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# Project Charter Document Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) City of Lakewood, RTD, and CH2M HILL <u>6<sup>th</sup> Avenue / Wadsworth Boulevard Environmental Assessment</u>

# **Project Agency Charter Team Membership**

This project team is comprised of the:

- Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)
- Federal Highways Administration (FHWA)
- City of Lakewood
- RTD
- CH2M HILL

# Purpose/Vision of the Project

The purpose of the project is to:

Deliver a NEPA decision document that is endorsed and supported by the public and stakeholders. The result of the study will be a product that accomplishes the goals and values of this charter agreement.

### Goals:

- Ensure the right people are making the right decisions at the right time.
- Create a product that the team takes pride in.
- Identify efficiencies that complement the NEPA process.
- Create a benchmark for other NEPA studies by documenting best practices and lessons learned.
- Bring all issues to table early and resolve in a cooperative manner.

### Values:

- Build trust by respecting each other's perspectives, with open and honest communications.
- Maintain a professional approach. Trust that each team member will perform their assigned role in a timely fashion.
- There is no such thing as a "stupid question".
- Be responsible to the public by dealing honestly and openly with public

# **Measures of Success**

- Accomplish work within agreed schedule and budget
- Concurrence of key stakeholders throughout process
- Obtain approvals at major decision milestones
- Positive public feedback
- Timely and constructive resolution of issues
- Promote innovation in the NEPA process (measures to be developed later)

# **Operating Rules**

- Agencies and stakeholders must bring forward fully defined issues, resolutions or agreements. Agencies must resolve issues among their internal departments and present positions as a unified voice.
- The responsible individuals identified in the charter will facilitate internal issues within its own agency. It is not a project leadership role to resolve internal agency issues.
- Each agency identifies the "authority" for providing input based on the Activity / Involvement matrix. Authority individuals communicate roles to internal project staff.

# Roles and Responsibilities

- Project Manager Seyed Kalantar, CDOT. Responsible for delivery of the completed EA to FHWA.
- Resident Engineer Randy Furst, CDOT. Responsible for quality and completeness of EA delivery.
- Environmental Manager Kirk Webb, CDOT. Responsible for managing EA document development.
- Project Authority Marcee Allen, FHWA. Central point of contact and responsible for NEPA process oversight. Final approval authority will reside with Michael Davies.
- Cooperating Agency Contact Dennis Cole, RTD. Authority for issue identification, review and concurrence of EA for RTD.
- Partnering Agency Contact Allen Albers, City of Lakewood. Authority for issue identification, review and concurrence of EA from City of Lakewood.
- Consultant Project Manager Tim Eversoll, CH2M HILL. Responsible for consultant team performance and contract deliverables.

# Activity / Involvement Levels

Activity	CDOT	FHWA	RTD	City of Lakewood	Public (Hearings and other feedback)
Design Criteria	R	Α	R	R	I
Purpose and Needs Statement	R	A	С	C	С
Logical Termini	R	Α	С	С	I
Alternatives Evaluation Criteria	R	A	С	С	С
Alternatives Development/ Conceptual Design	R	A	С	С	С
Evaluation of Alternatives	R	Α	С	С	Ι
Selection of Preferred Alternative	R	Α	I	I	I
Impacts, Avoidance and Mitigation Strategies	R	A	R	R	С
Review of Draft EA Document (30 days public comments and response)	R	A	С	С	С
Decision Document Approval and Announcement	R	A	I	I	I

## **RACI Definitions:**

- Responsible Individual or organization that work to achieve the task; may be multiple organizations responsible
- Accountable Resource ultimately accountable for the completion of the task there
  must be only one Accountable specified for each task
- Consulted Stakeholders whose input is sought. May be multiple resources specified as Consulted. Involves two-way communication.
- Informed Stakeholders who are kept up-to-date on progress. Involves one-way communication from a Responsible stakeholder to the informed stakeholder.

# **Escalation and Resolution Process**

When an issue or problem arises that would require review, discussion, investigation or resolution by multiple stakeholders, the following process will be followed:

- Proactive identification and discussion of issues using the appropriate forums avoids creating fire drills
- Timely resolution requires that appropriate decision makers are engaged as soon as possible
- Make decisions at the front-line levels as much as possible
- Fair hearing of issues put aside personal agendas
- Live by the precepts of the Mission Statement and support final decision
- Escalate to next level if required provide facts and alternative solutions
- Identified decision-makers are "equal" in authority for each level

## Problem Solving Framework

- Used for: Regulatory changes, policy changes, scope changes, etc.
- Addressed by Project Agency Project Team (PACT) identified in this Charter
  - Addressed with a meeting to include all participants
  - Agreement of approach amendment to scope, or decision to proceed without change, or stop the study
  - Decisions will be made at regularly scheduled meetings or will be deferred to a date agreed upon by the Project Senior Management Team
- Decision is supported by all involved stakeholders
- Plan to implement agreement (if necessary)

# Charter Endorsement

The Chartering participants listed below accept responsibility to follow the guidelines of this document to further the development of the EA supporting this construction project. Furthermore, subsequent replacements to these positions and responsibilities listed herein will also adhere to the guidelines of this chartering document, to continue in cooperative activity to accomplish this project to the maximum possible benefit of all stakeholders involved.

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Kirk Webb	CDOT	MINUND
Dennis Cole	RTD	SunapCole
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APPENDIX C DOCUMENTS Scoping Meeting

Persons and Agencies Receiving August 2007 Scoping Meeting Invitation

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Tim Carey, Chief	United State Army Corps of Engineers
Allen Albers, Traffic Engineer	City of Lakewood

# STATE OF COLORADO

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** 

Region 6 2000 South Holly Street Denver, Colorado 80222 720-497-6950



July 25, 2007

Dear Ms. Tammy Allen Water Quality Colorado Department of Transportation Environmental Programs Branch, 4201 E Arkansas Avenue Denver, CO 80222

## Subject: Invitation to Participate in Agency Scoping Meetings for the US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment – August 16, 2007, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Dear Ms. Allen:

On behalf of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA), I would like to invite you to an informational scoping meeting for the US 6 (6<sup>th</sup> Avenue) and Wadsworth Boulevard Environmental Assessment (EA) on **August 16, 2007** from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. CDOT and FHWA are preparing this EA in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and FHWA NEPA-implementing regulations (Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations [CFR], Parts 1500-1508 [40 CFR 1500-1508] and 23 CFR 771, respectively). The Regional Transportation District (RTD) is a cooperating agency for the EA, and the City of Lakewood is a partnering agency.

In the EA, CDOT will evaluate transportation improvements for the US 6 and Wadsworth Boulevard interchange and for Wadsworth Boulevard between approximately 3rd Avenue and 13th Avenue. CDOT, the City of Lakewood, and area residents have identified these transportation improvements as among the highest priorities in the west metro area. The US 6 and Wadsworth Boulevard interchange is a gateway to Lakewood's downtown (Belmar) and city center (Lakewood Commons) areas. Wadsworth Boulevard is a highly traveled commuter and bus transit corridor and the only continuous north-south through street in the west metro area.

CDOT is collecting data to better characterize transportation and infrastructure needs and the environmental resources present in the project area. Enclosed is a short project fact sheet. We will distribute a Scoping Packet with more information the week of August 6, 2007. Some of the transportation issues we must address include traffic congestion, neighborhood and business access, poor interchange operations, high accident rates, undersized drainage facilities, and inadequate bicycle and pedestrian facilities. We will be challenged to develop transportation improvements while minimizing community and environmental impacts.

In an effort to streamline our discussions with federal, state, and local agencies with interest in the project, we have divided our August 16 agency scoping meeting into three sessions in order to group

topics of interest and focus discussion. We hope that this format will allow you to have more time to discuss the issues of importance to your agency and to interact with other agencies with similar interests. The following is the schedule of meeting times, invited agencies, and topics. We have included Colorado Department of Transportation in the 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. session. Please note that the information that CDOT will present at these sessions will be identical, but it is anticipated that discussion will be targeted to the areas of interest listed for the sessions. CDOT, FHWA, RTD, and the City of Lakewood plan to participate in each session.

Time	Invited Agencies	Topics of Interest
8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Colorado Department of Local Affairs Colorado State Parks Denver Regional Council of Governments Department of Housing and Urban Development Federal Transit Administration Jefferson County Open Space Jefferson Economic Council U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	<ul> <li>Social and Community Resources</li> <li>Bicycles/Pedestrians</li> <li>Cumulative Impacts</li> <li>Environmental Justice</li> <li>Land Use</li> <li>Public Involvement</li> <li>Right of Way</li> <li>Socioeconomics</li> <li>Visual/Aesthetic Considerations</li> </ul>
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Air Pollution Control Division Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Hazardous Materials and Waste Division Department of Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance Jefferson County Department of Health and Environment Jefferson County Highways and Transportation Department Regional Air Quality Council State Historic Preservation Office U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	<ul> <li>Human and Built Environment</li> <li>Air Quality</li> <li>Archaeology</li> <li>Hazardous Materials</li> <li>Historic Resources</li> <li>Noise</li> <li>Paleontology</li> <li>Safety</li> <li>Section 4(f) / 6(f)</li> <li>Traffic</li> </ul>
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Colorado Division of Wildlife Federal Emergency Management Agency U.S. Environmental Protection Agency U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Urban Flood and Drainage Control District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	<ul> <li>Natural Environment</li> <li>Floodplains</li> <li>Hydraulics</li> <li>Noxious Weeds</li> <li>Stormwater</li> <li>Threatened and Endangered Species</li> <li>Vegetation</li> <li>Water Quality</li> <li>Wetlands</li> <li>Wildlife / Fisheries</li> </ul>

### Schedule of Agency Scoping Meetings, US 6 and Wadsworth EA

CDOT and FHWA are committed to completing this EA in 12 to 24 months. In order to meet a streamlined schedule, we need your help in scoping to identify all of the transportation and environmental issues that need to be addressed in the EA process. Our consultant, CH2M HILL, will be visiting your offices to drop off a Scoping Packet and answer any questions about the upcoming

meetings. Your participation is very important. Please RSVP to Ms. Mandy Whorton, CH2M HILL Environmental Manager, by Tuesday, August 14, 2007, if you plan to attend and/or have any questions about the meetings.

If this project does not require involvement of your agency, please return the enclosed form to let us know not to follow up with you about your participation.

I and the rest of the project team look forward to seeing you on August 16, 2007. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (720) 497-6955 or Ms. Whorton at 720-286-5239 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Seyed Kalantak

Seyed Kalantar, P.E CDOT Region 6 Project Manager

c: Kirk Webb, CDOT Project Environmental Manager Mandy Whorton, CH2M HILL Project Environmental Manager Project Administrative Record



Persons and Agencies Receiving Follow Up Letters after Scoping Period

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October 10, 2007

Amy Pallante State Historic Preservation Office 1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203

# Subject: End of Scoping for US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment as of August 31, 2007

Dear Ms. Pallante,

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has recently finished the scoping efforts for the Environmental Assessment (EA) of potential improvements to the US 6 (6<sup>th</sup> Avenue) and Wadsworth Boulevard (SH 121) interchange and along Wadsworth Boulevard between approximately 4<sup>th</sup>Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This letter is intended to let you know that the scoping period has ended.

We thank you for your comments during agency scoping and look forward to continuing to coordinate with you during the development of the EA and Section 106 process. We are currently finalizing the project purpose and need and have begun to identify evaluation criteria for alternatives and engineering designs. We anticipate that we will have a preferred alternative identified in the spring of 2008 and an EA document out for review in the late summer of 2008. CDOT has not identified construction funding or a construction schedule at this time.

We have prepared a *Scoping Summary Report* summarizing the comments received from agencies and the public during the scoping period. The report will soon be available on our project website at www.US6wadsworth.com. Again, thank you for you participation. If you have any questions or comments that you would like to discuss, please contact our Consultant Environmental Manager, Mandy Whorton at 720-286-5239, or visit our website.

Sincerely,

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Seyed Kalantar, P.E. CDOT Region 6 Project Manager

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October10, 2007

Clay Brown Colorado Division of Local Government 15075 S Golden Road Golden, CO 80401

# Subject: End of Scoping for US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment as of August 31, 2007

Dear Mr. Brown,

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We held our **agency scoping meetings on Thursday, August 16, 2007**. We delivered hard copy and electronic versions of the invitation to a meeting to your agency prior to July 25, 2007. In addition, prior to the scoping meetings, we distributed for your review an *Existing Conditions Summary Report* providing an overview of the transportation and environmental conditions in the study area. As of today, we have not received comments from you or other representatives of your agency and assume you do not wish to participate in the EA. We will gladly accept any comments you may have on the project at any time, and there will be many other opportunities for agency and public comment as the project progresses through the National Environmental Policy Act process.

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If you have any questions or comments that you would like to discuss, please contact our Consultant Environmental Manager, Mandy Whorton at 720-286-5239, or visit our website.

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APPENDIX C: LETTERS OF CORRESPONDENCE US 6/Wadsworth Environmental Assessment

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February 18, 2008

Mr. Bill DeGroot Urban Drainage and Flood Control District 2480 West 26th Avenue, Suite 156-B Denver, CO 80211

### Subject: US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment Progress, February 2008

Dear Mr. DeGroot:

Thank you for your continued interest in the US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment (EA). The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) continue to move quickly through the EA process, and I wanted to update you on our progress. Since August 2008 when we held our agency scoping meeting, we have been busy developing evaluation criteria and preparing preliminary design concepts for Wadsworth Boulevard between 4th and 14th Avenues and the US 6 and Wadsworth Boulevard interchange. The project website (www.US6Wadsworth.com) has been updated to reflect this progress.

