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 <p><b>Environmental Assessment Open Forum Public Hearing</b> April 22, 2004</p> <p>Required information for tracking purposes. Please fill in information below:</p> <p>Name: <u>Jann Dancer</u> Address: <u>6930 Spurwood Dr. CSC 80908</u> Representing: <u>Self</u></p> <p><b>COMMENTS</b></p> <p><i>My concerns are as follows:</i>  <i>1. Disrupted wildlife migration routes. Ability of wildlife to move across I-25 from foot hills to Baptist Rock (eventually Palmer Park) is so dangerous &amp; restricted that the genetic viability of existing wildlife in isolated areas is at risk. The ability of wildlife to move about safely improves the health of the species. More overpasses would help wildlife.</i>  <i>2. Aesthetics: the I-25/606 overpass is rather ugly. Will I-25/Woodmen &amp; future overpasses be just as unsightly??</i></p> <p><small>PLACE your completed form in one of the marked baskets.          MAIL this form to: Wilson &amp; Co., Attn: Cheryl Everitt,          455 E. Pikes Peak Ave., Sta. 200, Colorado Springs, CO 80903          FAX (719) 520-0108, Attn: Cheryl Everitt.          VISIT <a href="http://www.i25environment.com">www.i25environment.com</a> and click on EA Comment Form.          Thank you for attending the open forum public hearing and for taking the time to share your comments with us.</small></p>	<p><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p>Wildlife: Migration disrupted</p> <p>Visual Resources: Ugly interchanges</p>	<p>Sent: April 22, 2004          Name: Beaty <u>Nelgestuen</u>          Address: 216 E Fontanero          City: Colorado Springs          State: CO          Zip: 80907</p> <p>I agree that I 25 needs to be wider to alleviate some of the traffic congestion in this city. I wish there was another way to accomplish that, but I think your research shows this to be the most effective method. But I do have concerns about the noise increases in the Old North End Neighborhood. I would feel much more comfortable with the project if it included some sound mitigation for this neighborhood. It is a historic neighborhood and we work hard to preserve it's character and charm. I would hate to see this wonderful area become louder as a result of this project and therefor a less pleasant place to live in. This neighborhood is one of the few that was here before I 25 ever existed and I think that earns it a special consideration. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this problem.</p>	<p><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p>General Support</p> <p>Noise: Mitigate near Old North End neighborhood</p>
<p>Sent: May 3, 2004          Name: Karen Rooks <u>Nauer</u>          Address: 620 Struthers Loop          City: Colorado Springs          State: CO          Zip: 80921</p> <p>Please expand I-25 to four lanes ASAP. Three lanes from Castle Rock to the southern edge of the Springs will not be enough to handle the volume. Please place sound walls from Monument to the existings walls recently added. We live near I-25 and Baptist and the noise is very loud from I-25. Excellent EA - Thanks for your work!</p>	<p>General Support</p> <p>Transportation: 4 lanes for entire length needed</p> <p>Noise: Walls from Monument to downtown needed</p>	<p>Sent: April 20, 2004          Name: Sam <u>Nelson</u>          Address: 5411 Gardenia Cir          City: Colorado Springs          State: CO          Zip: 80918</p> <p>Excellent at least 10 years overdue, start work asap, if denver gets trex etc. at the very least co spgs and the surrounding area deserves this.</p>	<p>General Support</p>

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<p>Sent: May 11, 2004  Name: KAREN J. <u>NELSON</u>  Address: 1422 ALAMO AVE.  City: COLORADO SPRINGS  State: CO  Zip: 80907-7302</p> <p>Realizing that I can have no effect in urging you to make a by-pass to the east - which most "towns" our size have, I will confine my comments to the current I-25 (which should be business I-25).</p> <p>Colorado Springs depends a great deal on tourists. Tourists come here to enjoy the mountains and the atmosphere of our town. This town used to have a small town feel, but that is being eroded daily. One of the most damaging things recently has been the highway. Not only does the wall eliminate a great deal of scenery (which people come to see) but the noise is more than apparent all over downtown area making our town sound like the big city. Many tourists come here and many people live here to leave that behind. the sound needs to be mitigated. I know CDOT has said that it is not so bad that it is mandatory but there is nothing that says mitigation can't be done anyway. I believe that it is mandatory to to all that can be done to preserve the historic neighborhoods - and that should include the historic downtown and certainly must include our park land. The noise has increased considerably and is close to the limits now. As I understand it there is to be a large increase in traffic in the next few years. Perhaps then it will be mandatory to mitigate, but I fear that the base line sound level will be taken at this new level rather than that of the Pre-wall time - a vast difference. Once we heard birds outside. Now we see them but cannot hear them - only traffic. The change has been dramatic in spite of the "official" numbers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p>General Opposition</p> <p>EIS needed</p> <p>NEPA Process</p> <p>Noise:</p> <p>Earth Berms</p> <p>Mitigation needed</p> <p>Historic Resources</p> <p>Parks/Recreation</p>	<p>We need a proper