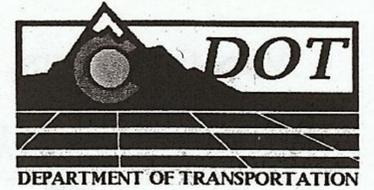


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**SUBJECT:** Updated Information, I-25 Dillon Drive Environmental Assessment, Pueblo County  
(CHS #53973)

Dear Mr. Nichols:

We last corresponded with you regarding this project on September 23, 2009. In early October you indicated your agreement 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 (SPE1665.12) 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 (SPE1665.12):** 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 (SPE1776.12, SPE1776.13, SPE1776.14,) US Highway 85 (SPE6890.1), and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad (SPE1665.12). 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 concurrence with the determination of effects for the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad (SPE1665) based on the updated impact information, 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 preservation commission'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: Updated APE and Impact graphic

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