# **Evaluation Criteria**

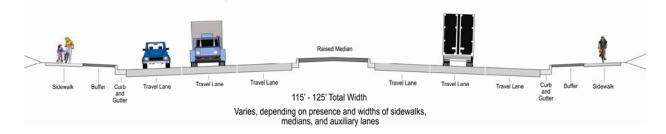
We developed evaluation criteria in two stages: Level 1 Screening and Level 2 Evaluation. The Level 1 Screening is intended to (a) eliminate from detailed analysis concepts with fatal flaws and (b) identify a reasonable range of alternatives that could meet the project purpose and need, can be implemented at a reasonable cost, and would not result in unacceptable environmental or community impacts. Level 2 Evaluation provides quantitative measures of criteria to (a) compare the design concepts carried forward from the Level 1 Screening and (b) assist in the selection of alternatives that will be carried forward for analysis in the EA. Information on the evaluation criteria is available on the project website.

# **Design Concepts**

The project team has developed and screened for fatal flaws preliminary design concepts for Wadsworth Boulevard and the interchange. Eleven Wadsworth Boulevard and eight interchange concepts were presented and explained at a Public Open House on February 12, 2008. Of these, FHWA and CDOT recommend one Wadsworth Boulevard and four interchange concepts be examined in the Level 2 Evaluation. From these, FHWA and CDOT will select alternative(s) to be considered in the EA.

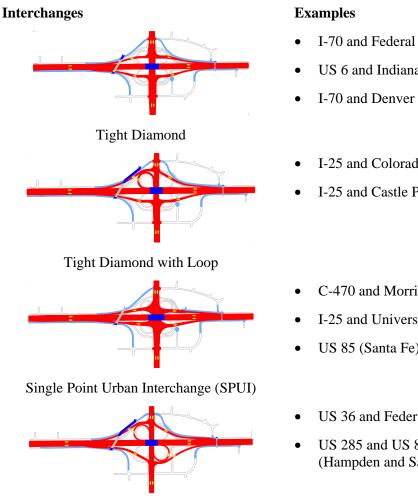
#### Wadsworth Boulevard Concepts

FHWA and CDOT recommend one Wadsworth Boulevard concept—six travel lanes with a raised median and sidewalks—be carried forward. The basic elements of this concept are shown below. It is likely that multiple alternatives, each varying the design elements, will be developed out of this concept.



### **Interchange Concepts**

FHWA and CDOT recommend the following four interchange design concepts for further evaluation.



Partial Cloverleaf

- I-70 and Federal Boulevard
- US 6 and Indiana Avenue
- I-70 and Denver West Boulevard
- I-25 and Colorado Boulevard
- I-25 and Castle Pines Parkway
- C-470 and Morrison Road
- I-25 and University Boulevard
- US 85 (Santa Fe) and Evans Avenue
- US 36 and Federal Boulevard
- US 285 and US 85 (Hampden and Santa Fe)

Additional details on the concepts can be found on the project website (see Alternatives and Study Documents pages).

# **Next Steps**

We are on track with our accelerated schedule to identify final alternative(s) in April 2008, complete a draft EA for agency and public review in August 2008, and produce a decision document by the end of the year (December 2008). We will provide you another update in April when we have identified alternatives that will be analyzed in the EA. We also will hold another public Open House at that time to present the results of the Level 2 Evaluation, including preliminary estimates of environmental, transportation, and property effects of these concepts. We do not plan any formal agency meetings until the review of the EA document in August 2008. (At that time, we plan to hold agency review meetings in a similar format to our scoping meetings.) If you have any questions or comments that you would like to discuss, please contact our Consultant Environmental Manager, Mandy Whorton (720-286-5239). Thank you for your continued interest and participation in our EA.

Sincerely,

David A. Nicol, P.E. **Division Administrator** 

APPENDIX C DOCUMENTS June 2008 Progress Letter

Persons and Agencies Receiving June 2008 Progress Letter

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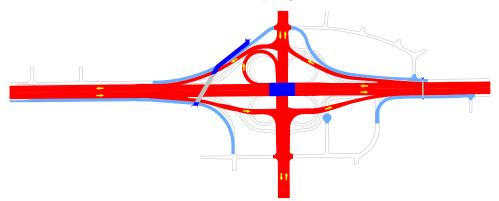
#### Subject: US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment Progress, June 2008

Dear Mr. Beckhouse:

Thank you for your continued interest in the US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment (EA). We continue to move quickly through the EA process, and I wanted to update you on our progress. Since our last update in February we have completed the alternatives screening process and identified a preferred alternative that will be carried forward for more detailed analysis in the EA. Our third public open house was held on April 29, 2008 to solicit input on the results of Levels 1 and 2 screening and to share some preliminary estimates of impacts. The project website (<u>www.US6Wadsworth.com</u>) has been updated to reflect this progress.

## **US 6/Wadsworth Interchange**

Four interchange design concepts were studied during Level 2 screening (Tight Diamond, Tight Diamond with Loop, Single-Point Urban Interchange, and Partial Cloverleaf). After detailed evaluation of 20 criteria, the Tight Diamond with Loop (illustrated in concept below) was determined to best balance transportation needs with environmental and community impacts.



Examples of the Tight Diamond with Loop interchange in the Denver metro area include I-25 at both Colorado Boulevard and Castle Pines Parkway.

The proposed interchange at US 6 and Wadsworth Boulevard would provide a loop ramp for the highest volume left-turn movement from westbound US 6 to southbound Wadsworth Boulevard (evening peak). Traffic making this movement would exit US 6 onto a loop ramp as it does today (without stopping at a traffic light to enter Wadsworth Boulevard). Placing the highest volume left-turn movement on a loop ramp also decreases conflicts and, therefore increases traffic capacity at other left-turn movements at the interchange, improving the operation of the entire interchange when compared to the Tight Diamond and Single-Point Urban Interchange concepts.

The eastbound ramps (on the south side of US 6) would operate the same as the Tight Diamond, intersecting Wadsworth at a traffic signal. The westbound ramp intersection (on the north side of US 6)

would be shifted farther north than in the Tight Diamond, to allow for the placement of the loop ramp. The westbound ramp intersection would require a signal for southbound Wadsworth Boulevard traffic only; northbound traffic at this location would not require a signal.

The Tight Diamond with Loop would require fairly simple construction staging. It would cost more than a Tight Diamond concept due to the additional right-of-way acquisition required in the northwest quadrant of the interchange but would cost slightly less than a Single-Point Urban Interchange and significantly less than the Partial Cloverleaf design.

Pedestrians and bicycles crossing through the interchange would cross the terminal of the loop ramp and two free-flow right-turn movements without the benefit of traffic signals. Loop ramp crossings present a greater safety concern than right-turn movements because of the speed and sight lines of the vehicles on the loop ramp. To minimize the potential conflicts on the loop ramp, pedestrians and bicycles would be encouraged to cross Wadsworth Boulevard at the south rather than the north ramp intersection.

The US 6 bridge would be wide enough to accommodate future expansion of Wadsworth Boulevard or US 6. The loop ramp and westbound entrance ramp, however, would need to be reconstructed if US 6 or Wadsworth was expanded in the future. Constructing a loop ramp that would allow future expansion on Wadsworth Boulevard and US 6 would increase the already-large right-of-way impacts in the northwest quadrant of the interchange.

# Wadsworth Boulevard

The preferred alternative for Wadsworth Boulevard from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 14th Avenue consists of six travel lanes, a raised median, and detached sidewalks. This concept was identified during the Level 1 fatal flaw screening as the only concept that met project purpose and need. The alternative was, therefore, not compared against other design concepts in the Level 2 evaluation. The basic cross-section of the preferred alternative is illustrated below.



Left-turn lanes would be provided in the space available for the median. The median would prevent left turns at mid-block locations and would channel left turns to intersections with cross streets. At most intersections, U-turns would be allowed. No additional traffic signals would be added on Wadsworth Boulevard, except those required at the interchange. Traffic signals would remain at 5th, 10th, and 14th Avenues. Other intersections with cross streets would remain unsignalized. Cross street access to Wadsworth Boulevard at Highland Drive, 8th Place, 9th Avenue, and 13th Avenue would be limited to further improve safety and traffic capacity in the corridor. Driveways throughout the corridor also would be consolidated.

Elements of the preferred alternative may be varied during design refinement to minimize impacts to properties along Wadsworth Boulevard. Options that vary the width of elements at the side of the road – primarily the buffer between curb and sidewalk – will be implemented to minimize property impacts in areas of limited right-of-way and maximize landscaping opportunities in areas with greater right-of-way. Travel lanes were reduced from 12 to 11 feet throughout, which is common in urban areas and consistent with the lane widths north and south of the project area as well as design standards.

Additional information on the preferred alternative, and materials from the April 29, 2008 public meeting, are available for review on the project website, <u>www.US6Wadsworth.com</u>.

# **Next Steps**

We plan to complete a draft EA for agency and public review in October 2008 and produce a decision document by early 2009. This schedule represents a slight delay from our original projection because of greater potential effects to historic properties in the interchange area than we anticipated. We plan to hold agency review meetings in a similar format to our scoping meetings. We will send additional information about the logistics and format of these closer to the review date. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Seyed Kalantar, CDOT Project Engineer, at 720-497-6955 or our Consultant Environmental Manager, Mandy Whorton, (720-286-5239) if you have any questions or comments. Thank you for your continued interest and participation in our EA.

Sincerely,

Karla S. Petty, P.E. Division Administrator

# APPENDIX C DOCUMENTS USACE Section 404 Coordination

# STATE OF COLORADO

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** 

Region 6 2000 South Holly Street Denver, Colorado 80222 720-497-6950



April 13, 2009

Ms. Margaret Langworthy US Army Corps of Engineers, Denver Regulatory Office 9307 South Wadsworth Blvd. Littleton, CO 80128-6901

## Subject: Summary of Section 404 Coordination for the US 6 and Wadsworth Boulevard Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Langworthy:

The purpose of this letter is to document the coordination that has occurred with respect to wetlands and Waters of the U.S. (WUS) for the US 6 and Wadsworth Boulevard Environmental Assessment (EA) between the project team and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Coordination has occurred throughout the development of the project and has consisted of the following activities:

#### **Project Scoping**

In the initial stages of project development, scoping letters were sent to agencies (including the USACE), describing the project and asking for input with regards to environmental resources. Beginning on August 16, 2007, a series of scoping meetings was initiated. As you know from your attendance, the project team held this meeting to solicit comments about the project and identify important environmental issues.

#### **Jurisdictional Determinations**

An initial assessment of the jurisdictional status of the wetlands and WUS in the project area was completed using topographic maps and a preliminary visit to the Site by Pinyon Environmental Engineering Resources, Inc. (Pinyon), biologist Matt Santo on July 2, 2007. Subsequently, Pinyon also contacted Terry McKee of the USACE to determine the jurisdictional status of the three gulches (Dry Gulch, Lakewood Gulch and McIntyre Gulch) in the project area (Appendix C of Wetland Delineation Report). According to Mr. McKee, the USACE was unable to make a Jurisdictional Determination of the gulches (T. McKee, personal communication, July 12, 2007) due to developing changes of the jurisdictional determination process. Therefore, all Jurisdictional Determinations by the USACE were put on hold at that time.

A Jurisdictional Determination letter request was re-submitted to you on February 6, 2008 (Appendix C of Wetland Delineation Report), for Lakewood Gulch, McIntyre Gulch and Dry Gulch. At that time, the Jurisdictional Determination process was still changing and the determination was put on hold (Email correspondence with Ms. Langworthy, February 20, 2008). CDOT has requested a preliminary wetland determination that these gulches are jurisdictional.

## **Submit Wetland Delineation Report**

Wetlands and WUS were evaluated and delineated within the project study area on July 2, 2007, and November 2, 2007. On September 18, 2008, the project team submitted the Wetland Delineation Report for your review and comment. At the time of the report submittal, final designs were not complete, and impacts were unknown.

### **Email Coordination**

## Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination

On September 15, 2008, there was email correspondence in regards to obtaining a Jurisdiction Determination for the features identified in the project area. It was advised that we utilize the new process of obtaining a Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination instead of an Approved Jurisdictional Determination (Email correspondence between Mr. Santo and Ms. Langworthy, September 15, 2008). Therefore, an updated cover letter requesting a Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination was submitted with the Wetland Delineation Report to the USACE on September 18, 2008.

### Impacts and Permitting

In November of 2008, the project team exchanged several emails with you to present our initial findings, propose our approach for addressing impacts, and discuss permitting requirements. One of the outcomes of this coordination was the preliminary determination that the project falls within the stipulations of Nationwide Permit (NWP) #14 for Linear Transportation Projects. In addition, after your review of project construction plans and impacts, it was advised that a Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) requesting a NWP #14 be submitted to Terry McKee (email correspondence, January 29, 2009). Materials exchanged during this coordination are included in Attachment A of this letter.

We plan to complete a draft EA for agency and public review in June 2009. At this time we plan to hold agency review meetings in a similar format to our scoping meetings. We will send additional information about the logistics and format of these closer to the review date. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Jon Chesser at 303-757-9936 or our Consultant Environmental Manager, Mandy Whorton, (720-286-5239) if you have any questions or comments. Thank you for your continued interest and participation in our EA.

Sincerely,

Jim Paulmeno CDOT Region 6 Environmental Manager

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# STATE OF COLORADO

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** 

Region 6 2000 South Holly Street Denver, Colorado 80222 720-497-6950



July 20, 2007

Ms. Amy Pallante Section 106 Coordinator State Historic Preservation Office 1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203

## Subject: Invitation to Participate in Agency Scoping Meetings for the US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment – August 16, 2007, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Dear Ms. Pallante:

On behalf of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), I would like to invite you to an informational scoping meeting for the US 6 (6<sup>th</sup> Avenue) and Wadsworth Boulevard Environmental Assessment (EA) on **August 16, 2007** from [Session]. CDOT and FHWA are preparing this EA in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and FHWA NEPA-implementing regulations (Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations [CFR], Parts 1500-1508 [40 CFR 1500-1508] and 23 CFR 771, respectively). The Regional Transportation District (RTD) is a cooperating agency for the EA, and the City of Lakewood is a partnering agency.

