer Wahlers at (303) 757-9758.

Very truly yours,


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Enclosure: APE map

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