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 <p>Environmental Assessment Open Forum Public Hearing April 22, 2004</p> <p>Required information for tracking purposes. Please fill in information below:</p> <p>Name: <u>DAVE ULMER</u> Address: <u>1407 Holmes Drive 80909</u> Representing: <u>Self &amp; UIC's senior ed</u></p> <p>COMMENTS</p> <p><i>The grand scheme of years and cars continues to be a massive what has been around for a century or so. (Quite possible) from 1940s and 1950s. I feel that we must seriously consider the overall impact that a project of this magnitude will have on our community. We all recognize that the current configuration of I-25 does not meet the transportation needs of the Growing region. However, if the current completed sections are an indication of what we can expect then we must do better - much better. Traffic noise is the most serious threat to the neighborhoods along the corridor. The recent completed Fillmore-Bijou section has had a significant impact on Monument Valley Park and the Old North End Neighborhood. This area is one of the oldest neighborhoods in town and along with the park has great historical significance. So much so that the City of Colorado Springs has placed the Old North End Neighborhood in a special Historic Overlay Zone to further protect its architectural and cultural value.</i></p> <p>MAIL this form to: Wilson &amp; Co., Attn: Cheryl Everett, 455 E. Pike's Peak Ave., Ste. 200, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 FAX (719) 520-0106, Attn: Cheryl Everett. VISIT <a href="http://www.i25environment.com">www.i25environment.com</a> and click on EA comment Form.</p> <p>Thank you for attending the open forum public hearing and for taking the time to share your comments with us.</p> <p><i>Thank you for sharing your comments with us. I will be sure to pass them on to the appropriate agencies that have jurisdiction over this project.</i></p>	<p><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p>Alternatives Considered: Bicycle paths</p>	<p>Sent: April 30, 2004 Name: Jerry <u>Unknown</u> City: Colorado Springs State: CO Zip: 80907</p> <p>CAN'T WE DESIGN SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS SUCH AS THIS SO THAT THEY DO NOT LESSEN THE QAULTY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY? Having reviewed the study, I feel that we must seriously consider the overall impact that a project of this magnitude will have on our community. We all recognize that the current configuration of I-25 does not meet the transportation needs of the Growing region. However, if the current completed sections are an indication of what we can expect then we must do better - much better. Traffic noise is the most serious threat to the neighborhoods along the corridor. The recent completed Fillmore-Bijou section has had a significant impact on Monument Valley Park and the Old North End Neighborhood. This area is one of the oldest neighborhoods in town and along with the park has great historical significance. So much so that the City of Colorado Springs has placed the Old North End Neighborhood in a special Historic Overlay Zone to further protect its architectural and cultural value.</p> <p>I have read that the current decibel level in this area does not warrant noise mitigation as it is below the threshold. Shouldn't we all make the quality of life in our neighborhoods the top priority and not rely on some arbitrary decibel threshold? Just because there is a minimum, shouldn't we strive to do BETTER than that? Today the noise might be less than the standard, but add that forth lane as proposed along with continued growth of our community, and eventually the traffic volume will be such that we will surpass that minimum noise threshold. Let's design for the future and fix what we have already completed, not repeating our mistakes so that other neighborhoods don't have to deal with the constant roar of traffic that has invaded the Old North End. If we are going to allocate significant tax dollars on this project we should do it right, as we all will have to live with it and pay for it for a very long time. Everyone should ask themselves this: IF THIS PROJECT WAS NEAR MY NEIGHBORHOOD WOULDN'T I WANT IT TO HAVE THE LEAST AMOUNT OF IMPACT AS POSSIBLE TO ASSURE THE CONTINUED QAULTY OF LIFE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME?</p>	<p><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p>General opposition</p> <p>Noise: Impacts to Monument Valley Park and Old North End</p>
<p>Sent: April 15, 2004 Name: J C <u>Unknown</u> Address: 601 S Wahsatch Ste A City: Colorado Springs State: CO Zip: 80903</p> <p>What I don't like about I-25 is that it is suddenly 2 lanes between Bijou and Fillmore from 3 lanes. It needs to become 3 lanes all the way.</p>	<p>Alternatives Considered: Number of lanes</p>		

