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<p>Sent: May 8, 2004  Name: Steve <u>Gaalema</u>  Address: 12930 Morris Trail  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80908</p> <p>It appears the worst southbound congestion on the northern part of I25 is between Woodmen and Nevada (only 2 lanes vs. 3 northbound). The worst northbound is from merging on-ramps at Woodmen, Briargate, and Interquest. All of these could be greatly improved by just adding lanes which would be much faster and lower cost than rebuilding intersections (such as at Nevada).  Why is adding these lanes not the priority?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p>Transportation:  Questions  interchange  reconfiguration</p>	<p>Sent: March 28, 2004  Name: Matt <u>Gaebler</u>  Address: 5290 Lanagan St.  City: Colorado Springs, CO 80903  State: CO  Zip: 80919</p> <p>Having read the available material, I can say that I am not at all interested in the Preble's mouse or it's habitat. Nor am I overly concerned with the noise levels of those who chose to live near the major arterial freeway in the Springs, knowing full well the freeway--and noise levels--would someday grow. Nonetheless, noise mitigating walls should be used. Having spent some time in Dallas where HOV lanes were implemented in an abject failure to influence the public's driving habits I argue strongly against their usage here. To this day, those HOV lanes in Dallas are empty while traffic is gridlocked.  This is because the public's driving habits are influenced by the suburban nature of where they live versus where they work and shop; and HOV lanes cannot change this overnight or, really, ever.  Instead, I25 should be widened immediately to 3 full lanes in each direction without HOV lanes and the money that would have been used to widen it to 4 lanes should be used as seed money to begin a light rail/rapid transit system along the corridor using the existing rail lines. An inexpensive, functional and attractive rapid transit system WILL affect the distribution of where the public lives versus where they work and shop over time. Just take a trip to Dallas and look at the renovation and building near almost any DART station.  Our urban and suburban sprawl is unsustainable. I25 widening, while necessary, is only a band-aid to a symptom of the disease of sprawl. Apply the band-aid but treat the disease as well and we will reap the benefits of reduced water usage and pollution per capita as well as making our city more attractive to capital investment and tourists.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p>Noise:  Provide mitigation</p> <p>Alternatives  Considered:  Build transit instead  of HOV lane</p> <p>NEPA Process</p>
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<p>Sent: April 24, 2004  Name: Thomas L. <u>Gallagher</u>  Address: 1832 London Carriage Grove  City: Colorado Springs  State: Co  Zip: 80920</p> <p>We need the work on I-25 completed ASAP. As you know, I-25 is the main north-south arterial for those of us living in the Springs as well as those passing through town. I use it in my work several times a day.</p> <p>You can't start soon enough as far as my associates and I are concerned. Keep up the good work, and THANKS!!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p>	<p><i>the 1800's and now is at great risk. Think. Take a walk through the park... missing huge trees on the boundary, missing the lilacs, missing the peace. Think again. Listen, and make decisions for generations to come - to have a sense of our past as well as our future. Gary and Lynn Gann  3121 Wood Ave.  C.S. CO 80907</i></p> <p><i>Doesn't this look appealing? Unusual, and prepared with love... like our neighborhood. It is appalling that the city would sacrifice the most beautiful, protected and unusual neighborhood, without regard for historic significance and home owner pride. The Old North End is a treasure, not a sea of sameness, not a treeless desert, not a thoughtless, ugly greedy sprawl. It has existed with dignity and pride of ownership since.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General Opposition</p>
<p>April 7, 2004</p> <p>Wilson &amp; Company  455 E. Pikes Peak Ave.  Suite 200  Colorado Springs, CO 80903</p> <p style="text-align: right;">APR 14 2004</p> <p>RE: I-25 Project</p> <p>As an everyday driver of I-25 I want to encourage the widening and expanded traffic capacity on the corridor through Colorado Springs. I want to see it done as soon as possible.</p> <p>I approve the plans described in the newspaper and shown on-line at CDOT and strongly hope for quick action to complete this project.</p> <p>Sincerely,    Mary Gannon  19160 Pagentry Place  Monument, CO 80132</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p>	<p>Sent: April 16, 2004  Name: Terence L. <u>Gardner</u>  Address: 7155 Abilene Dr.  City: Peyton  State: CO  Zip: 80831</p> <p>Let's get this project done!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p>