Environmental Impact Statement taking into account all of the so called safety improvements that CDOT has undertaken over the past several years to see what the cumulative change has been and will be. We also need mitigation. I feel certain that some berm or 4ft.center wall would help although I'm told that for some reason we cannot have them. There is no reason however not to use the rubberized asphalt! It does reduce noise considerably, should work fine in this climate it is successful in (Arizona)and even recycles some of the old tires that are littering the land. This highway expansion is an unfortunate project. It brings more traffic to the lowest part of town increasing the air pollution problem and in the long run it will be unlikely to suffice. What we really needed was to spend the many millions toward putting I-25 to the east and designate this portion as Business I-25 with a reduction of the speed limit on this section to 45. Tourists would still come to see the wonderful town and scenery and our downtown, parks and historic neighborhoods would not sound like Chicago. They do not need to -- please don't ignore the impact this has on the community. Please don't do the minimum that is absolutely required.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p>Noise:  Rubberized asphalt</p> <p>Reduce speed limit</p>
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<p>Sent: April 15, 2004  Name: Mike <u>Nemeth</u>  Address: 1717 North 7th Street  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80907</p> <p>I live just one block west of I25 between miles 144 and 145 on the hill, the noise is not that bad for the convenience. I travel I25 2 to 4 times a day. I have a business off the new Tejon, Nevada interchange it is great and well worth the inconvenience. I believe the study is very good, complete, and answers the questions that need to be answered. The enlargement is needed and well thought out and takes most everthing in consideration. As soon as the money is ready it needs to get started. Please don't let the noise of a few stop or slow the needs of the many who drive I25.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General support</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEPA Process</p>	<p>Sent: May 10, 2004  Name: Susan <u>Nishida-Harvey</u>  Address: 1346 North Weber St  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80903</p> <p>Significant negative impact on quality of life/air/water/wildlife; need to prepare environmental impact statement; alternative pavement type to minimize noise?; damage to wetlands, water quality, and human environment/resources more significant than "studies" make it; more comprehensive by unbiased professional in order to make a good decision that everyone can work with.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General  opposition:  Complete EIS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEPA Process</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noise:  Alternative  pavement</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Air Quality</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Water Quality</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wildlife</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wetlands</p>
<p>Sent: May 3, 2004  Name: Cara <u>Newman</u>  Address: 510 N. Prospect ST.  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80903</p> <p>The overall study seems to make sense. Expansion of the number of highway lanes and adding noise barriers is a necessity. Light rails SHOULD be incorporated into the plan. As it stands, existing public transportation in Colorado Springs is sub-par (due to lack of funding). Denver's light rail system is an example of a successful public transportation system. I, personally, don't worry about the Jumping Mouse. We've been spending way too much time and money on a varmit that will move its home if forced to. Although north I-25 is seriously conjested and will only increase in time, creating a highway that leads to Powers just south of the AFA will greatly reduce that. Also, I-25 on the south side of town will become more conjested within the next 5 years. Fountain, Pueblo and other towns south of the Springs are becoming more and more populated since it is more affordable to live there. Expansion on that end needs to be considered as well. Thank you!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alternatives Considered:  Light rail</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Expand number of lanes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noise:  Add barriers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Transportation:  Capacity issues at north  and south end of study  area</p>	<p>Sent: May 3, 2004  Name: Robert <u>Nolette</u>  Address: 6220 Wilson Rd  City: Colo Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80919</p> <p>I think the assessment is well thought out, and I fully support it. I think excellent consideration for the end result as well as the actual construction phases took place in it's preparation. As a commercial real estate owner and broker I am on the Interstate in the Springs and Denver at least 25 times per week. Something MUST ne done ASAP, And I fully support this plan. If it is run as well as TREX, it will be much more painless than people think. Please let me know if I can help further.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p>

