

Resolution # TC-1717

Approval to pursue the option to eliminate the Larkspur Rest Area facilities and convert to chain-up and chain-down stations

WHEREAS, by statute, the Transportation Commission responsibilities include formulating general policy with respect to the management, construction, and maintenance of public highways and other transportation systems in the state; and

WHEREAS, safety, potential legal liability and functional concerns at the Larkspur Rest Areas on Interstate 25 prompted a maintenance review; and

WHEREAS, the facilities require more than \$500 thousand annually in maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, the existing layout makes monitoring the rest areas difficult and the parking layout does not safely accommodate the volume and the variation in vehicle sizes that frequent the site; and

WHEREAS, the demand for commercial vehicle chain-up and chain-down stations is increasing; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission considered options that were analyzed based on public comment for comparison purposes, specifically, no action; eliminating the facilities and converting to chain-up and chain-down stations; upgrading and repairing the existing facilities; building new facilities; combining the two rest areas at a new location; and exploring public/private partnership options; and

WHEREAS, 24-92-109, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended, requires CDOT to prepare a cost estimate for construction, alteration, repair, demolition or improvement projects to be undertaken by CDOT maintenance crews that exceed \$50 thousand but are less than or equal to \$150 thousand for submission to the Transportation Commission for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the demolition of existing rest area buildings and asbestos abatement, sign removal and placement, overlay of parking lot, installation of fence and gates, seeding and mulching, and erosion control cost estimate is \$900 thousand.

WHEREAS, work for conversion to a chain-up and chain-down station will be performed incrementally with portions of the work to be performed using a competitive bid process and portions of the work to be performed by various CDOT work units, all in compliance with law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the safety and welfare of the traveling public and based on public comment, the Transportation Commission hereby approves pursuing the option to eliminate the Larkspur Rest Area facilities and convert to chain-up and chain-down stations.