

## SECTION 8

# Findings

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The Federal Highway Administration has determined that sufficient studies have been prepared to assess the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of the Proposed Action for the Interstate 25 Improvements Through the Colorado Springs Urbanized Area.

After a thorough, comprehensive and independent review of the Environmental Assessment, its associated studies and documentation, and all comments received during the 45-day public review period, FHWA has determined that there are no significant impacts associated with the implementation of the Proposed Action.

FHWA has concluded that the EA provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Therefore, FHWA has made the following finding for the I-25 Improvements Through the Colorado Springs Urbanized Area:

*The FHWA has determined that the preferred alternative will have no significant impact on the human environment. This FONSI is based on the EA, which has been independently evaluated by the FHWA and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the need, environmental issues, and impacts of the proposed project and appropriate mitigation measures. It provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an EIS is not required. The FHWA takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope, and content of the EA.*