

Resolutions of Support

During the EA public comment period, resolutions of support for Interstate 25 improvements were received from local governments and other interested parties in the Pikes Peak Region. Copies of these resolutions are provided in this Appendix.

Local Government Resolutions

Resolutions of support for I-25 improvements were received from the following decision-making boards of elected officials:

- The Board of Directors of the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
- The Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County
- The Colorado Springs City Council.

Additional information about these resolutions is provided below.

PPACG

On April 14, 2004, a resolution of support for the proposed I-25 improvements was approved unanimously by the Board of Directors of the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG), which is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Pikes Peak Region. As noted in their resolution, PPACG acts to meet the transportation planning and programming requirements of Title 23 and Title 49, United States Code, and to formulate policies, plans and programs necessary to the planning process for transportation, land use, and air quality management.

The PPACG Board of Directors is composed of elected officials representing the region's three counties, six cities and six towns. Ex-officio (non-voting) members include representatives of the Colorado Transportation Commission, Colorado Air Quality Control Commission, and the local public transportation (transit) community.

El Paso County

On April 12, 2004, a resolution of support for the proposed I-25 improvements was approved unanimously by the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County. All transportation improvements comprising the Proposed Action in the I-25 EA are located within El Paso County, including both incorporated areas (such as the City of Colorado Springs) and unincorporated areas.

City of Colorado Springs

On April 27, 2004, a resolution of support for the proposed I-25 improvements was approved unanimously by the Colorado Springs City Council. The City of Colorado Springs is the largest city in El Paso County, accounting for approximately 70% of El Paso County's population.

The City Council resolution noted that the proposed improvements are consistent with the City's Intermodal Transportation Plan and the PPACG 2025 Long-Range Regional Transportation Plan. The resolution also urged CDOT to use available material, methods and practices that will provide the highest and best mitigation of negative impacts, including noise impacts. This statement is addressed in Section 4 of this NEPA decision document.

Non-Governmental Resolutions

Resolutions of Support for the proposed I-25 improvements were also received from the following community groups:

- The Greater Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce
- The Transportation Committee of the Greater Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce
- The Pikes Peak Association of Realtors.



PIKES PEAK AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Rob McDonald

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City of Cripple Creek

Executive Director
Robert MacDonald

**RESOLUTION BY
THE PIKES PEAK AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS'
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SUPPORTING THE I-25 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

April 14, 2004

WHEREAS, Title 23, Section 134 and Title 49, United States Code, as updated by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century of 1998, require each urban area to have a comprehensive transportation planning process that results in transportation plans and programs consistent with the planned development of an urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the aforementioned legislation, the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) was designated by the Governor of the State of Colorado as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for carrying out the transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the PPACG acts to meet the transportation planning and programming requirements of Title 23 and Title 49, United States Code, and for formulating policies, plans and programs necessary to the planning process for transportation, land use, and air quality management; and

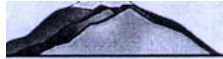
WHEREAS, the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments has reviewed the provisions contained within the Interstate 25 Environmental Assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments believes there is a critical need to complete the approval process for the Interstate 25 Environmental Assessment and expedite the implementation of the recommendations contained within the Interstate 25 Environmental Assessment.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the PPACG Board of Directors endorses and recommends approval of the Environmental Assessment of Interstate 25 through the Pikes Peak Region by the Federal Highway Administration, so that the needed capacity improvements to the highway can begin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PPACG Board of Directors supports the findings in the Environmental Assessment that states that the affects of the improvements will not be significant and endorses the mitigation recommendations as identified therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PPACG Board of Directors recommends that each of its member governments participate in the process by providing comments to the Colorado Department of Transportation concerning the Interstate 25 Environmental Assessment.



PIKES PEAK AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PPACG Board of Directors, acting for and on behalf of its affected local governmental units, hereby recommends that each local government endorse and accept the Interstate 25 Environmental Assessment and ask that they request the implementation of the improvements to Interstate 25 as outlined in the Environmental Assessment.

RESOLVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments this fourteenth day of April 2004 at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

LeNore Ralston, Chair
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Robert MacDonald
Executive Director, PPACG

Resolution No. 04-140

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF EL PASO, STATE OF COLORADO**

Commissioner Williams moved adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) conducted an Environmental Assessment of Interstate 25 through El Paso County, Colorado, by the Federal Highway Administration; and,

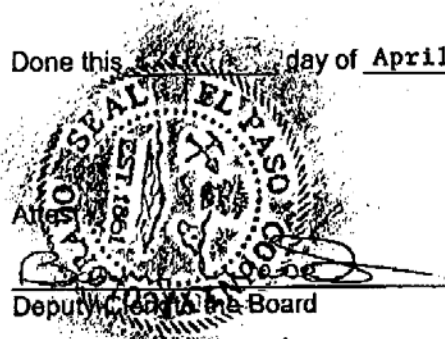
WHEREAS, the findings of said Environmental Assessment were presented to the El Paso County Board of Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the improvements proposed for Interstate 25 through El Paso County are necessary to increase capacity; and,

WHEREAS, The El Paso County Board of County Commissioners supports the findings in the Environmental Assessment, that the effects of the improvements will not be significant, and endorses the mitigation recommendations as identified therein;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners approves said Environmental Assessment and endorses the improvements to Interstate 25 as outlined in said document.

