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North I-25
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
Final Section 4(f) Evaluation

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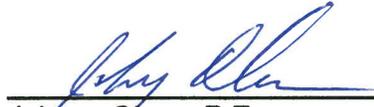
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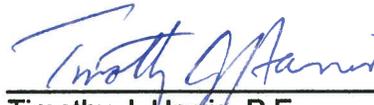


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ABSTRACT

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), in late 2003, initiated an Environmental Impact Statement to examine improvements to the I-25 corridor from Denver to Wellington in northern Colorado. The improvements are needed to provide modal alternatives, correct geometric deficiencies, improve safety, mobility and accessibility, and replace aging and obsolete infrastructure. This Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) identifies and evaluates impacts of multi-modal transportation improvements including three build alternatives and a No-Action Alternative, which provides a baseline for comparison.

The Preferred Alternative was developed based on public and agency comments on the Draft EIS and working with public agencies and elected officials through a collaborative decision making process. The Preferred Alternative combines elements of the two build alternatives evaluated in the Draft EIS, and includes I-25 improvements (general purpose lanes, tolled express lanes, and interchange reconstruction), I-25 express bus, US 85 commuter bus, and commuter rail service. The Preferred Alternative meets the project purpose and need and has public support.

Following public comment on this Final EIS, FHWA and CDOT plan to prepare a Record of Decision to address public comments and select an initial project phase for implementation.

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