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<p>Sent: April 18, 2004  Name: sasso <u>Unknown</u>  Address: 6547 n academy n514  City: colorado springs  State: co  Zip: 80918</p> <p>We must act now to ensure that the congestion on I-25 is eliminated, and that a new East West "cross town route is established.</p> <p>The 55 MPH speed limit along the new section of I 25 is ridiculous, and the general feeling among tourists, who I deal with often, is that it is a "Small town speed trap" and it leaves them with a negative impression of our town.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p>General support</p> <p>Alternatives Considered:  East/west route</p> <p>Transportation:  Speed limit too slow</p>	<p>Sent: April 6, 2004  Name: Steven <u>Vasas</u>  Address: 12385 Mount Baldy Dr.  City: Colorado Springs  State: co  Zip: 80921</p> <p>I-25 through Colorado Springs must be expanded/improved and quickly. Major traffic jams occur daily for little or no reason. Additional capacity and lanes from Monument to Security are desperately needed.</p> <p>Current work projects seem poorly planned and poorly implemented. The Woodman interchange project (while very necessary) has been very disruptive and lengthy. If Utah can redo the entire Wasatch Front freeway system in a few years for the Olympics, why can't Colorado Springs finish one interchange (Woodman) in five years?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p>General Support</p>
<p>Sent: April 7, 2004  Name: Gary <u>Urie</u>  Address: 1029 E LaSalle Street  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80907</p> <p>There is no solution to our automobile dependent lifestyle. Same old attempts to treat the symptoms but not address the problem. Actually, I would recommend not increasing capacity. Eventually, we would find more efficient ways to live. Why perpetuate and excelerate the number of cars we own and the number of miles we drive? Oil production peaked in this country in the 1970's. World oil production is projected to peak early in this century. We need to become less energy dependent NOW instead of maximizing consumption. I oppose any increased capacity of any roads anywhere in Colorado. My preference is for the no change alternative.</p>	<p>General Opposition</p>	<p>Sent: April 22, 2004  Name: Carla D. <u>Vauthrin</u>  Address: 2018 W. Cucharras St.  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80904</p> <p>This appears to be a well researched, analyzed, and developed plan that will have a minimal negative impact on the environment and a positive impact on the transportation needs of area residents. I am particularly in favor of replacing trees that are removed with native species. I suggest that the ratio of tree replacement is 2 new:1 removed. A greater number of trees will lessen noise, air and dirt pollution created by increased traffic flow.</p>	<p>General Support</p> <p>Vegetation:  Replace removed trees 2 to 1 with native species</p>

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<p>Sent: April 30, 2004  Name: Steven R. <u>Vela</u>  Address: 3365 Springridge Circle  City: Colorado Springs  State: C  Zip: 80906</p> <p>Having read the Environmental Assessment Study, and considering the needs of our community, it is apparent that this thorough and complete study assesses all of the issues related to the proposed capacity improvements. Any negative environmental impact caused by the capacity improvements appear minor in comparison to the advantages of making the improvements. It is particularly important to follow through with the noise abatement measures, particularly along the Monument Valley Park corridor. These measures should be completed regardless of whether or not the improvements are eventually completed.</p> <p>It is essential to the quality of life in El Paso county that improvements to the I-25 corridor be undertaken promptly.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noise: Mitigate noise along Monument Valley Park</p>	<p><u>Vickery</u> continued</p> <p>In the overall layout of the city, it seems that north-south traffic flow would be more wisely achieved by rerouting the major traffic east, either Academy or Powers, after all those streets are lined with business, they are generally closed at night and it seems it would more conveniently serve the enormous numbers of Colorado Springs residents who live in that area. We are truly sad to think that our lovely neighborhood will be so compromised by the short sight of a budget minded committee.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alternatives Considered: East bypass</p>
<p>Sent: May 10, 2004  Name: Brock C. <u>Vickery</u>  Address: Millie J. Winebrenner  City: 1704 North Tejon Street  State: Colorado Springs  Zip: Co  80907</p> <p>I-25 is so heavily traveled at this time it is impossible for us to sleep with the windows open anymore. We are wakened every time an 18 wheeler gears down or someone honks their horn. We find it tragic that planners go to such lengths to control the neighborhood with historic overlays and then expose it to the rage of the 21st century. Building a wall on the west side of the freeway served only to bounce more noise to the east side of the freeway. This is a thriving neighborhood full of families.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General opposition</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noise</p>	<p>Sent: April 19, 2004  Name: Steve <u>Visosky</u>  Address: 2460 Wimbleton Court  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80920</p> <p>The study seems very thorough. The improvements are desperately needed. As someone who commutes from Briargate Parkway to South Circle daily, I have spent a lot of time on I-25. While the improvements are wonderful (e.g., South Nevada), the highway is only as good as its weakest link. Right now, the weak links are all the two lane choke points. On a spring break commute with little traffic, the ride is 20 minutes. With normal traffic, its about 40 minutes. That's nearly 3 1/2 hours a week I'd sure like to have back to spend with my family. Keep up the good work.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p>

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<p>Sent: April 12, 2004  Name: Jennifer <u>Vrynios</u>  Address: 15205 Copperfield Drive  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80921</p> <p>I say good job - build it. These improvements are necessary for the community and to maintain air quality as we are required. Impacts will be mitigated. Do not let a few folks with deep pockets delay this project. Consideration of the tens of thousands of people who drive I-25 for work, to patronize businesses or are tourists should not be put aside for a few complainers that I would bet bought their homes less than 44 years ago.</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 style="text-align: center;"><b>ISSUES</b></p>
<p>Sent: April 12, 2004  Name: Pete <u>Vrynios</u>  Address: 15205 Copperfield Drive  City: Colorado Springs  State: CO  Zip: 80921</p> <p>Please build this project. I drive I-25 from the north end of town to the Bijou exit six days a week to go to work. I have seen the traffic get worse. This project is needed.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">General Support</p>		