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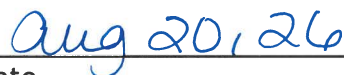
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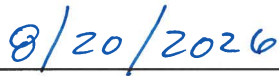


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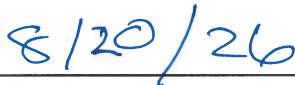


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Decision

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with CDOT, has identified the Two General-Purpose Lanes and One Express Lane that Accommodates Transit Alternative as the Selected Alternative for the I-270 Corridor Improvements Project (project). The Selected Alternative will reconstruct the full 6.5-mile stretch of I-270 from the Interstate 25 (I-25)/United States Highway 36 (US 36) interchange to Interstate 70 (I-70) in Adams County, Commerce City, and the City and County of Denver.

FHWA and CDOT selected this alternative based on the analysis presented in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and combined Final EIS/Record of Decision (ROD), along with public and agency input, engineering considerations, and environmental factors. The Selected Alternative with its mitigation measures meets the project's Purpose and Need and provides the best overall balance of mobility, safety, infrastructure improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian benefits, while avoiding operational challenges associated with other alternatives.

This decision constitutes FHWA's final agency action. A notice will be published in the Federal Register pursuant to 23 United States Code (USC) Section 139(l). Claims seeking judicial review must be filed within 150 days of the notice's publication.

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