

Resolution # TC-

Adoption of Policy Directive 1904.0 “National Environmental Policy Act Compliance”

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 43-1-106(8)(a), C.R.S., the Colorado Transportation Commission is charged with formulating general policy with respect to the management, construction, and maintenance of public highways and other transportation systems in the state; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado Department of Transportation (“CDOT”) is required to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended, codified at 42 U.S.C. §§4321 - 4370 (“NEPA”) for any project with a federal nexus; and

WHEREAS, the environmental section in the stewardship agreement between CDOT and the Federal Highway Administration sets forth how the agencies will work together to ensure that NEPA and other applicable environmental legislation, regulations and policy direction are followed; and

WHEREAS, under the stewardship agreement, CDOT is responsible for facilitating the preparation of statewide policy and procedural directives, providing technical assistance, conducting continuous technical training, providing quality assurance, and maintaining and continually improving CDOT’s NEPA Manual; and

WHEREAS, this Policy Directive establishes that those working on NEPA projects use the NEPA Manual to implement NEPA in an effective manner, producing more consistent, improved environmental documents so that decision-makers can make well-informed transportation decisions, and

WHEREAS, this Policy Directive replaces the need for Procedural Directive 702.1, “Reviewed Procedures for Environmental Impact Statements” adopted on May 31, 1977, which is no longer accurate and is now captured within the NEPA Manual; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission herein ADOPTS Policy Directive 1904.00.0 “National Environmental Policy Act Compliance.”