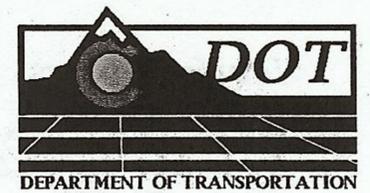


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Mr. Wade Broadhead
City of Pueblo Historic Preservation Commission
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SUBJECT: Updated Information, I-25 Dillon Drive Environmental Assessment, Pueblo County

Dear Mr. Broadhead:

We last corresponded with you regarding this project on September 23, 2009. In early October, the State Historic Preservation Officer agreed with the revised Area of Potential Effects (APE) and concurred with CDOT's eligibility and effect determinations. Since that time it has been determined that additional impacts to the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad (5PE1665.12) will be necessary. The graphic of the revised APE sent previously indicated that very little, if any, of the railroad grade would be directly impacted by the project. Because of necessary grading along the embankment of the frontage road, however, it has now been determined that more of the railroad segment will be impacted (please see attached graphic).

Effects Determination

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad segment (5PE1665.12): At this location the new on- and off-ramps will be constructed south of Platteville Boulevard/Dillon Drive, resulting in approximately 0.2 acres of the segment being impacted by grading activities. This segment was determined to not support the eligibility of the entire Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. Therefore, we have determined that the project will still result in a finding of *no adverse effect*.

Notification of Section 4(f) De Minimis Determination

The 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 are providing the City Historic Preservation Commission with an opportunity to submit comments on the determination of effects for the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad (5PE1665) based on the updated impact information and the 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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Very truly yours,



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Enclosures: Updated APE and Impact graphic

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