In the EA, CDOT will evaluate transportation improvements for the US 6 and Wadsworth Boulevard interchange and for Wadsworth Boulevard between approximately 3rd Avenue and 13th Avenue. CDOT, the City of Lakewood, and area residents have identified these transportation improvements as among the highest priorities in the west metro area. The US 6 and Wadsworth Boulevard interchange is a gateway to Lakewood's downtown (Belmar) and city center (Lakewood Commons) areas. Wadsworth Boulevard is a highly traveled commuter and bus transit corridor and the only continuous north-south through street in the west metro area.

CDOT is collecting data to better characterize transportation and infrastructure needs and the environmental resources present in the project area. Enclosed is a short project fact sheet. We will distribute a Scoping Packet with more information the week of August 6, 2007. Some of the transportation issues we must address include traffic congestion, neighborhood and business access, poor interchange operations, high accident rates, undersized drainage facilities, and inadequate bicycle and pedestrian facilities. We will be challenged to develop transportation improvements while minimizing community and environmental impacts.

topics of interest and focus discussion. We hope that this format will allow you to have more time to discuss the issues of importance to your agency and to interact with other agencies with similar interests. The following is the schedule of meeting times, invited agencies, and topics. We have included State Historic Preservation Office in the 10:30 to 12:00 a.m. session. Please note that the information that CDOT will present at these sessions will be identical, but it is anticipated that discussion will be targeted to the areas of interest listed for the sessions. CDOT, FHWA, RTD, and the City of Lakewood plan to participate in each session.

Time	Invited Agencies	Topics of Interest
8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Colorado Department of Local Affairs Colorado State Parks Denver Regional Council of Governments Department of Housing and Urban Development Federal Transit Administration Jefferson County Open Space Jefferson Economic Council U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Social and Community Resources <ul> <li>Bicycles/Pedestrians</li> <li>Cumulative Impacts</li> <li>Environmental Justice</li> <li>Land Use</li> <li>Public Involvement</li> <li>Right of Way</li> <li>Socioeconomics</li> <li>Visual/Aesthetic Considerations</li> </ul>
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Air Pollution Control Division Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Hazardous Materials and Waste Division Department of Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance Jefferson County Department of Health and Environment Jefferson County Highways and Transportation Department Regional Air Quality Council State Historic Preservation Office U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	<ul> <li>Human and Built Environment</li> <li>Air Quality</li> <li>Archaeology</li> <li>Hazardous Materials</li> <li>Historic Resources</li> <li>Noise</li> <li>Paleontology</li> <li>Safety</li> <li>Section 4(f) / 6(f)</li> <li>Traffic</li> </ul>
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Colorado Division of Wildlife Federal Emergency Management Agency U.S. Environmental Protection Agency U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Urban Flood and Drainage Control District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	<ul> <li>Natural Environment</li> <li>Floodplains</li> <li>Hydraulics</li> <li>Noxious Weeds</li> <li>Stormwater</li> <li>Threatened and Endangered Species</li> <li>Vegetation</li> <li>Water Quality</li> <li>Wetlands</li> <li>Wildlife / Fisheries</li> </ul>

#### Schedule of Agency Scoping Meetings, US 6 and Wadsworth EA

CDOT and FHWA are committed to completing this EA in 12 to 24 months. In order to meet a streamlined schedule, we need your help in scoping to identify all of the transportation and environmental issues that need to be addressed in the EA process. Our consultant, CH2M HILL, will be visiting your offices to drop off a Scoping Packet and answer any questions about the upcoming

meetings. Your participation is very important. Please RSVP to Ms. Mandy Whorton, CH2M HILL Environmental Manager, by Tuesday, August 14, 2007, if you plan to attend and/or have any questions about the meetings.

If this project does not require involvement of your agency, please return the enclosed form to let us know not to follow up with you about your participation.

I and the rest of the project team look forward to seeing you on August 16, 2007. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (720) 497-6955 or Ms. Whorton at 720-286-5239 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Seyed Kalantar, P.E CDOT Region 6 Project Manager

c: Kirk Webb, CDOT Project Environmental Manager Mandy Whorton, CH2M HILL Project Environmental Manager Project Administrative Record

APPENDIX C DOCUMENTS Section 106 Correspondence



#### The Colorado History Museum 1300 Broadway Denver, Colorado 80203-2137

August 7, 2007

Kirk Webb Project Environmental Manager CDOT, Region 6 2000 South Holly Street Denver, CO 80222

Re: US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment Scoping Meeting. (CHS #50636)

Dear Mr. Webb,

Thank you for your correspondence dated July 25, 2007and received by our office on July 26, 2007 regarding the review of the above-mentioned project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106).

Unfortunately, our office is not able to attend the scoping meeting scheduled for August 16, 2007 for this project. We would like to use this letter to recommend that CDOT begin the Section 106 process as early in the planning process as possible. We have included a flow chart that illustrates the relationship between NEPA and Section 106. We recommend identifying consulting parties during the scoping stage so that you may gather their comments earlier in the process. Once the consulting parties are determined, we recommend initiating consultation with our office and the other consulting parties regarding an appropriate Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the project.

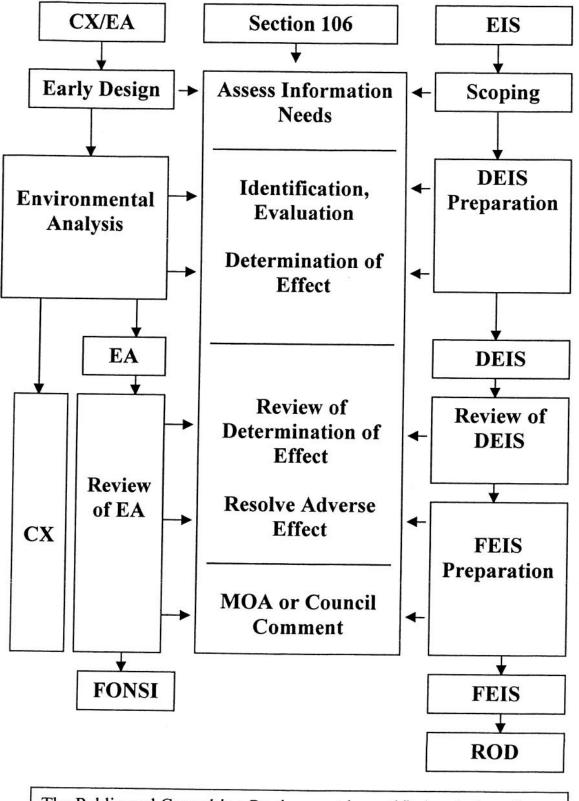
We apologize for not being able to attend the meeting, but hope the above comments will aid during the scoping process. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Amy Pallante, our Section 106 Compliance Coordinator, at (303) 866-4678.

Sincerely,

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Georgianna Contiguglia State Historic Preservation Officer

Cc: Dianna Litvak /CDOT Region 6



### **COORDINATION BETWEEN NEPA AND SECTION 106**

The Public and Consulting Parties must be notified and given the opportunity to comment during each step of the Section 106 review process.

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September 14, 2007

Mr. Alonzo Chalepah, Chairman Apache Tribe of Oklahoma P.O. Box 1220 Anadarko, OK 73005

Dear Mr. Chalepah:

MOVING THE AMERICAN ECONOMY

Subject: Request for Section 106 Consultation; 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Wadsworth Blvd. Interchange Environmental Assessment, Jefferson County, Colorado

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), in cooperation with the Regional Transportation District (RTD) and City of Lakewood, are preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) that will address the effects of proposed improvements to the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue (US Highway 6) Wadsworth Boulevard interchange in Jefferson County, Colorado. The proposed study area includes an approximate one-mile segment of Wadsworth Blvd. (4<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>) and the entire interchange at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. In order to improve local transportation movements along this major urban corridor and gateway to the City of Lakewood, the project proposes reconstruction of the interchange and widening of Wadsworth to add additional travel lanes and sidewalks. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), FHWA and CDOT are documenting the potential social, economic and environmental consequences of this action. Please refer to the enclosed aerial map for a view of the project study area.

FHWA will serve as the lead agency for this undertaking, and CDOT staff will facilitate the tribal consultation process. The agencies are seeking the participation of regional Native American tribal governments in cultural resources consultation for the undertaking, as described in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and implementing regulations 36 CFR 800 et seq. As a consulting party, you are offered the opportunity to identify concerns about cultural resources and comment on how the project might affect them. Further, if it is found that the project will impact cultural resources that are eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places and are of religious or cultural significance to your tribe, your role in the consultation process would include participation in resolving how best to avoid, minimize, or mitigate those impacts. It is our hope that by describing the proposed undertaking we can be more effective in protecting areas important to American Indian people. If you have interest in this undertaking and in cultural resources that may be of religious or cultural significance to your tribe, we invite you to be a consulting party.

As shown on the enclosed map, the project corridor is located in a heavily urbanized section of Lakewood; no areas exist that have not been extensively disturbed for many decades by residential and commercial development. The Study Area as shown on the map extends several city blocks on either side of Wadsworth; however, this boundary does not necessarily reflect the Area of Potential Effect (APE) to be developed for cultural resource studies, as defined by 36 CFR 800.16(d). A comprehensive survey and assessment of historic properties in the APE will be conducted as part of the environmental documentation. Tribes that elect to become consulting parties for the undertaking will be notified of the results of the survey and asked to comment on our eligibility and effects determinations. Any information you may have regarding places or sites important to your tribe, that are located within or near the project area, would assist us in our efforts to comprehensively identify and evaluate cultural resources.

The metropolitan Denver area is home to a number of American Indian residents. If you are aware of members of your tribe living in proximity to the study area who would be interested in participating in the NEPA consultation process on some level, please notify us so that we may facilitate that interaction.

We are committed to ensuring that tribal governments are informed of and involved in decisions that may impact places with cultural significance. If you are interested in becoming a consulting party for the 6<sup>th</sup> Ave./Wadsworth EA, please complete and return the enclosed Consultation Interest Response Form to CDOT Native American consultation liaison Dan Jepson within 60 days at the address or facsimile number listed at the bottom of that sheet. Mr. Jepson can also be reached via Email at daniel.jepson@dot.state.co.us, or by telephone at (303)757-9631. The 60day period has been established to encourage your participation at this early stage in project development. Failure to respond within this time frame will not prevent your tribe from becoming a consulting party at a later date. However, studies and decision-making will proceed and it may become difficult to reconsider previous determinations or findings, unless significant new information is introduced.

Thank you for considering this request for consultation.

Sincerely yours,

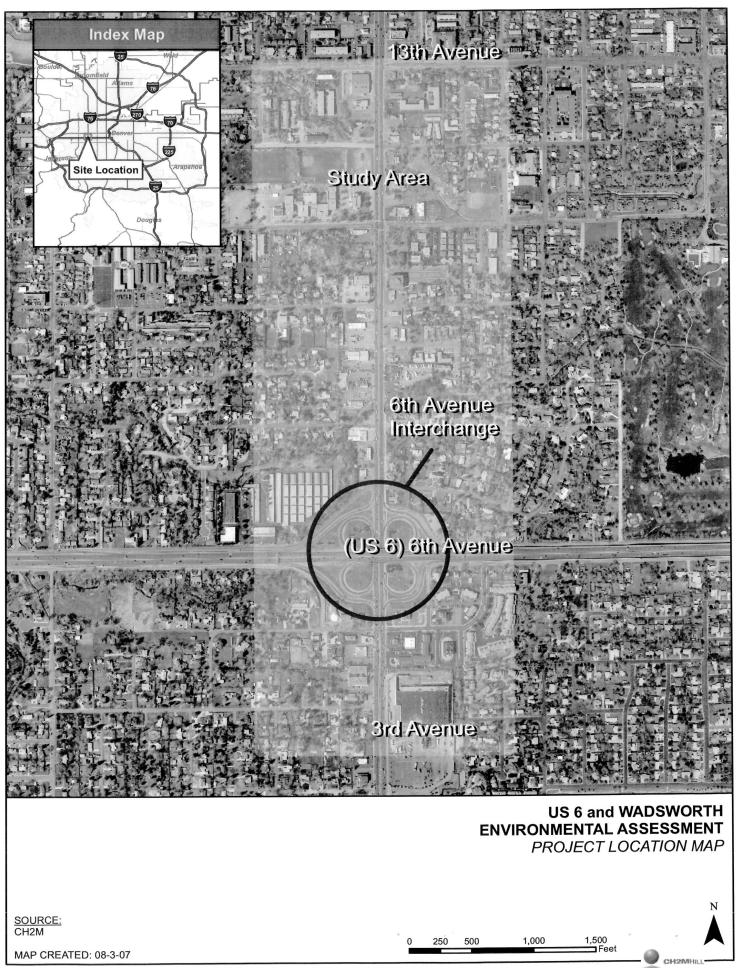
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Enclosures

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#### FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION/COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECTION 106 TRIBAL CONSULTATION INTEREST RESPONSE FORM

#### **PROJECT:** 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Wadsworth Blvd. Interchange Environmental Assessment

The	Tribe [is / is not] (circle one) interested in
becoming a consulting party for the Colorado Department	t of Transportation project referenced above, for
the purpose of complying with Section 106 of the Nationa	al Historic Preservation Act and its implementing
regulations (36 CFR 800). If your tribe will be a consulti	ng party, please answer the questions below.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_Name and Title

CONSULTING PARTY STATUS [36 CFR §800.2(c)(3)]

Do you know of any specific sites or places to which your tribe attaches religious and cultural significance that may be affected by this project?

