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ABSTRACT

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 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 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) describes the two alternatives and a No-Action Alternative, which provides a baseline for comparison. The environmental consequences of the alternatives are described for a broad range of environmental categories including: socioeconomics and community, parks and recreation, right-of-way and displacements, aesthetics, air quality, noise and vibration, historic and archaeological preservation, paleontology, water resources, floodplains, wetlands, vegetation and wildlife, hazardous waste, soils and geology, energy, and construction impacts.

This document will be available for public review and comment from October 31, 2008 to December 15, 2008. Written comments can be submitted through the website (<u>www.cdot.info/northi25eis</u>/), by e-mail (<u>carol.parr@dot.state.co.us</u>), by fax (970-669-0289), by mail, or in person at the following address. All mailed comments must be postmarked no later than December 15, 2008. Public comments on the EIS should be sent to:

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Following public comment on this Draft EIS, FHWA, FTA and CDOT plan to prepare a Final EIS to address public comments and identify a preferred alternative for these improvements. The preferred alternative may be one of the two package alternatives, or a combination of components of the two package alternatives analyzed.

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