Done this 13th day of April, 2004 at Colorado Springs, Colorado.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO

Attest:


Chuck Brown
Chairperson

Commissioner Bensberg seconded the adoption of the foregoing Resolution. The roll having been called, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Brown	aye
Commissioner Bensberg	aye
Commissioner Williams	aye
Commissioner Huffman	absent
Commissioner Howells	aye

The Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of El Paso, State of Colorado.

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RESOLUTION NO. 81-04


**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED
ACTION TO IMPROVE INTERSTATE 25 THROUGH THE COLORADO
SPRINGS URBANIZED AREA AS DETAILED IN THE INTERSTATE 25
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

- WHEREAS, Interstate 25 is an extremely important transportation facility in Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak Region, and
- WHEREAS, improvements to Interstate 25 are needed to relieve existing traffic congestion and to accommodate future travel needs along the corridor, and
- WHEREAS, the proposed improvements are consistent with the City's Intermodal Transportation Plan and the Destination 2025 Regional Transportation Plan, and
- WHEREAS, we strongly urge the Colorado Department of Transportation to use available materials, methods and practices that will provide the highest and best mitigation of negative impacts caused by the expansion of Interstate 25, including noise impacts to Monument Valley Park, the Pikes Peak Greenway, surrounding neighborhoods and the environment, and
- WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has prepared an Environmental Assessment for the proposed improvements, consistent with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, and with extensive public involvement, and
- WHEREAS, the findings of the Environmental Assessment were presented to the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

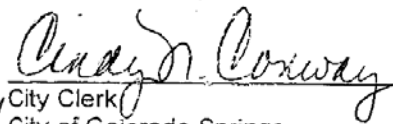
That City Council supports the proposed Interstate 25 improvements through the Colorado Springs Urbanized Area as detailed in the Interstate 25 Environmental Assessment.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 27th day of April, 2004.



Mayor
City of Colorado Springs

ATTEST:



Deputy City Clerk
City of Colorado Springs

Resolution

Be it resolved that the Greater Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce endorses and recommends approval of the Environmental Assessment of Interstate 25 through El Paso County, Colorado, by the Federal Highway Administration, so that the needed capacity improvements to the highway can begin.

Be it further resolved that the Chamber supports the findings in the Environmental Assessment that the affects of the improvements will not be significant.


Be it further resolved that the Chamber recommends that each of its members participate in the process by providing the Colorado Department of Transportation with comments concerning the Environmental Assessment.

Be it further resolved that the Greater Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce commends to the City of Colorado Springs and the County of El Paso elected representatives that they endorse and accept said Environmental Assessment and ask that they request the improvements to Interstate 25 as outlined in said document.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 2004.

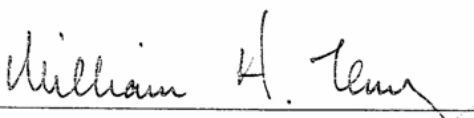
Given under my hand and seal,

Thomas J. Naughton



Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:
William H. Temby



President & CEO

Resolution

The Transportation Committee of the Greater Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce endorses and recommends approval of the Environmental Assessment of Interstate 25 through El Paso County, Colorado, by the Federal Highway Administration, so that the needed capacity improvements to the highway can begin.

This organization supports the findings in the Environmental Assessment that the effects of the improvements will not be significant and endorses the mitigation recommendations as identified therein.

This organization recommends that each of its members participate in the process by providing the Colorado Department of Transportation with comments concerning the Environmental Assessment.

The Transportation Committee of the Greater Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce recommends to the City of Colorado Springs and the County of El Paso elected representatives that they endorse and accept said Environmental Assessment and ask that they request the improvements to Interstate 25 as outlined in said document.

Dated this 21 day of April, 2004.



Chairman, Transportation Committee
Greater Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce

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PIKES PEAK ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®



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Be it resolved that the Pikes Peak Association of REALTORS® endorses and recommends approval of the Environmental Assessment of Interstate 25 through El Paso County, Colorado, by the Federal Highway Administration, so that the needed capacity improvements to the highway can begin.

Be it further resolved that this organization supports the findings in the Environmental Assessment that the effects of the improvements will not be significant and endorses the mitigation recommendations as identified therein.

Be it further resolved that this organization recommends that each of its members participate in the process by providing the Colorado Department of Transportation with comments concerning the Environmental Assessment.

Be it further resolved that the Pikes Peak Association of REALTORS® commends to the City of Colorado Springs and the County of El Paso elected representatives that they endorse and accept said Environmental Assessment and ask that they request the improvements to Interstate 25 as outlined in said document.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 2004.

Given under my hand and seal,

Chairman of the Board

Skip Howes

ATTEST:
CEO

Terry Storm