Yes No If yes, please explain the general nature of these places and how or why they are significant (use additional pages if necessary). Locational information is not required.

SCOPE OF IDENTIFICATION EFFORTS [36 CFR §800.4(a)(4)]

Do you have information you can provide us that will assist us in identifying sites or places that may be of religious or cultural significance to your tribe?

Yes No If yes, please explain.

Confidentiality of Information [36 CFR §800.11(c)]
Is there any information you have provided here, or may provide in the future, that you wish to remain
confidential?

Yes No If yes, please explain.

Please complete and return this form via US Mail or fax to: Dan Jepson, Section 106 Native American Liaison Colorado Department of Transportation Environmental Programs Branch 4201 E. Arkansas Ave. Denver, CO 80222 FAX: (303)757-9445

#### **TRIBAL MAILING LIST** 6<sup>th</sup> Ave./Wadsworth Interchange EA

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Mr. Kirk Webb CDOT Region 6 Environmental Office

Ms. Mandy Whorton, Project Manager CH2M HILL 9191 S. Jamaica St. Englewood, CO 80112

#### NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE TRIBAL HISTORICAL PRESERVATION OFFICE P.O. Box 128 Lame Deer, Montana 59043 Tel:(406) 477-6035 Fax: (406) 477-6210

Native American Consultation Response Form

Site Name:	
	4th Avenue/Wadsworth Blrd.
TCNS Notification ID Number:	
Site Address: Fax 383-757-9445	Attn David A Nicol, P.E.

Response:

- REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Initials of duly authorized Tribal Officials) I require the following additional information in order to provide a finding of effect for this purpose undertaking:
- NO ADVERSE EFFECT \_\_\_\_\_(initials of duly asthorized Tribal Official) I believe the proposed project would have no adverse effect on these properties.
- ADVERSE EFFECT\_\_\_\_(Initials of duly authorized Tribal Official) Based on the information given, I believe the proposed project would cause an adverse effect on these properties.
- NO INTEREST (Initials of day authorized Tribal Official) I have identified that there are no properties of religious and cultural significance to the Northern Cheyonne in the proposed construction area.

> NO COMMENT SF (Initials of duty authorized Tribul Official)

Other (Specify)

Exception: If archaeological materials or human remains are encountered during construction, the State Historic Preservation Office and applicable Native American Tribes will be notified.

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Mr. Conrad Fisher, Director N.C.T./THPO Printed Name

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Environmental Programs Branch Shumate Building 4201 East Arkansas Avenue Denver, Colorado 80222 (303) 757-9259



STATE OF COLORA

December 12, 2007

Ms. Georgianna Contiguglia State Historic Preservation Officer Colorado Historical Society 1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203

SUBJECT: Area of Potential Effects (APE) Consultation, US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment (CHS # 50636)

Dear Ms. Contiguglia:

This letter and the attached maps and materials constitute the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) request for comment on the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the project referenced above. In coordination with the City of Lakewood, CDOT has undertaken the project to improve mobility, safety, and transit within the corridor, an integral part of the transportation network in the west metropolitan area. Amy Pallante of your staff received scoping materials from this project this summer that provide details on the purpose and need of the project and other issues that have been discussed thus far.

#### **APE Consultation**

APE consultation with Amy Pallante took place on November 15, 2007 to discuss the proposed APE and survey methodology issues. Agreement was reached regarding the APE boundary as depicted on the attached maps and the accompanying technical memorandum, which explains the factors that influenced the APE.

At this time, we are also requesting the participation of the following consulting parties that have an interest in historical resources within the project corridor: Lakewood Heritage Center, Lakewood Historical Society, the Jefferson County Historical Commission and Colorado Preservation, Inc. Each will receive the APE maps and the technical memorandum that you have received. We will forward any responses that we may receive to you.

We hereby request your comments on the APE outlined herein. Your response is necessary for the Federal Highway Administration's compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. If you require additional information, please contact CDOT Region 6 Senior Historian Dianna Litvak at (303) 757-9461.

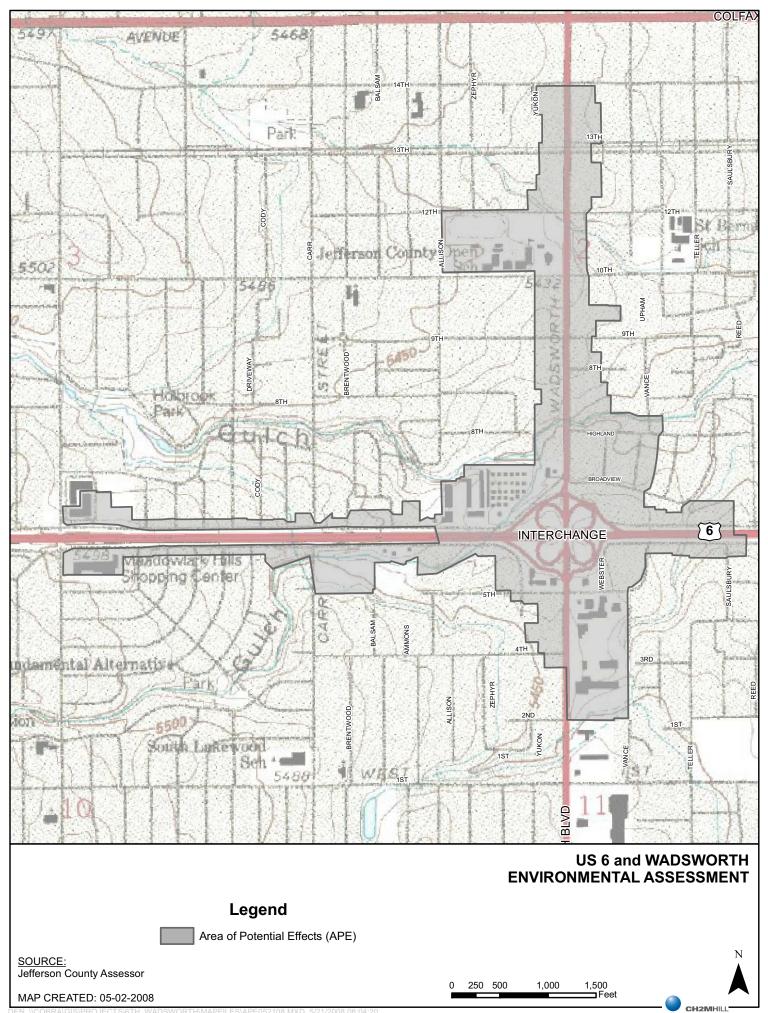
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/Jim Paulmeno Region 6 Planning and Environmental Manager

Enclosures: APE map, Parcel Atlas and Technical Memorandum

Marcee Allen, FHWA Lisa Schoch, CDOT Environmental Programs Branch Mandy Whorton, CH2MHill File



### Area of Potential Effects, Historic Properties

PREPARED FOR:	US 6 and Wadsworth Project Leadership Team
PREPARED BY:	CH2M HILL
DATE:	November 12, 2007

The draft APE was developed based on the footprint of anticipated project improvements. It has been refined through consultation with the CDOT Region 6 Historian. Although alternatives have not been developed, CDOT has established the APE considering the following factors:

- Parcels fronting the west side of Wadsworth Boulevard are deep (300 feet), and potential direct, visual, and noise effects from improvements along this portion of Wadsworth Boulevard would be limited to this first row of properties. Structures are either set back a distance from the roadway/sidewalk or there is sufficient space within the lots to relocate buildings on site for the same use if necessary (that is, existing businesses could continue to operate in the same location, so there would be little change to the second row properties).
- Many of the parcels fronting the east side of Wadsworth Boulevard also are 300 feet deep, and impacts would be within the first row for these properties (as described for the west side of Wadsworth Boulevard). In cases where the parcels are less than 200 feet deep, the first two rows of properties were included in the APE to account for the potential impacts to a second row property if the first row property was removed.
- The Jefferson County Open School property on the west side of Wadsworth between 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenues contains a number of buildings, most of which will not be affected by the project. The property has not been recorded in Compass yet and is likely to be eligible to the National Register. In the interest of adding to the public historical record, CDOT will survey the whole property.
- Access to/from residential neighborhoods from Wadsworth Boulevard will not likely change. (Access to commercial properties, which are included in the APE, could change)
- Substantial right-of-way (ROW) in the western quadrants of the interchange provides adequate area for project improvements to the ramps within existing ROW.
- ROW in the eastern quadrants of the interchange is not likely sufficient to accommodate project improvements. The APE includes an area that would allow for ramp lengths that would meet design speed standards. The APE extends to along Park Avenue and Broadview Drive north of the interchange to account for potential changes to access for the properties located between the US 6 frontage road and Broadview Drive. Noise walls are present along US 6 in the area east of the interchange, and no change to noise or visual conditions would be expected from project improvements.

• The western terminus for project improvements is Garrison Street. Although physical improvements to US 6 are not included in the scope of this project, changes to frontage road operations and/or addition of sound walls (indirect effects) could occur and influenced the extension of the APE as two "fingers" along the US 6 frontage roads. No physical improvements (direct effects) would occur outside of CDOT ROW. Since most of the properties face side roads (east or west) rather than the frontage roads, the effects of noise walls or changes to traffic patterns would be to outdoor spaces or side facades. The APE was extended 30 feet from edge of pavement to account for these potential indirect effects.

CDOT plans to survey properties within the APE constructed in 1965 or earlier. Approximately 140 properties, including approximately 60 properties along the US 6 frontage roads, would be surveyed. CDOT may, pending discussions with the State Historic Preservation Office, propose limited/abbreviated site forms be completed for some of these properties.

# STATE OF COLORADO

#### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Region 6, Planning and Environmental 2000 South Holly Street Denver, CO 80222 (303) 757-9385 (303) 757-9036 FAX

December 14, 2007

Mr. Dennis Dempsey Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Department 100 Jefferson County Parkway Suite 3550 Golden, CO 80419-3550

### SUBJECT: Section 106 Historic Properties Consultation, US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Dempsey:

The US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment (EA) will evaluate transportation improvements and their effect upon the environment for the US 6 and Wadsworth Boulevard Interchange and Wadsworth between approximately 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Federal Highway Administration and the Colorado Department of Transportation are preparing this EA in accordance with federal environmental regulations, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); the Council on Environmental Quality and FHWA regulations (Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations [CFR], Parts 1500-1508 and 23 CFR 771, respectively). The Regional Transportation District is a cooperating agency for the EA, and the City of Lakewood is a partnering agency.

CDOT, the City of Lakewood, and area residents have identified the need for transportation improvements in this corridor as among the highest priorities in the west metro area. The improvements being considered will improve safety and mobility for automobile, truck, transit, bicycle and pedestrian travel through the project area. As part of the EA evaluation process, a review of historic properties is being conducted.

Because the project is receiving federal transportation funding, FHWA and CDOT are preparing environmental clearances that are required as part of federal regulations. These include Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (Section 106, 16 USC 470f, and its implementing regulations (36CFR 800)). The project team is seeking the input of local community organizations to help identify issues that may relate to the effects and mitigation of the project to historic properties. More information about this process can be found on the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's website: <a href="http://www.achp.gov">http://www.achp.gov</a>.

#### **Historic Properties Identification**

The project team has conducted a reconnaissance ("windshield") survey of cultural resources in the project area. During the reconnaissance survey, the project team identified resources that had been previously recorded in the site files of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and also observed unrecorded historic properties located in proximity to the corridor. Information gathered from this



Mr. Dempsey December 14, 2007 Page 2

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The cultural resources APE for this project is depicted on the attached figures and described in the accompanying technical memorandum.

#### Section 106 Consultation

We are contacting local historical organizations to help identify any historic buildings, districts, sites, objects, or archaeological sites of significance within the project area and to seek comments on the APE for this project. FHWA and CDOT would like to formally offer the Jefferson County Historical Commission the opportunity to participate as a consulting party for the Section 106 compliance process, as provided in Section 800.3(f)(1) of the regulation. Any information you can provide will help ensure that important historical resources are considered in the project planning process.

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If you elect to become a consulting party, we will continue to keep you informed of our historical research within the project area and any potential effects to historic properties. If you require additional information or have questions about the Section 106 process, please contact Ms. Litvak at (303)757-9461.

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Jim Paulmeno Region 6 Planning and Environmental Manager

Enclosure: Maps of Area of Potential Effects and Technical Memorandum

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Region 6, Planning and Environmental 2000 South Holly Street Denver, CO 80222 (303) 757-9385 (303) 757-9036 FAX

December 14, 2007

Mrs. Karen Zoltenko Lakewood Historical Society 485 Winona Court Denver, CO 80204



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Tim Paulmeno Region 6 Planning and Environmental Manager

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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December 14, 2007

Mrs. Winifred Ferril Lakewood Heritage Center 797 S. Wadsworth Blvd. Lakewood, CO 80226

### SUBJECT: Section 106 Historic Properties Consultation, US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment

Dear Mrs. Ferril:

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Very truly yours

Jim Paulmeno Region 6 Planning and Environmental Manager

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### STATE OF COLORADO

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Region 6, Planning and Environmental 2000 South Holly Street Denver, CO 80222 (303) 757-9385 (303) 757-9036 FAX

December 14, 2007

Mr. Mark Rodman Executive Director Colorado Preservation, Inc. 333 W. Colfax Ave. Suite 300 Denver, CO 80204



### SUBJECT: Section 106 Historic Properties Consultation, US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment

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Jim Paulmeno Region 6 Planning and Environmental Manager

Enclosure: Maps of Area of Potential Effects and Technical Memorandum

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#### OFFICE of ARCHAEOLOGY and HISTORIC PRESERVATION

December 26, 2007

Jim Paulmeno Region 6 Planning and Environmental Manager Senior Historian Colorado Department of Transportation Region 6 2000 S. Holly Street Denver, CO 80222



Re: Area of Potential Effects (APE) Consultation, US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment. (CHS #50636)

Dear Mr. Paulmeno,

Thank you for your correspondence dated December 12, 2007 and received by our office on December 24, 2007 regarding the review of the above-mentioned project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106).

