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COMMUNITIES SHOW SUPPORT FOR US 50 CORRIDOR EAST PROJECT

PUEBLO, Colo. (August 31, 2005) – US 50 Corridor East communities have once again expressed their support to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for the US 50 Corridor East project in the form of resolutions passed by each city, town and county in the project area. The resolutions support continuing the study to determine improvements to the US 50 Corridor from Pueblo to the Kansas state line, the corridor location, and the development and implementation of corridor preservation strategies.

The next phase of the project is an environmental assessment of the US 50 corridor from Pueblo to the vicinity of the Kansas state line. CDOT will be conducting this study in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration. This project phase will be based on the recommendations in *A Corridor Selection Study, A Plan for US 50*, which was presented to each community in the summer and fall of 2003.

With this reaffirmation of community support, the project team anticipates moving the project forward, beginning its discussions with federal and state agencies and the communities to identify resource issues along the corridor. These resource issues will include both manmade and natural elements that may be affected by changes to the US 50 corridor by this project.

“CDOT's Executive Management Team and the project team are very pleased to have the ongoing support of the communities,” said Mike Perez, the CDOT project manager. “It’s encouraging to have the corridor-wide support. The community support demonstrated during the previous phase has allowed us to proceed with the project. It verifies that we are on the right path in the decision-making process.”





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