November 20, 2007

Dear Members of the I-70 Collaborative Effort Group:

At the November 8 Collaborative Effort meeting, there was a question on how CDOT and FHWA would utilize the alternative identified by consensus of the group. We stand behind the response provided at the meeting by Douglas Bennett of the FHWA and are writing to confirm our joint position.

It is the intention of FHWA and the Colorado DOT to adopt the alternative identified by full consensus of the Collaborative Effort team as the Preferred Alternative in the I-70 Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. As members of this team, we will assure that we are engaged in all communications and that we are an integral part of reaching a consensus. This will assure that the consensus alternative is consistent with Purpose and Need, state and federal laws, regulations, policies, etc. This involvement will enable us to be in a position to meet our intention and commitment when the consensus alternative is developed.

Sincerely,

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