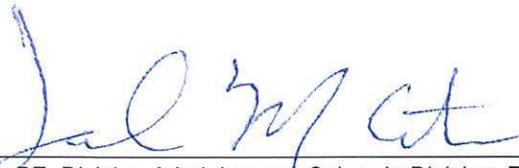


9.0 RECORD OF DECISION

Based on the information contained in the *Final Environmental Impact Statement and Section 4(f) Evaluation for I-25 Improvements through Pueblo*, which has been incorporated by reference in this Record of Decision, and information contained in this Record of Decision, the Federal Highway Administration concludes that selecting Phase 1 of the Preferred Alternative for the I-25 New Pueblo Freeway Project (as described in this document) is in the best overall public interest, uses all practicable means to restore and enhance the quality of the human environment and avoids or minimizes and possible adverse effects. Based on the considerations identified in the Section 4(f) Evaluation, the Federal Highway Administration also concludes that there are no feasible and prudent alternatives to the use of Section 4(f) protected lands and that the proposed action includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the identified Section 4(f) properties resulting from such use.



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