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<p>Sent: May 11, 2004  Name: Lisa <u>Noll</u>  Address: 1428 Alamo Ave.  City: Col. Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80907</p> <p>As a resident of the Old North End Neighborhood of Colorado Springs I am concerned about the increasing noise levels from I-25 and about plans for further highway expansion with inadequate noise mitigation. I have lived on the west side of Alamo Ave north of Columbia for 14 years. At times I hear loud highway noise even in the middle of the night, and some evenings it is difficult to have a quiet conversation in our backyard.</p> <p>As part of a middle school science fair project in early 2002 my daughter took sound readings on our back porch (west side of Alamo) during the evening rush hour. (She used a recording digital sound level meter which integrated the readings over a 180 second period and provided an "average" as well as a minimum and maximum decibel measurement.) Average readings ranged from 52 - 67dB; more than half of the maximum readings were greater than 70dB.</p> <p>I urge that CDOT provide the most effective possible means for noise mitigation along the I-2 corridor.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noise: Effective mitigation needed</p>	<p>Sent: April 22, 2004  Name: Brian <u>Norton</u>  Address: 2500 N. Circle  City: Colorado Springs  State: co  Zip: 80909</p> <p>We need to expand that puppy. We have already gone way too long without taking the necessary steps to improve it by widening the lanes.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General support</p>
<p>Sent: March 28, 2004  Name: Allen B. <u>Norris</u>  Address: 829 N Circle Dr  City: Colorado Springs  State: co  Zip: 80909</p> <p>I concur with the results and recommendations of the I-25 EA. I believe it's way over due for widening I-25.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General support</p>	<p>Sent: April 16, 2004  Name: Jerry <u>Novak</u>  Address: 1750 Colgate Drive  City: Colorado Springs, CO  State: CO  Zip: 80918</p> <p>I have reviewed the study and concur with its findings. I believe that CDOT should proceed with the proposed improvements as soon as possible.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General support</p>

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<p>Sent: April 22, 2004  Name: Paul <u>Novak</u>  Address: 5449 Jessica Court  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80917  Colorado Springs must continue a growth path in all areas if we are to become a major convention and transportation locale. We need to offer all the advantages of large cities in these areas. We have beautiful scenery, outdoor sports, many tourist sites, great weather, etc. These are advantages some major convention cities right now don't have. The potential revenues in tax dollars are unlimited. We must draw this business to the Springs. Maintaining an up-to-date transportation route through the city is a necessity to accomplishing that. Those who visit here to view the city as a convention site, or as their home, must see that our transportation system is superior to others. Look at all major cities in the U.S. You see multi-lane expressways in other cities our size. I realize this will inconvenience a few regarding noise pollution but it is a great advantage to the entire city and that is a larger good. However, the city should be responsive to their citizens concerns however and offer sound barriers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noise: Provide sound barriers</p>	<p>Sent: April 19, 2004  Name: Elena E. <u>Nunez</u>  Address: 1003 N. Foote Avenue  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80909</p> <p>I was present at the April 6, 2004 Citizens Transportation Advisory Board meeting where the I-25 EA was presented. I would like to commend all the folks who have worked on this project. It was apparent that the public process was thorough, sound, and fair. Significant efforts were made to accommodate citizen concerns and still maintain the integrity of the project. Both my husband and I are in full support of the proposed capacity improvements recommended in the EA. Our only request is that the improvements be implemented as soon as possible. The growth in our community has increased demand for advanced roadway systems and we have already waited far too long to address these needs. Also in speaking with others, be assured the vast majority of people rely on the expertise of professionals to implement the safest and most cost efficient improvements that are appropriate for our climate and future use. If residents of the Old North End neighborhood want special improvements, they always have the option to establish a taxing district to address their specific neighborhood concerns. Please do not allow this single issue-focused minority to impact the progress of this project that benefits the tens of thousands of traveling public daily. Once again, thank you for the opportunity to provide input and for the extraordinary effort.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p>
<p>Sent: April 25, 2004  Name: Pam <u>Nuenke</u>  Address: 8055 Chancellor Dr  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80920  There has been much time and money spent to get this far-something must get started! The years of research has been well thought through but a decision must be made to move ahead. The longer we wait the more congested AND unsafe our highway becomes. The effects on land, environment and business is minimal considering the number of people it effects for the benefit of the entire city. Please move forward NOW! It is way overdue.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p>		