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<p>Sent: April 15, 2004  Name: della <u>garelle</u>  Address: 324 spring st  City: manitou springs  State: co  Zip: 80829</p> <p>I don NOT think we need to widen I-25. What we need instead is mass transit such as better bus servie or ideally train service up and down the front range to include Colorado Springs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p>General Opposition</p> <p>Alternatives Considered:  Mass transit</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">William B. Garrison  1528 Wood Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado  80907  May 2, 2004</p> <p>I-25 Project Office  c/o Wilson &amp; Company  455 E. Pike's Peak Ave., Suite 200  Colorado Springs, CO 80903</p> <p>Dear Sirs:</p> <p>I write this letter to express my concern about the potential increase in highway noise that the proposed I-25 widening and associated traffic levels will inevitably cause.</p> <p>The reflection of sound from the noise barriers erected with the last widening has clearly increased the sound on the East side of the highway. This project provides the opportunity to <i>reduce, rather than increase</i> the noise impact on the surrounding communities.</p> <p>I am asking you to re-evalaate the choice of road surface for the project, specifically the <i>use of quieter material than longitudinally sined concrete</i>. Rubberized asphalt would be a far better choice. As I am sure you know several studies in Arizona and elsewhere have shown noise reduction up to 6 decibels with that material. If it holds up in Flagstaff at 7000 feet and more heat and snow than we see here then it can work in Colorado Springs.</p> <p>I don't want to suggest that CDGT should not address traffic density needs but these needs must be approached with an eye to the total impact on both those driving on and living near the highways.</p> <p>Sincerely,    William B. Garrison</p> <p>Telephone: (719) 473-5588      Cellular: (719) 660-3375      Fax: (719) 634-4001</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p>Noise</p> <p>Alternatives considered:  Rubberized asphalt</p>
<p>Sent: April 23, 2004  Name: Bob <u>Garner</u>  Address: 30 Woodmen Ct  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80919</p> <p>I think it is crucial that to improve Interstate 25 through the Colorado Springs urbanized area as detailed in the Interstate 25 Environmental Assessment. I drive the I every day. The continuation of improvements will keep us ahead of the potential gridlock mess that is coming our way.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p>	<p>Sent: March 31, 2004  Name: Dave <u>Gendron</u>  Address: 532 Bear Paw Lane So  City: Colorado Springs  State: co  Zip: 80906</p> <p>the report Appears to be thorough and reasonable. Some freeway areas are definetely in need of attention for safety, including the Filmore northbound onramp.</p> <p>I believe the improvements are necessary. However, I also believe a COS to Denver mass transit system is vital. This would reduce the growing pressure on the freeway in the future. When I commuted daily from DEN to COS several years ago, I had no option but to drive on the freeway. This was a problem, and I eventually had to move closer to my work.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p> <p>Alternatives Considered:  Mass transit from Denver to Colorado Springs</p>

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<p>Sent: May 6, 2004  Name: Richard <u>Gibson</u>  Address: 6270 Spurwood Dr  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80918</p> <p>I have lived in CS since 1971 and have traveled I25 to work and otherwise over the years. In my opinion, it should have been widened at least 15 years ago and thus the project should proceed without further delays. Much smaller communities are receiving improvements before CS like Castle Rock and Monument and even Park Meadows to Castle Rock. Although the environment is important, the quality of life of our environment has suffered by undue congestion creating excess smog, consuming more gas than necessary due stop and go traffic and causing drivers to lose patience when traffic comes to a halt routinely every day. With the improvements made to the south end of the city, one wonders what visitors think when the interstate widens when you are leaving the city rather than entering!</p>	<p><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p>General Support</p>	<p>Sent: April 6, 2004  Name: Robert M. <u>Gilkes</u>  Address: 1380 Vondelpark Dr.  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80907</p> <p>I feel as though we should be active in our approach in following environmental requirements as it pertains to property owners effected by the improvements that are so desperately needed along the I-25 corridor. Colorado Springs has been far too slow in keeping pace with ever increasing traffic usage. I look forward to the congestion created by the improvements to our local highway system.</p>	<p><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p>General Support</p>
<p>Sent: April 21, 2004  Name: Christian <u>Gile</u>  Address: P.O. Box 62324  City: Colorado Springs  State: Co  Zip: 80962</p> <p>I strongly support the initiative. We need more effecient traffic flow through I-25. We can only benefit by increased revenue as well as shorter commute times as traffic increases.</p>	<p>General Support</p>	<p>Sent: April 8, 2004  Name: Craig and Beryl <u>Glass</u>  Address: 2240 Kittridge Ave.  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80919</p> <p>It looks comprehensive and favorablename. We supoort the expansion of I-25 and the construction of more effective east-west thoroughfares.</p>	<p>General Support</p> <p>Alternatives considered:  East-West Routes</p>
<p>Sent: April 21, 2004  Name: Kimberly <u>Gile</u>  Address: 2436 Raywood View  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80920</p> <p>I strongly support the Assessment study and the proposed capacity improvements. Colorado Springs desperately needs the increase in transportation capacity.</p>	<p>General Support</p>		