After review of the provided information, we do not object to the Area of Potential Effects (APE) as presented in your submission. We do recommend additional consultation on the APE along West 6th Ave if the proposed project should change and have the potential to affect the area of West 6<sup>th</sup> Ave left out of the APE.

We request being involved in the consultation process with the local government, which as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.3 is required to be notified of the undertaking, and with other consulting parties. Additional information provided by the local government or consulting parties might cause our office to re-evaluate our eligibility and potential effect findings.

Please note that our compliance letter does not end the 30-day review period provided to other consulting parties.

If we may be of further assistance, please contact Amy Pallante, our Section 106 Compliance Coordinator, at (303) 866-4678.

Sincerely,

Georgianna Contiguglia State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Dianna Litvak/CDOT Region 6

The Lakewood Historical Society, Inc.

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801 South Yarrow Street, Lakewood, CO 80226

January 22, 2008

Dianna Litvak Colorado Department of Transportation Region 6, Planning and Environmental 2000 South Holly Street Denver, CO 80222

Re: Section 106 Historic Properties Consultation, US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Litvak:

Thank you for inviting the Lakewood Historical Society to become a consulting party for the US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment. The Lakewood Historical Society Board met, and its members decided that the Lakewood Historical Society would like to participate as a consulting party for the project under Section 106 guidelines.

The By-Laws of the Lakewood Historical Society state that our function is to disseminate "historical information designed to inspire and maintain interest in local history". We accomplish this purpose, in part, by identifying historic buildings or sites that have played a significant role in the development of the history of Lakewood. Part of our mission is to cooperate with other organizations toward the achievement of common goals.

The Lakewood Historical Society has identified the following sites that may be worthy of documentation by the Colorado Department of Transportation as part of the EA of the US 6 and Wadsworth project:

- The Jefferson County Open School, formerly the Lakewood School at 10<sup>th</sup> & Wadsworth. The World War II Memorial on the school property would also be included, if it falls within the APE for this project.
- The site located on the Northeast corner of 10<sup>th</sup> & Wadsworth that was a gas station. Although we have not done any research on the building, its integrity seems to be fairly intact.

- The building directly behind 3 Margaritas Restaurant at 806 Wadsworth Blvd. The building is now being used for storage; however, we believe that it was once a Valentine Diner. Kris Autobee documented this building along with the Valentine Diner located in Belmar Park for CDOT, last fall.
- The house located on the Southeast corner of 13<sup>th</sup> & Wadsworth. We believe that this house held the offices of the architect who was responsible for most of the houses in the Green Acres neighborhood.

We are looking forward to hearing from you about how we need to further proceed, and about your progress on the US 6 and Wadsworth EA. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jaien Joltenko Karen Zoltenko

President, Lakewood Historical Society

Re SHPO response to US 6 and Wadsworth Area of Potential Effects.txt From: Dennis Dempsey [ddempsey@co.jefferson.co.us] Sent: Friday, January 18, 2008 2:56 PM To: Litvak, Dianna Subject: Re: SHPO response to US 6 and Wadsworth Area of Potenti al Effects After reviewing the subject properties within the APE for the US 6-Wadsworth project, we do not have any comments at this time. We would like to continue to be a consulting party for this project. Thank you, Dennis Dempsev Planner / Historical Commission Staff Liaison Jefferson County, Colorado Dennis Dempsey Jefferson County Planning & Zoning 100 Jefferson County Pkwy. #3550 Gol den CO 80419-3550 Ph: 303-271-8734 or 8765 Fax: 303-271-8706 email: ddempsey@jeffco.us >>> "Litvak, Dianna" <Dianna.Litvak@dot.state.co.us> 01/08/08 3:49 PM >>> >>> Dear Mr. Dempsey, In correspondence dated Dec. 14th, Jim Paulmeno of CDOT requested the participation of the Jefferson County Historical Commission as a consulting party for the US 6-Wadsworth Environmental Assessment. We have since received comments from SHPO on our proposed Area of Potential Effects. I have attached the SHPO correspondence to this message for your files, as well as a digital scan of the original letter I sent you. Your agency has 30 days to provide comments, the deadline for which would be January 22, 2008. If you have no comments, please also let me know. Communication can be by email, telephone, or regular mail, according to your preference. If you have any questions or comments about these materials or the project, please contact me directly. Please let me know if I can answer any questions or if you have comments. <<SHPO APE response.pdf>> <<12\_14\_let\_Dempsey0001.pdf>> Dianna Litvak CDOT Region 6 Senior Historian 2000 S. Holly Street Denver, CO 80222 303-757-9461 (direct phone) 303-757-9036 (fax) Di anna. Li tvak@dot. state. co. us

# STATE OF COLORADO

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Region 6 2000 South Holly Street Denver, Colorado 80222 720-497-6950



February 18, 2008

Ms. Amy Pallante State Historic Preservation Office 1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203

#### Subject: US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment Progress, February 2008

Dear Ms. Pallante:

Thank you for your continued interest in the US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment (EA). We continue to move quickly through the EA process, and I wanted to update you on our progress. Since August 2008 when we held our agency scoping meeting, we have been busy developing evaluation criteria and preparing preliminary design concepts for Wadsworth Boulevard between 4th and 14th Avenues and the US 6 and Wadsworth Boulevard interchange. The project website (www.US6Wadsworth.com) has been updated to reflect this progress.

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

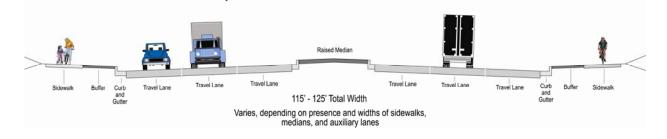
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#### **Design Concepts**

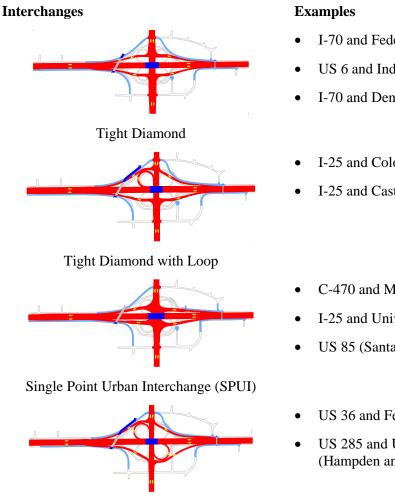
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#### Wadsworth Boulevard Concepts

CDOT recommends that one Wadsworth Boulevard concept—six travel lanes with a raised median and sidewalks—be carried forward. The basic elements of this concept are shown below. It is likely that multiple alternatives, each varying the design elements, will be developed out of this concept.



CDOT recommends the following four interchange design concepts for further evaluation.



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- I-25 and Colorado Boulevard
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- C-470 and Morrison Road
- I-25 and University Boulevard
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- US 36 and Federal Boulevard
- US 285 and US 85 (Hampden and Santa Fe)

Additional details on the concepts can be found on the project website (see Alternatives and Study Documents pages).

#### Next Steps

We are on track with our accelerated schedule to identify final alternative(s) in April 2008, complete a draft EA for agency and public review in August 2008, and produce a decision document by the end of the year (December 2008). We will provide you another update in April when we have identified alternatives that will be analyzed in the EA. We also will hold another public Open House at that time to present the results of the Level 2 Evaluation, including preliminary estimates of environmental, transportation, and property effects of these concepts. We do not plan any formal agency meetings until the review of the EA document in August 2008. (At that time, we plan to hold agency review meetings in a similar format to our scoping meetings.) In the meantime, please feel free to contact me (720-497-6955) or our Consultant Environmental Manager, Mandy Whorton, (720-286-5239) if you have any questions or comments. Thank you for your continued interest and participation in our EA.

Sincerely,

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July 2, 2008

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5JF4511	1215 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Eligible, Criterion A
5JF4513	1230 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Eligible, Criterion C
5JF4536	700 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Eligible, Criterion C
5JF4542	7433 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Eligible, Criterion C
5JF4563	8125 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Eligible, Criterion C
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5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Building 2: Elementary School	Contributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Building 3: Gymnasium	Contributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Building 7: Junior High	Contributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Structure 10: World War II Memorial	Contributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Structure 12: Storage Outbuilding	Contributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Memorial Field	Contributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Landscaped areas adjacent to Buildings 1, 2, 3, 7	Contributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Building 4: Cafeteria and Library	Noncontributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Building 5: Administration and Arts	Noncontributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Building 6: Connecting Building	Noncontributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Building 8: Theater	Noncontributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Structure 9: Outbuilding	Noncontributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Structure 11: Storage Outbuilding	Noncontributing, Lakewood School Historic District

5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Structure 13: Storage Outbuilding	Noncontributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Structure 14: Concessions Building	Noncontributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Structure 15: Storage Outbuilding	Noncontributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Structure 16: Bleachers	Noncontributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Structure 17: Ticket Booth	Noncontributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Baseball Field	Noncontributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Parking Areas	Noncontributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Playground	Noncontributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Landscaped areas adjacent to Buildings 4, 5, 6, and 8	Noncontributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF4512	1015 Wadsworth Blvd.	Fences	Noncontributing, Lakewood School Historic District
5JF3610	700 Park Ln.	Residence	Contributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4526	7445 Highland Dr.	Residence	Contributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4527	7415 Highland Dr.	Residence	Contributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4528	7385 Highland Dr.	Residence	Contributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4529	705 Emerald Ln.	Residence	Contributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4530	715 Emerald Ln.	Residence	Contributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4537	7500 Broadview Dr.	Residence	Contributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4541	7370 Broadview Dr.	Residence	Contributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4543	740 Emerald Ln.	Residence	Contributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4544	730 Emerald Ln.	Residence	Contributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4545	701 Park Ln.	Residence	Contributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4546	721 Park Ln.	Residence	Contributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4547	741 Park Ln.	Residence	Contributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4548	761 Park Ln.	Residence	Contributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4549	781 Park Ln.	Residence	Contributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4550	790 Park Ln.	Residence	Contributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4551	660 Park Ln.	Residence	Contributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4552	680 Park Ln.	Residence	Contributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4553	720 Park Ln.	Residence	Contributing, Green Acres Historic District

5JF4636	710 Emerald Ln.	Residence	Contributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4531	725 Emerald Ln.	Residence	Noncontributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4532	765 Emerald Ln.	Residence	Noncontributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4538	7474 Broadview Dr.	Residence	Noncontributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4539	7460 Broadview Dr.	Residence	Noncontributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4540	7400 Broadview Dr.	Residence	Noncontributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4610	7393 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Noncontributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4611	7373 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Noncontributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4612	7225 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Noncontributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4613	7199 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Noncontributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4637	720 Emerald Ln.	Residence	Noncontributing, Green Acres Historic District
5JF4590	545 Meadowlark Dr.	Residence	Contributing, Meadowlark Hills Historic District
5JF4591	540 Meadowlark Dr.	Residence	Contributing, Meadowlark Hills Historic District
5JF4592	555 Everett St.	Residence	Contributing, Meadowlark Hills Historic District
5JF4593	560 Everett St.	Residence	Contributing, Meadowlark Hills Historic District
5JF4594	585 Estes St.	Residence	Contributing, Meadowlark Hills Historic District
5JF4595	580 Estes St.	Residence	Contributing, Meadowlark Hills Historic District
5JF4596	585 Dudley St.	Residence	Contributing, Meadowlark Hills Historic District
5JF4597	580 Dudley St.	Residence	Contributing, Meadowlark Hills Historic District
5JF4598	585 Dover St.	Residence	Contributing, Meadowlark Hills Historic District
5JF4599	590 Dover St.	Residence	Contributing, Meadowlark Hills Historic District
5JF4589	9050 6th Ave.	Shopping Center	Noncontributing, Meadowlark Hills Historic District
5JF2907	7550 West 13th Ave.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF2908	1296 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF2911	1370 Yukon St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF2912	1355 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF2913	1345 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF2914	1360 Yukon St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4510	Northwest Cloverleaf Ruin	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4514	1224 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4515	1220 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4516	1208 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4517	1204 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4518	1200 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4519	1190 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4520	1050 Wadsworth Blvd.	Office building	Not Eligible
5JF4521	1000 Wadsworth Blvd.	Auto service station	Not Eligible

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5JF4522	7585 West 10th Ave.	Converted residence	Not Eligible
5JF4523	900 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4524	850 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4525	820 Wadsworth Blvd.	Commercial equipment sales / rental	Not Eligible
5JF4533	730 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4534	720 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4535	710 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4554	999 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4555	7630 West 10th Ave.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4556	975 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4557	965 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4558	829 Wadsworth Blvd.	Vehicle Maintenance building	Not Eligible
5JF4559	785 Wadsworth Blvd.	Restaurant	Not Eligible
5JF4560	659 Wadsworth Blvd.	Office building	Not Eligible
5JF4561	699 Wadsworth Blvd.	Strip mall	Not Eligible
5JF4562	7707 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4564	8149 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4565	8159 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4566	7400 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4567	7420 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4568	7430 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4569	594 Webster St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4570	550 Webster St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4571	500 Carr St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4572	485 Balsam St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4573	8130 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4574	8126 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4575	8020 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4576	8010 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4577	8000 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4578	7996 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4579	7960 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4580	7950 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4581	7707 West 5th Ave.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4582	7700 West 5th Ave.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4583	490 Yukon St.	Residence	Not Eligible

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5JF4584	7610 West 5th Ave.	Office building	Not Eligible
5JF4585	495 Wadsworth Blvd.	Gas Station	Not Eligible
5JF4587	7655 West 4th Ave.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4588	7630 West 4th Ave.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4600	600 Field St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4601	605 Everett St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4602	600 Everett St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4603	605 Estes St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4604	600 Estes St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4605	605 Dudley St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4606	600 Dudley St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4607	605 Cody Court	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4608	610 Cody Court	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4609	8401 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4614	7390 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4615	7200 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4616	7150 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4617	575 Saulsbury St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4618	580 Saulsbury St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF817.7	13th Ave. Railroad	Railroad bed	Not Eligible
5JF2268 (JEF.036)	McIntyre Gulch Culvert	Concrete box culvert	Not Eligible
5JF3013.1	Lakewood Lateral	Trench and culvert	Not Eligible
5JF4508.1	Wadsworth Blvd.	Highway	Not Eligible
5JF4508.2	Lakewood Gulch Culvert	Concrete box culvert	Not Eligible
5JF4509.1	US 6	Highway	Not Eligible
5JF4509.2	US 6 and Wadsworth Blvd. Bridge	Bridge	Not Eligible
5JF2877	1398 Wadsworth Blvd.	Commercial	Not Eligible (in APE, part of RTD West Corridor)
5JF2878	1370 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible (in APE, part of RTD West Corridor)
5JF2881	1350 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible (in APE, part of RTD West Corridor)
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## **Request for Concurrence**

We request your concurrence with the Determinations of Eligibility outlined in the table above. Your response is necessary for FHWA's compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations.

