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**SANTA FE/C-470 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS
EVALUATED FIN C-470 CORRIDOR STUDY**

CDOT, Douglas County, Littleton Team Up to Address Capacity & Safety Issues

LITTLETON (January 26, 2004) – The C-470 Corridor Environmental Assessment will evaluate capacity and safety improvements at the Santa Fe/C-470 interchange, as part of a unique partnership between the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and Douglas County.

“Although improving the C-470 mainline remains the primary focus of our environmental assessment, we felt it was critical to take this opportunity to identify strategies for the Santa Fe interchange,” said John Muscatell, Regional Transportation Director for CDOT Region 6.

The additional analysis will be funded using federal discretionary funds earmarked by Douglas County.

“Improving the Santa Fe interchange has been a top transportation priority for Douglas County,” said Douglas County Commissioner Melanie Worley. “We’re pleased that the C-470 Corridor project will evaluate alternatives for making this a safer, more efficient interchange.”

Santa Fe alternatives will undergo the same process as the C-470 mainline alternatives. The process is scheduled to continue through early 2005.

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The C-470 Corridor project team also will coordinate with Douglas County to integrate the county's planned improvements to roads in the corridor as a result of the \$27 million bond issue for transportation improvements approved by Douglas County voters in November 2003.

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ABOUT THE C-470 CORRIDOR PROJECT

The C-470 Corridor project is a cooperative effort between the Federal Highway Administration, the Colorado Department of Transportation and Arapahoe, Douglas and Jefferson counties. The team will conduct an environmental assessment to minimize congestion, reduce travel delays and increase reliability on the C-470 freeway between I-25 and Kipling Parkway. The project team also is studying the feasibility of barrier-separated, tolled express lanes from I-25 to I-70. A consultant team led by Wilson and Company and PBS&J will conduct the studies, expected to last two years.

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