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<p>Sent: April 22, 2004  Name: Steve <u>Glisan</u>  Address: 5753 Windridge Point  City: Colorado springs  State: CO  Zip: 80908</p> <p>This is a MUST DO! As a resident and Realtor here in Colorado Springs for 18 years, I-25 has become impassable and dangerous.</p> <p>The front range will grow at record rates in the next ten years. You can say "Don't build it and they won't come", but we live in a beautiful place and the growth will come. The only decision now is "How congested do you want the traffic to be?".</p> <p>We need this and we need it soon. I would vote yes on any improvements.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p>	<p>Sent: April 16, 2004  Name: John <u>Godsey</u>  Address: 7854 Ultra Drive  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80920</p> <p>I felt the study was complete and provided viable solutions. Clearly, we are attempting to only eliminate existing problems. Based on growth projections, I-25 through Colorado Springs will need at least 8 general purpose lanes. Incorporating some "vision" further into this proposed project would be great! At a minimum, the expansion of I-25 to a minimum of 6 general purpose lanes and the redesign/construction of the proposed interchanges must happen to facilitate the expeditious flow of vehicular traffic. Beyond the hugh congestion that occurs every day and backs up traffic for miles, the construction is necessary as a matter of public safety. So much work has been either completed or is underway on I-25 through Denver. Colorado Springs is due! Colorado Springs is the second largest city in Colorado spreading out nearly 200 sq miles with a backlog of infrastructure projects. The population will exceed 500,000 people within the next 8 to 10 years. I believe the minor environmental impact cannot impede the progress that is necessary.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p>
<p>Sent: April 12, 2004  Name: John A. <u>Gloriod</u>  Address: 1555 Napoli Way  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80906</p> <p>It is very thorough and well done. Let us move forward with the !-25 improvements.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p>	<p>Sent: April 15, 2004  Name: Kelly <u>Golden</u>  Address: 2890 S. Hudson St  City: Denver  State: co  Zip: 80222</p> <p>I think it is a move in the right direction. I drive from mile marker 202 down to mile marker 138 on a daily basis and believe me, the worst part is from N Academy down thru the city. Do the expansion I am all for it</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p>

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<p>Sent: April 15, 2004          Name: Matthew R <u>Grage</u>          Address: 717 N Tejon Street          City: Colorado Springs          State: CO          Zip: 80903</p> <p>I am strongly in favor of the widening of I-25. This community is going to continue to grow. All one has to do is look at their window at Pikes peak and the front range to know that this is a fabulous place to live. The widening of I-25 is a must. The North End neighborhood would suffer even more noise if the rest of I-25 is widened and the that short stretch is left at two lanes. The traffic would stack up at the that point. Please widen I-25.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p>	<p>May 10, 2004</p> <p>Vance <u>Grasso</u>          2517 W. Kiowa          C/S, CO 80904</p> <p>Please see the same comments from Susan M. Dewey.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General Opposition</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEPA Process</p>
<p>Sent: April 16, 2004          Name: Earl E. <u>Grant</u>          Address: 520 Pluto Drive          City: Colorado Springs          State: co          Zip: 80906</p> <p>The study appears adequate. The impact minimal. The project should proceed immediately.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p>		

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<p>Sent: May 12, 2004  Name: David D. <u>Gray</u>  Address: 7226 White Buffalo Road  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80919</p> <p>I believe that Interstate 25 needs to be improved right now. Do not wait another day, month or year(s)!! This freeway should be 6 lanes already and we should be talking about 8 lanes!! If not for the past two idiot Governors, (not Owens, the prior two). Their thinking was "if we don't build it, they won't come!" Nonsense! Please make these improvements now and relieve the pressure of driving across Colorado Springs and up and down the front range from those of us taxpayers frustrated seeing Denver improve their roads while ours are seriously underdeveloped. I'm tired of it. I am at the point where I am considering moving because I am so stressed by driving around here.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p>	<p>Sent: April 22, 2004  Name: George <u>Greco</u>  Address: 1924 N. Cascade Ave #3  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80907</p> <p>The study proposes a very reasonable solution for current and future traffic on I-25. The sooner this solution is implemented the better.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p>
<p>Sent: May 12, 2004  Name: Ida I. <u>Gray</u>  Address: 4316 Ridgecrest Drive  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80918</p> <p>I think this interstate definitely needs to have these improvements done immediately! Please do not waste another second talking about it, like Nike says, "just do it!" so should CDOT! We are already 20 years behind in these improvements, while Denver continues to spend all of our tax money on their road improvements. We need some now. I get so frustrated driving around southern Colorado I have been tempted to move many times. Save us all and get this work done.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p>	<p>Recorded April 22, 2004  Bill <u>Groom</u>  See comments in "Public Hearing Transcripts" in Appendix C</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Socioeconomics:  Construction  should be staged  to minimize  impacts at Bijou</p>