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Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. If you need further information, please contact CDOT Region 6 Historian, Dianna Litvak, at (303) 757-9461.

Tery truly yours,

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Enclosures: Historic Resources Report Site Forms

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5JF4523	900 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4524	850 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4525	820 Wadsworth Blvd.	Commercial equipment sales / rental	Not Eligible
5JF4533	730 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4534	720 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4535	710 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4554	999 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4555	7630 West 10th Ave.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4556	975 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4557	965 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4558	829 Wadsworth Blvd.	Vehicle Maintenance building	Not Eligible
5JF4559	785 Wadsworth Blvd.	Restaurant	Not Eligible
5JF4560	659 Wadsworth Blvd.	Office building	Not Eligible
5JF4561	699 Wadsworth Blvd.	Strip mall	Not Eligible
5JF4562	7707 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4564	8149 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4565	8159 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
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5JF4567	7420 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
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5JF4569	594 Webster St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4570	550 Webster St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4571	500 Carr St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4572	485 Balsam St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4573	8130 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4574	8126 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4575	8020 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4576	8010 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4577	8000 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4578	7996 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4579	7960 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4580	7950 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible

5JF4581	7707 West 5th Ave.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4582	7700 West 5th Ave.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4583	490 Yukon St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4584	7610 West 5th Ave.	Office building	Not Eligible
5JF4585	495 Wadsworth Blvd.	Gas Station	Not Eligible
5JF4587	7655 West 4th Ave.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4588	7630 West 4th Ave.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4600	600 Field St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4601	605 Everett St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4602	600 Everett St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4603	605 Estes St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4604	600 Estes St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4605	605 Dudley St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4606	600 Dudley St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4607	605 Cody Court	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4608	610 Cody Court	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4609	8401 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4614	7390 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4615	7200 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4616	7150 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4617	575 Saulsbury St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4618	580 Saulsbury St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF817.7	13th Ave. Railroad	Railroad bed	Not Eligible
5JF2268 (JEF.036)	McIntyre Gulch Culvert	Concrete box culvert	Not Eligible
5JF3013.1	Lakewood Lateral	Trench and culvert	Not Eligible
5JF4508.1	Wadsworth Blvd.	Highway	Not Eligible
5JF4508.2	Lakewood Gulch Culvert	Concrete box culvert	Not Eligible
5JF4509.1	US 6	Highway	Not Eligible
5JF4509.2	US 6 and Wadsworth Blvd. Bridge	Bridge	Not Eligible
5JF2877	1398 Wadsworth Blvd.	Commercial	Not Eligible (in APE, part of RTD West Corridor)
5JF2878	1370 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible (in APE, part of RTD West Corridor)
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5JF2883	7525 West 13th Ave.	Residence	Not Eligible (in APE, part of RTD West Corridor)

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### **Request for Comments**

As a consulting party with interest in these historic properties, we welcome your comments on the determination of eligibility outlined in the table above. Should you elect to respond, we request that you do so within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

This submittal has also been forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Office and the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Department. We will forward their responses once we receive them.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. If you need further information, please contact CDOT Region 6 Senior Staff Historian, Dianna Litvak, at 303-757-9461.

Very truly yours,

Jim Paulmeno Region 6 Planning and Environmental Manager

Enclosures: Historic Resources Report Site Forms

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July 2, 2008

Mr. Dennis Dempsey Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Department 100 Jefferson County Parkway Suite 3550 Golden, CO 80419-3550

## SUBJECT: Determination of Eligibility for Historic Properties – US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment, Lakewood, Colorado

Dear Mr. Dempsey:

This letter and the attached Historic Resources Survey Report constitute the Determinations of Eligibility under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the project referenced above. The report was prepared as part of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed construction of transportation improvements at the US 6 and Wadsworth Boulevard interchange and along Wadsworth Boulevard between 4<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenues in Lakewood, Colorado.

#### **Project Description**

The purpose of the US 6 and Wadsworth Boulevard project is to improve traffic flow and safety, accommodate high traffic volumes, and increase multi-modal travel options and connections at the US 6 and Wadsworth Boulevard interchange and along Wadsworth Boulevard between 4th Avenue and 14th Avenue.

The project area includes US 6 (also designated as 6th Avenue) and Wadsworth Boulevard (also designated as State Highway 121). The east-west limits along US 6 are from the eastern interchange ramps with Wadsworth Boulevard west to Garrison Street. On Wadsworth Boulevard, the project limits are 4th Avenue to 14th Avenue. This area is a vital regional hub of the western Denver metropolitan area and the heart of the City of Lakewood.

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), City of Lakewood, area residents, businesses, and commuters have prioritized making improvements to fix the transportation problems in the project area through previous planning efforts. CDOT's goal is to identify a proposed action that meets transportation needs, is compatible with local and regional plans, minimizes environmental harm, and can be implemented within cost constraints.

## **Description of the Recommended Alternative**

The existing design and configuration of the interchange and roadway within the project limits have not kept pace with traffic and multi-modal travel demands. Improvements are needed to improve safety for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists; correct design deficiencies that contribute to safety Mr. Dempsey July 2, 2008 Page 2 of 8

concerns and operational inefficiencies; increase infrastructure capacity to meet current and future traffic volumes; and support multi-modal connections.

To address these needs, CDOT proposes to reconstruct the existing cloverleaf interchange and replace it with a tight diamond with a loop in the northwest quadrant. The loop provides the greatest capacity for the highest volume traffic movement: westbound to southbound in the evening rush hour. The new interchange would provide adequate acceleration and deceleration lanes, improve intersection spacing, and remove weaving conflicts. Existing noise walls on the east side of Wadsworth near the interchange would be reconstructed where needed, and noise walls would be extended between US 6 and the US 6 frontage road west of Wadsworth to commercial developments at Garrison Street. The existing US 6 bridge over Wadsworth would be reconstructed, and its profile would be raised to accommodate a longer span across Wadsworth.

CDOT also proposes to widen Wadsworth Boulevard between 4<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenues to provide an additional travel lane in each direction and detached sidewalks along both sides of the highway; these improvements would complement improvements north and south of the project area. In addition, access along Wadsworth would be controlled with a raised median.

Additional detail on the Recommended Alternative will be submitted as part of the Effects Determination for this project.

## **Eligibility Determinations**

A total of 275 cultural resources are located within the boundaries of the project area. Of these, 156 resources were constructed in or before 1965. The date 1965 was chosen because it is CDOT's standard practice to evaluate historic resources that are 45 years or older in order to allow for a period for completion of final design and construction for the proposed project. Eighteen of the 156 pre-1966 historic resources have been previously surveyed and evaluated. Due to changes to the resources, or to augment or correct existing inventory forms, 13 of these 18 historic resources were resurveyed in this inventory. The remaining 5 resources not resurveyed have previously received official determinations of eligibility and did not warrant additional survey. Therefore, a total of 151 cultural resources (156 resources minus the 5 resources not resurveyed) were surveyed in this inventory. These 151 resources consist of 137 architectural resources, 7 landscape features, and 7 linear resources.

Results of this cultural resources inventory recommend that 9 historic resources are individually eligible for nomination to the NRHP. Additionally, three potential historic districts have been identified within the project area. A recommended Lakewood School Historic District consists of 6 buildings and structures and 2 landscape features that are recommended as contributing resources, and eleven buildings and structures and 5 landscape features are recommended as noncontributing to this potential historic district. A recommended Green Acres Historic District includes 20 contributing buildings and 10 noncontributing buildings within the project area. Finally, a recommended Meadowlark Hills Historic District includes 10 contributing buildings and one noncontributing building within the project area. The remaining historic resources surveyed in this inventory consist of 70 architectural resources and 7 linear resources, and all of these are recommended to be not eligible for nomination to the NRHP.

The eligibility determinations for all surveyed resources are summarized in the following table.

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5JF4536	700 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Eligible, Criterion C	
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5JF4523	900 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4524	850 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4525	820 Wadsworth Blvd.	Commercial equipment sales / rental	Not Eligible
5JF4533	730 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4534	720 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4535	710 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4554	999 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4555	7630 West 10th Ave.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4556	975 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4557	965 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4558	829 Wadsworth Blvd.	Vehicle Maintenance building	Not Eligible
5JF4559	785 Wadsworth Blvd.	Restaurant	Not Eligible
5JF4560	659 Wadsworth Blvd.	Office building	Not Eligible
5JF4561	699 Wadsworth Blvd.	Strip mall	Not Eligible
5JF4562	7707 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4564	8149 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4565	8159 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4566	7400 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4567	7420 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4568	7430 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4569	594 Webster St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4570	550 Webster St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4571	500 Carr St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4572	485 Balsam St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4573	8130 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4574	8126 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4575	8020 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4576	8010 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4577	8000 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4578	7996 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4579	7960 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4580	7950 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible

5JF4581	7707 West 5th Ave.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4582	7700 West 5th Ave.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4583	490 Yukon St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4584	7610 West 5th Ave.	Office building	Not Eligible
5JF4585	495 Wadsworth Blvd.	Gas Station	Not Eligible
5JF4587	7655 West 4th Ave.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4588	7630 West 4th Ave.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4600	600 Field St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4601	605 Everett St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4602	600 Everett St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4603	605 Estes St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4604	600 Estes St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4605	605 Dudley St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4606	600 Dudley St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4607	605 Cody Court	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4608	610 Cody Court	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4609	8401 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4614	7390 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4615	7200 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4616	7150 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4617	575 Saulsbury St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF4618	580 Saulsbury St.	Residence	Not Eligible
5JF817.7	13th Ave. Railroad	Railroad bed	Not Eligible
5JF2268 (JEF.036)	McIntyre Gulch Culvert	Concrete box culvert	Not Eligible
5JF3013.1	Lakewood Lateral	Trench and culvert	Not Eligible
5JF4508.1	Wadsworth Blvd.	Highway	Not Eligible
5JF4508.2	Lakewood Gulch Culvert	Concrete box culvert	Not Eligible
5JF4509.1	US 6	Highway	Not Eligible
5JF4509.2	US 6 and Wadsworth Blvd. Bridge	Bridge	Not Eligible
5JF2877	1398 Wadsworth Blvd.	Commercial	Not Eligible (in APE, part of RTD West Corridor)
5JF2878	1370 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible (in APE, part of RTD West Corridor)
5JF2881	1350 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible (in APE, part of RTD West Corridor)
5JF2882	1330 Wadsworth Blvd.	Residence	Not Eligible (in APE, part of RTD West Corridor)
5JF2883	7525 West 13th Ave.	Residence	Not Eligible (in APE, part of RTD West Corridor)

## **Request for Comments**

As a consulting party with interest in these historic properties, we welcome your comments on the determination of eligibility outlined in the table above. Should you elect to respond, we request that you do so within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

This submittal has also been forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Office and the Lakewood Historical Society. We will forward their responses once we receive them.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. If you need further information, please contact CDOT Region 6 Senior Staff Historian, Dianna Litvak, at 303-757-9461.

Very truly yours

Jim Paulmeno Region 6 Planning and Environmental Manager

Enclosures: Historic Resources Report Site Forms

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## OFFICE of ARCHAEOLOGY and HISTORIC PRESERVATION

August 7, 2008

Jim Paulmeno Region 6 Planning and Environmental Manager Colorado Department of Transportation, Region 6 2000 South Holly Street Denver, CO 80222

Re: US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment, Lakewood, CO (CHS #50636)

Dear Mr. Paulmeno,

Thank you for your correspondence dated July 2, 2008 and received by our office on that same date regarding the consultation of the above-mentioned project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106).

After review of the provided additional information, we concur with the recommended finding of eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) for the resources listed below.

