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CDOT ANNOUNCES NEXT STEPS IN THE US 50 CORRIDOR EAST STUDY – Focus is on Confirming Support

Pueblo, Colo. – June 28, 2005 -- The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is gathering community support in the form of resolutions for continuing the study to determine improvements to the US 50 Corridor from Pueblo to the Kansas state line.

Resolutions of support for the recommendations previously made in the *Corridor Selection Study, A Plan for US 50,* which was presented to each community in the summer and fall of 2003, have been requested of all counties and communities along the corridor. The project team will visit with community groups along the corridor to communicate the next steps in the plan.

Once the resolutions are in place, the project team anticipates working directly with the federal and state agencies, and the communities on the identification of resources, which include both manmade and natural elements that may be affected by changes to or within the US 50 corridor.

"The Federal Highway Administration and CDOT's Executive Management Team have asked the project team to verify community support to continue this project and process. Future corridor improvements along US 50 East will be coordinated to complement the long range plans and visions of the communities and agencies," said Mike Perez, the CDOT project manager. "We hope that the resolutions we have asked for will demonstrate the corridor-wide





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support that we need to proceed. These will help us to make a corridor location decision."

For more information about the US 50 Corridor East Project, please contact Cheryl Everitt at (719) 520-5800 or visit the US 50 Corridor East Web site at <u>www.US50east.com</u>.

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