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September 23, 2009

Mr. Edward C. Nichols
State Historic Preservation Officer
Colorado Historical Society
1300 Broadway
Denver, CO 80203

SUBJECT: Revised Area of Potential Effects and Determinations of Eligibility and Effects, I-25
Dillon Drive Environmental Assessment, Pueblo County (CHS #53973)

Dear Mr. Nichols:

This letter, with supporting documentation, constitutes a request for review of the revised Area of Potential Effects (APE), and concurrence with additional determinations of eligibility, as well as effects, for the project referenced above. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), in cooperation with the City of Pueblo, has developed plans for a new access at I-25 and Dillon Drive, and also at I-25 and Eden Road. Your office concurred with our findings of eligibility in a letter dated February 17, 2009.

Area of Potential Effects

The APE established for the undertaking takes into consideration potential direct and indirect effects associated with the proposed construction. Your office approved of the APE in a letter to CDOT dated January 19, 2009. Since the APE approval and your concurrence with eligibility determinations, however, it has been determined that additional property will be necessary both southwest and southeast of the intersection of Platteville Boulevard/Dillon Drive and I-25 in order to accommodate drainage improvements and the use of soil previously stockpiled for the project. A new APE map is attached which highlights these expansion areas. The original on-the-ground survey was expanded to encompass the expanded APE, and an addendum report is attached specific to that inventory.

Eligibility Determinations

Within the expanded APE, no buildings, structures or prehistoric archaeological sites were identified. The only features found and recorded were extensions of two linear resources previously documented in the original APE.

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Segment (SPE1665.12): This segment of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad extends southeastward into the expanded APE for an additional 700 feet, lengthening the surveyed segment from 1,700 feet to a total of 2,400 linear feet. This additional portion contains no new features or characteristics that warrant a change to the National Register eligibility of the resource with which you concurred in your February 17 letter. As a result, survey of this additional segment maintains the previous determination of non-support of the NRHP eligibility of the entire linear resource.

US Highway 85 (SPE6890.1): The former US Highway 85 roadway extends southeastward into the expanded APE for a length of 200 feet, thereby lengthening the surveyed segment from 1,040 feet to a total of 1,240 feet. The additional segment is a continuation of the concrete-paved roadbed surveyed in


Notification of Section 4(f) De Minimis Determination

This project has been determined to have *no adverse effect* to the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad (5PE1776.12, 5PE1776.13, 5PE1776.14,) US Highway 85 (5PE6890.1), and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad (5PE1665.12). Based on the *no adverse effect* finding, FHWA may make a *de minimis* finding for the Section 4(f) requirements for these properties.

We request your comments on the expanded APE, concurrence with the determinations of eligibility and effect outlined herein, and an acknowledgement of the 4(f) *de minimis* finding. This information has been forwarded to the City of Pueblo Historic Preservation Commission for review. Once we receive the historical society's comments we will forward them to you.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. If you require additional information in order to complete your review, please contact CDOT Assistant Staff Historian Jennifer Wahlers at (303) 757-9758.

Very truly yours,


for Brad Beckham, Manager
Environmental Programs Branch

Enclosures: Addendum Report
[Plan Sheet](#)

cc: Judy DeHaven, CDOT Region 2
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Mr. Wade Broadhead, Staff Planner
Historic Preservation Commission
City of Pueblo
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SUBJECT: Revised Area of Potential Effects and Determinations of Eligibility and Effects, I-25
Dillon Drive Environmental Assessment, Pueblo County

Dear Mr. Broadhead:

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We are providing the City Historic Preservation Commission with an opportunity to submit comments on the expanded APE, as well as the determinations of eligibility and effects and Section 4(f) *de minimis* finding outlined herein. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. If you require additional information in order to complete your review, please contact CDOT Assistant Staff Historian Jennifer Wahlers at (303) 757-9758.

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