- 5JF.3548
- 5JF.3549
- 5JF.3554
- 5JF.4511. The site form under item 40 states that the period of significance for the resource is 1920-50 (National Register Criterion A) and under item 43 the period of significance is stated as being from 1948-49. Please more clearly define the period of significance(s) under the National Register criteria.
- 5JF.4513
- 5JF.4536
- 5JF.4542
- 5JF.4563
- 5JF.4586. The site form under item 40 states that the period of significance for the resource is 1958, the date of construction. We agree that this date is appropriate for National Register Criterion C (architecture), but not for National Register Criterion A (transportation/automobile growth). We recommend that the period of significance be reconsidered for National Register Criterion A and be extended beyond one year, 1958, as appropriate.
- 5JF.4512. We concur that the resource is eligible as a historic district, but request additional information regarding the period of significance. According to item 40 on the site form, the period of significance is 1927 to 1958. Item 45 states that the 1958 date is justified due to landscape changes of the mid-1950 and the 50-year rule. A period of significance for a historic district can extend beyond the 50-year rule cutoff date and not have to meet the exceptional significance threshold of National Register Criterion Consideration G. Please provide a clearer justification for the end date for the period of significance. The end date should be based on a significant event, such as the end of construction of buildings, a fundamental change in school administration, or the school closing or changing ownership. It is not uncommon to have the end period of significance extend into the 1960s or even 1970s if appropriate.

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- After review of the Green Acres Historic District, we concur that the historic district is eligible to the NRHP. We have provided comments below on the survey properties that we have additional questions. We concur with the other contributing and noncontributing recommendations.
  - 5JF.4610. The site form states that this resource is not a good example of a split level type. However, the site form does not include a justification or explanation why the property is not a good example. Item 43 states that the property has good historic physical integrity but noncontributing is marked under item 45. Please provide additional information on why this property is not a good example of the split level type and noncontributing to the historic district.
- After review of the Meadowlark Hills Historic District, we concur that the historic district is eligible to the NRHP. We concur with the recommended contributing and noncontributing status of the surveyed properties within the historic district. Staff attached copies of Table 8 from the survey report to each site form because the site forms did not state which model was being surveyed. In future submissions, we recommend that you include information regarding the surveyed models in each site form.
  - 5JF.4596. The text in item 45 of the site form describes the property as contributing to the historic district, but the contributing/noncontributing section is not marked. Staff marked the property as contributing.

After review of the submitted information, we concur with the recommendation of not eligible for the NRHP for the properties listed below.

- 5JF.4566
- 5JF.4567
- 5JF.4568
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- 5JF.4572
- 5JF.4575
- 5JF.4576
- 5JF.4577
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- 5JF.2907
- 5JF.2908
- 5JF.2911
- 5JF.2912
- 5JF.2913
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US 6 and Wadsworth EA CHS #50636 August 6, 2008 Please refer to our comments below in regards to the linear resources.

- 5JF.817.7. We are unable to concur with the recommendation that the entire Denver & Intermountain Railroad is not eligible to the NRHP. The site forms provide information on segment 5JF.817.7 and not for the entire railroad. We also are not able to concur with the finding of not eligible to the NRHP for the segment 5JF.817.7. A segment of a resource can not be eligible or not eligible. A segment can support or not support the overall eligibility of the entire linear resource. In our opinion, the entire linear resource of 5JF.817 is eligible for the NRHP and segment 5JF.817.7 lacks integrity and does not support the overall eligibility of the entire linear resource.
- 5JF.2268. We concur that this culvert is not eligible for the NRHP.
- 5JF.3013.1. The entire linear resource has not been evaluated for NRHP eligibility. In our opinion, the entire linear resource is eligible to the NRHP and the surveyed segment lacks integrity and does not support the overall eligibility of the entire linear resource.

Please refer to our comments below for resources that we were unable to concur on the recommended eligibility finding.

- 5JF.4509.1 and 5JF.4509.2. US 6 has been determined eligible by CDOT and our office in past projects, but item 17 on the Linear Component Form recommends the entire linear resource as not eligible to the NRHP. In our opinion, there is not enough information on the site form to concur with the recommended finding of not eligible for US 6. 5JF.4509.2 is an interchange located within the surveyed segment of 5JF.4509.1. We recommend that the interchange be evaluated within the segment 5JF.4509.1. In our opinion, the surveyed segment, 5JF.4509.1, (which would encompass 5JF.4509.2) does not support the overall eligibility of the entire linear resource of US 6.
- 5JF.4508.1 and 5JF.4508.2. In our opinion, the culvert surveyed as 5JF.4508.2 should be incorporated into the site form for 5JF.4508.1 because it is located within that surveyed segment. The site form for 5JF.4508.1 states that the entire linear feature of Wadsworth Boulevard is not eligible for the NRHP, but the site form only provides detailed information on the surveyed segment of Wadsworth Boulevard, 5JF.4508.1. In our opinion, the surveyed segment 5JF.4508.1 (which would encompass 5JF.4508.2) would not support the overall eligibility of Wadsworth Boulevard.
- 5JF.4573 and 5JF.4574. The provided photographs are difficult to review because the surveyed properties are hidden behind tall fences.
- 5JF.4583. We do not concur that this property is not individually eligible for the NRHP. In our opinion, the property is significant under National Register Criterion C for architecture at the local level of significance as a good example of the Contemporary style which was popular from the 1940s to 1980s. The property, built in 1955, retains the character-defining features of the Contemporary style including a low-pitched side gabled roof with exposed roof beams, brick façade (roman brick), large window openings lacking in detail, and strong horizontal appearance.

We request being involved in the consultation process with the local government, which as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.3 is required to be notified of the undertaking, and with other consulting parties. Additional information provided by the local government or consulting parties might cause our office to re-evaluate our eligibility and potential effect findings.

Please note that our compliance letter does not end the 30-day review period provided to other consulting parties. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Amy Pallante, our Section 106 Compliance Coordinator, at (303) 866-4678.

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October 10, 2008

Mr. Edward C. Nichols State Historic Preservation Officer Colorado Historical Society 1300 Broadway Denver, CO 80203

## SUBJECT: Additional Eligibility Issues, US6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment, Lakewood, CO (CHS #50636)

Dear Mr. Nichols,

This letter and the attached materials constitute CDOT's response to your questions regarding eligibility determinations for several properties within the project area in correspondence dated August 7, 2008. We have made revisions to the original site forms and are returning these to you. We are also submitting the Final Historic Resources Survey Report.

**5JF4511**: We have revised the period of significance for the resource as 1948-1949 to be consistent with the discussion under item 43.

**5JF4586:** We have revised the period of significance for the resource as 1958-1961. The building was constructed in 1958, and Wadsworth was widened in 1961, providing a significant event to frame a period of significance.

**5JF4512**: The period of significance for the NRHP-Eligible Lakewood School Historic District has been extended from 1927 through 1977. This period now includes the 1968-70 Administration and Arts Building (Building 5) as a contributing building to the historic district. In 1977, the Lakewood School was converted into the Jefferson County Open School and the school underwent an administrative change. After that point, new construction took on a different form on the school property. New buildings were subsequently built behind the earlier buildings and setback from view from 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the school's primary street front. This is seen in Building 4 (Cafeteria and Library) and Building 6 (Connecting Building), both of which were built assuming a deferential position in terms of minimalist style and their placement behind the earlier buildings on the property.

**5JF4610:** We maintain that this house is not a Split Level house, but a two story house because there are only two levels present. The one-car garage underneath the second story is at the same level as the main portion of the house. However, because of the house's odd form due to the small, off-center second story, the architectural style is designated "Other Style." Building permit research suggests that if this second story was a later addition, it was added sometime before 1970. Regardless, however, the house's unusual shape does not conform to any one of the accepted residential architectural styles as described in the OAHP's *Field Guide to Colorado's* 



*Historic Architecture & Engineering* or in Virginia and Lee McAlester's *A Field Guide to American Houses*, and thus is not recommended eligible for the National Register under Criterion C.

**5JF.817.7**: We have made the changes to items 36 and 37 of the Management Data Form stating that 5JF8717 is eligible for the NRHP and 5JF817.7 lacks integrity and does not support the overall eligibility of the entire linear resource.

**5JF3013.1**. We have made the following changes to item 13 of the re-evaluation form, stating that this segment of the Lakewood Lateral does not support the eligibility of the overall resource, which, in the absence of enough information, has been determined to be eligible to the NRHP.

**5JF4508.1/5JF4509.1.** We have revised these site forms from our previous submission. We have included 5JF4508.2 in the form for 5JF4508.1 and 5JF4509.2 in the form for 5JF4509.1.

**5JF4573 and 5JF4574:** Your staff requested that these two properties be re-photographed from within the property in order to see the houses more clearly. However, due to restricted access, we changed our recommendation from not eligible to "Needs Data." Neither of these properties will be impacted by the Preferred Alternative. If plans should change, resulting in indirect or direct impacts, CDOT will request permission to access the properties to make eligibility determinations.

**5JF4583.** After conducting further research at the Jefferson County Assessor and Tax Records, we continue to recommend that this house is not a good example of a 1950s Contemporary style house due to the numerous alterations to its 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue façade, at the north side of the house. Numerous garage and carport additions to the sides and rear of the house have resulted in an odd secondary, side facade. The north facade where the original carport was later enclosed projects in a slight angle. It is covered by an extension of the main roof, but this is recessed slightly the trim does not project in the same manner as the rest of the roofline. An additional photograph showing this addition in detail, and a sketch plan from Jefferson County Tax Records that shows the alterations to the house have been added to the inventory form to provide further explanation of these changes, and the resulting diminished integrity to the house.

We hereby request your concurrence with these additional eligibility issues. Your response is necessary for the Federal Highway Administration's compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regulations.

We have also copied this request to the consulting parties that are participating in this consultation: the Lakewood Historical Society and the Jefferson County Historical Commission. We will forward any comments we receive from them.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. If you require additional information, please contact CDOT Region 6 Senior Historian Dianna Litvak at (303)757-9461.

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Jim Paulmeno Region 6 Planning and Environmental Manager

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Enclosures:

Revised Historic Resources Report Site Forms

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October 21, 2008

Jim Paulmeno Region 6 Planning and Environmental Manager Colorado Department of Transportation, Region 6 2000 South Holly Street Denver, CO 80222

Re: US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment, Lakewood, CO (CHS #50636)

Dear Mr. Paulmeno,

Thank you for your correspondence dated October 10, 2008 and received by our office on October 16, 2008 regarding the consultation of the above-mentioned project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106).

After review of the submitted information, we concur with the changes made to the site forms for the resources listed below:

- 5JF.4511
- 5JF.4586
- 5JF.4512
- 5JF.4610
- 5JF.817.7
- 5JF.3013.1
- 5JF.4508.1 and 5JF.4508.2
- 5JF.4509.1 and 5JF.4509.2
- 5JF.4573
- 5JF.4574
- 5JF.4583

We request being involved in the consultation process with the local government, which as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.3 is required to be notified of the undertaking, and with other consulting parties. Additional information provided by the local government or consulting parties might cause our office to re-evaluate our eligibility and potential effect findings. Please note that our compliance letter does not end the 30-day review period provided to other consulting parties. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Amy Pallante, our Section 106 Compliance Manager, at (303) 866-4678.

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December 9, 2008

Mr. Edward Nichols State Historic Preservation Officer Colorado Historical Society 1300 Broadway Avenue Denver, CO 80203

## SUBJECT: Determination of Effects – US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment, Lakewood, Colorado

Dear Mr. Nichols:

This letter and the attached Determination of Effects to Historic Properties Report constitute a request for concurrence on the Determination of Effects for the project referenced above. The report was prepared as part of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed reconstruction of the US 6 and Wadsworth Boulevard interchange and roadway widening along Wadsworth Boulevard between 4th and 14th Avenues in Lakewood, Colorado.

## **Project Description**

The purpose of the US 6 and Wadsworth Boulevard project is to improve traffic flow and safety, accommodate high traffic volumes, and increase multi-modal travel options and connections at the US 6 and Wadsworth Boulevard interchange and along Wadsworth Boulevard between 4th Avenue and 14th Avenue.

The project area includes US 6 (also designated as 6th Avenue) and Wadsworth Boulevard (also designated as State Highway 121). The east-west limits along US 6 are from the eastern interchange ramps with Wadsworth Boulevard west to Garrison Street. On Wadsworth Boulevard, the project limits are 4th Avenue to 14th Avenue. Exhibit 1 in the attached report provides a map of the project area.

## **Description of the Recommended Alternative**

The existing design and configuration of the interchange and roadway within the project limits have not kept pace with traffic and multi-modal travel demands. Improvements are needed to improve safety for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists; correct design deficiencies that contribute to safety concerns and operational inefficiencies; increase infrastructure capacity to meet current and future traffic volumes; and support multi-modal connections.

To address these needs, CDOT proposes to reconstruct the existing cloverleaf interchange and replace it with a tight diamond with a loop in the northwest quadrant. The loop provides the greatest capacity for the highest volume traffic movement: westbound to southbound in the evening rush hour. The new interchange would lengthen acceleration and deceleration lanes, improve intersection spacing, and remove weaving conflicts. To mitigate high traffic noise that exceeds FHWA's noise abatement criteria, existing noise walls on the east side of Wadsworth near the interchange would be reconstructed where needed, and new noise walls would be constructed between US 6 and the US 6 frontage road west of

Wadsworth to commercial developments at Garrison Street. The existing US 6 bridge over Wadsworth would be replaced, and its profile would be raised to accommodate a longer span across Wadsworth.

CDOT also proposes to widen Wadsworth Boulevard between 4<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenues to provide an additional travel lane in each direction and detached sidewalks along both sides of the highway; the additional travel lanes and sidewalks would complement improvements north and south of the project area. In addition, access along Wadsworth would be controlled with a raised median.

The frontage roads on the north side US 6 within the project area would be reconfigured to address neighborhood access and traffic management. Accesses would be shifted, and portions of the existing one-way roads would be changed to two-way operations to improve access and reduce neighborhood cut-through traffic. Changes in frontage road operations were developed in consultation with residents of the adjacent neighborhoods.

Chapter 2 in the attached report provides additional detail about the Recommended Alternative and the alternatives evaluation process.

## **Eligibility Determinations**

An Historic Resources Survey completed as part of the EA assessed eligibility for 151 historic resources within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the US 6 / Wadsworth project. Of the 151 properties surveyed, nine architectural resources are individually eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and 39 architectural resources are contributing elements to three NRHP-eligible historic districts within or partially within the APE. Your office concurred with these eligibility determinations in correspondence dated August 7, 2008 and October 21, 2008.

CDOT conducted additional analysis of the historic property at 1215 Wadsworth Blvd. (5JF4511). A revised Architectural Inventory Form is attached to this submittal. The form was revised to clearly delineate the contributing landscape features, which include the extant trees and the circular driveway, and the noncontributing landscape features, which include the Dry Gulch culvert at the southwest area of the property and the dirt walking path along Wadsworth Boulevard. These noncontributing elements were created after the property's period of significance. This revision allowed better evaluation of the impacts to the historic, contributing features of this property.

## **Effect Determinations**

## **No Action Alternative**

There would be no direct impacts to any historic properties with the No Action Alternative.

## **Proposed Action (Recommended Alternative)**

CDOT has determined the Proposed Action will have an Adverse Effect to four individually NRHP eligible historic properties and no effect or no adverse effect to the remaining historic properties. The following tables summarize the effects to historic properties within the APE. The attached report provides additional discussion of effects and the efforts that CDOT undertook to avoid or minimize effects to historic properties.

Site No.	Address	Historic Resources in the APE Proposed Action Impact	Effect Determination
	7395 W. 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Demolition of structure (full acquisition)	Adverse Effect
5JF3549	7423 W. 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Demolition of structure (full acquisition)	Adverse Effect
5JF3554	7558 W. 9th Ave.	No direct or indirect impact (no	No Historic Properties Affected

## **TABLE 1**

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Effects to Individually Eligible Historic Resources in the APE

Site No.	Address	Proposed Action Impact	Effect Determination
		change to setting)	
5JF4511	1215 Wadsworth Blvd.	Partial acquisition of historic property frontage	No Adverse Effect
5JF4513	1230 Wadsworth Blvd.	Acquisition of portion of property that does not contribute to historic significance	No Adverse Effect
5JF4536	700 Wadsworth Blvd.	Demolition of structure (full acquisition)	Adverse Effect
5JF4542	7433 W. 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Demolition of structure (full acquisition)	Adverse Effect
5JF4563	8125 W. 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	No direct or indirect impact (no adverse change to setting); beneficial noise reduction	No Adverse Effect
5JF4586	401 Wadsworth Blvd.	Roadway project ties into existing condition north of property boundary	No Adverse Effect

Effects to Lakewood School Historic District and Contributing Buildings and Landscape Features, Site 5JF4512

Building	Proposed Action Impact	Effect Determination
Lakewood School Historic District	Acquisition of a portion of property adjacent to Wadsworth that does not contribute to historic significance; no buildings or contributing landscape features affected	No Adverse Effect
Building 1: New America School	Acquisition of portion of parking lot in front of building that does not contribute to historic significance	No Adverse Effect
Building 2: Elementary School	No Impact	No Historic Properties Affected
Building 3: Gymnasium	No Impact	No Historic Properties Affected
Building 5: Arts and Administration	No Impact	No Historic Properties Affected
Building 7: Junior High	No Impact	No Historic Properties Affected
Structure 10: World War II Memorial	No Impact	No Historic Properties Affected

Structure 12: Storage Outbuilding	No Impact	No Historic Properties Affected
Memorial Field	No Impact	No Historic Properties Affected
Landscaped areas adjacent to Buildings 1, 2, 3, 7	No Impact	No Historic Properties Affected

Effects to Green Acres Historic District and Contributing Buildings within the APE

Site No.	Address	Proposed Action Impact	Effect Determination
Green Acr	res Historic District	Construction near the southwestern edge of the historic district; most contributing resources unaffected; minor effects to three contributing resources (see 5JF4529, 5JF4530, and 5JF4537, below)	No Adverse Effect
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5JF4543	740 Emerald Ln.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
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5JF4550	790 Park Ln.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
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Effects to Meadowlark Hills Historic District and Contributing Buildings within the APE

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5JF4593	560 Everett St.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
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5JF4595	580 Estes St.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
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5JF4597	580 Dudley St.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4598	585 Dover St.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
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## **Request for Concurrence**

We request your concurrence with the Determination of Effect outlined in the above tables. Your response is necessary for FHWA's compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regulations.

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Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. If you need further information, please contact CDOT Region 6 Historian, Dianna Litvak, at (303) 757-9461.

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Enclosures: Determination of Effects to Historic Properties Report 5JF4511 (1215 Wadsworth) Architectural Inventory Form

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December 9, 2008

Ms. Karen Zoltenko Lakewood Historical Society 801 S. Yarrow Street Lakewood, CO 80226

SUBJECT: Determination of Effects – US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment, Lakewood, Colorado

Dear Ms. Zoltenko:

This letter and the attached Determination of Effects to Historic Properties Report constitute the Determination of Effects under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the project referenced above. The report was prepared as part of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed reconstruction of the US 6 and Wadsworth Boulevard interchange and roadway widening along Wadsworth Boulevard between 4th and 14th Avenues in Lakewood, Colorado.

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## **Effect Determinations**

### **No Action Alternative**

There would be no direct impacts to any historic properties with the No Action Alternative.

### **Proposed Action (Recommended Alternative)**

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#### TABLE 1

Effects to Lakewood School Historic District and Contributing Buildings and Landscape Features, Site 5JF4512

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### TABLE 3

Effects to Green Acres Historic District and Contributing Buildings within the APE

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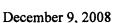
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Mr. Dennis Dempsey Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Department 100 Jefferson County Parkway, Suite 3550 Golden, CO 80419-3550

# SUBJECT: Determination of Effects – US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment, Lakewood, Colorado

Dear Mr. Dempsey:

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Chapter 2 in the attached report provides additional detail about the Recommended Alternative and the alternatives evaluation process.

# **<u>Eligibility Determinations</u>**

As detailed in the Historic Resources Survey completed as part of the EA (sent to you for review in July 2008), CDOT surveyed 151 historic resources within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the US 6 / Wadsworth project. Of these, nine architectural resources have been determined individually eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and 39 architectural resources have been determined to be contributing elements to three NRHP-eligible historic districts within or partially within the APE. We understand that Lakewood has a list of properties that might already be listed or are being considered for a local landmark designation. Please provide us with the status of any of the properties that are in our report and your efforts to develop a local landmark list.

# **Effect Determinations**

# No Action Alternative

There would be no direct impacts to any historic properties with the No Action Alternative.

# **Proposed Action (Recommended Alternative)**

CDOT has determined the Proposed Action will have an Adverse Effect to four individually NRHP eligible historic properties and no effect or no adverse effect to the remaining historic properties. The following tables summarize the effects to historic properties within the APE. The attached report provides additional discussion of effects and the efforts that CDOT undertook to avoid or minimize effects to historic properties.

TABLE 1	
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Site No.	Address	Proposed Action Impact	Effect Determination
5JF3548	7395 W. 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Demolition of structure (full acquisition)	Adverse Effect
5JF3549	7423 W. 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Demolition of structure (full acquisition)	Adverse Effect
5JF3554	7558 W. 9th Ave.	No direct or indirect impact (no change to setting)	No Historic Properties Affected
5JF4511	1215 Wadsworth Blvd.	Partial acquisition of historic property frontage	No Adverse Effect
5JF4513	1230 Wadsworth Blvd.	Acquisition of portion of property that does not contribute to historic significance	No Adverse Effect
5JF4536	700 Wadsworth Blvd.	Demolition of structure (full acquisition)	Adverse Effect
5JF4542	7433 W. 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	Demolition of structure (full acquisition)	Adverse Effect
5JF4563	8125 W. 6th Ave. Frontage Rd.	No direct or indirect impact (no adverse change to setting); beneficial noise reduction	No Adverse Effect

Effects to Individually Eligible Historic Resources in the APE

# TABLE 1

Effects to Individually Eligible Historic Resources in the APE

Site No.	Address	Proposed Action Impact	Effect Determination
5JF4586	401 Wadsworth Blvd.	Roadway project ties into existing condition north of property boundary	No Adverse Effect

# TABLE 2

Effects to Lakewood School Historic District and Contributing Buildings and Landscape Features, Site 5JF4512

Building	Proposed Action Impact	Effect Determination
Lakewood School Historic District	Acquisition of a portion of property adjacent to Wadsworth that does not contribute to historic significance; no buildings or contributing landscape features affected	No Adverse Effect
Building 1: New America School	Acquisition of portion of parking lot in front of building that does not contribute to historic significance	No Adverse Effect
Building 2: Elementary School	No Impact	No Historic Properties Affected
Building 3: Gymnasium	No Impact	No Historic Properties Affected
Building 5: Arts and Administration	No Impact	No Historic Properties Affected
Building 7: Junior High	No Impact	No Historic Properties Affected
Structure 10: World War II Memorial	No Impact	No Historic Properties Affected
Structure 12: Storage Outbuilding	No Impact	No Historic Properties Affected
Memorial Field	No Impact	No Historic Properties Affected
Landscaped areas adjacent to Buildings 1, 2, 3, 7	No Impact	No Historic Properties Affected

# TABLE 3

Effects to Green Acres Historic District and Contributing Buildings within the APE

Site No.	Address	Proposed Action Impact	Effect Determination
Green Acres Historic District		Construction near the southwestern edge of the historic district; most contributing resources unaffected; minor effects to three contributing resources (see 5JF4529, 5JF4530, and 5JF4537, below)	No Adverse Effect
5JF3610	700 Park Ln.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4526	7445 Highland Dr.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4527	7415 Highland Dr.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4528	7375 Highland Dr.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4529	705 Emerald Ln.	Indirect visual impact from construction of a sound barrier wall along rear/side of property	No Adverse Effect
5JF4530	715 Emerald Ln.	Indirect visual impact from construction of a sound barrier wall along rear of property	No Adverse Effect

5JF4537	7500 Broadview Dr.	Partial acquisition (approximately 180 square feet) required in southwest corner of property. Indirect visual impact from construction of a sound barrier wall along rear/side of property	No Adverse Effect
5JF4541	7370 Broadview Dr.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4543	740 Emerald Ln.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4544	730 Emerald Ln.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4545	701 Park Ln.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4546	721 Park Ln.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4547	741 Park Ln.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4548	761 Park Ln.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4549	781 Park Ln.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4550	790 Park Ln.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4551	660 Park Ln.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4552	680 Park Ln.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4553	720 Park Ln.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4636	710 Emerald Ln.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect

 TABLE 4

 Effects to Meadowlark Hills Historic District and Contributing Buildings within the APE

Site No.	Address	Proposed Action Impact	Effect Determination
Meadowlark Hills Historic District		Construction of a noise wall along frontage road north of the historic district	No Adverse Effect
5JF4590	545 Meadowlark Dr.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4591	540 Meadowlark Dr.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4592	555 Everett St.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4593	560 Everett St.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4594	585 Estes St.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4595	580 Estes St.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4596	585 Dudley St.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4597	580 Dudley St.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4598	585 Dover St.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect
5JF4599	590 Dover St.	Beneficial indirect effect from reduced noise	No Adverse Effect

# **Request for Comments**

As a consulting party with interest in these historic properties, we welcome your comments on the Determination of Effects outlined in the above tables. Should you elect to respond, we request that you do so within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

This submittal has also been forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Office, Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Department, and Lakewood Historical Society. We will forward their responses once we receive them.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. If you need further information, please contact CDOT Region 6 Historian, Dianna Litvak, at (303) 757-9461.

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Jim Paulmeno Region 6 Planning and Environmental Manager

Enclosure: Determination of Effects to Historic Properties Report

cc: Dianna Litvak, Lisa Streisfeld, David Singer, and Seyed Kalantar, CDOT Region 6 Marcee Allen, FHWA Mandy Whorton, CH2M HILL file

# OFFICE of ARCHAEOLOGY and HISTORIC PRESERVATION

December 19, 2008

Jim Paulmeno Region 6 Planning and Environmental Manager Colorado Department of Transportation, Region 6 2000 South Holly Street Denver, CO 80222

Re: US 6 and Wadsworth Environmental Assessment, Lakewood, CO (CHS #50636)

Dear Mr. Paulmeno:

Thank you for your correspondence dated December 9, 2008 and received by our office on that same date regarding the consultation of the above-mentioned project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106).

After review of the assessment of adverse effect, we concur with the recommended finding of no historic properties affected [36 CFR 800.4(d)(1)] for the resources listed below.

• 5JF.3554

After review of the assessment of adverse effect, we concur with the recommended finding of no adverse effect [36 CFR 800.5(b)] for the resources listed below.

- 5JF.4512/Lakewood School Historic District
- 5JF.4685/Green Acres Historic District
- 5JF.4684/Meadowlark Hills Historic District
- 5JF.4513
- 5JF.4563
- 5JF.4586

After review of the assessment of adverse effect, we concur with the recommended finding of *adverse* effect [36 CFR 800.5(a)(1)] for the resources listed below.

- 5JF.3548
- 5JF.3549
- 5JF.4542
- 5JF.4536

Staff appreciates the detailed alternatives analysis provided for review in regards to avoidance and minimization measures to resolve the adverse effects. We agree that OAHP Level II documentation would be appropriate, but we recommend that FHWA and CDOT consult with all consulting parties to determine if any creative mitigation measures to resolve the adverse effects are feasible.

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We request being involved in the consultation process with the local government, which as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.3 is required to be notified of the undertaking, and with other consulting parties. Additional information provided by the local government or consulting parties might cause our office to re-evaluate our eligibility and potential effect findings. Please note that our compliance letter does not end the 30-day review period provided to other consulting parties. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Amy Pallante, our Section 106 Compliance Manager, at (303) 866-4678.

Sincerely,

M. Collins

Edward C. Nichols State Historic Preservation Officer

US 6 and Wadsworth EA CHS #50636 December 19, 2008