

Abstract

This Interstate 70 (I-70) East Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Section 4(f) Evaluation documents the anticipated effects associated with transportation improvements planned along the I-70 corridor between I-25 and Tower Road.

The Draft EIS was released for public review in 2008. When it was determined that a consensus on a preferred alternative would not be reached, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) decided to review prior decisions in the process, including the previously eliminated alternatives. As a result, the Supplemental Draft EIS was released for public review in 2014 and introduced a new alternative for consideration.

This Final EIS updates the analysis for the Supplemental Draft EIS alternatives, and identifies a preferred alternative. This document also responds to the stakeholder comments received during the Supplemental Draft EIS public review period. The Preferred Alternative is identified as the Partial Cover Lowered Alternative with Managed Lanes Option.

Any direct, indirect, cumulative, and construction effects of the revised alternatives are identified in a broad range of categories, including transportation, social and economic conditions, environmental justice, land use, relocations and displacements, historic preservation, paleontological resources, visual resources and aesthetic qualities, parks and recreational resources, air quality, energy, noise, biological resources, floodplains and drainage/hydrology, wetlands and other waters of the U.S., water quality, geology and soils, hazardous materials, utilities, and Section 4(f) resources. Mitigation measures are identified to address impacts to all resources.

Visit the project website at www.i-70east.com for an electronic version of the Final EIS and attachments, including technical reports. Attachment Q of the Final EIS provides responses to all comments received on the Supplemental Draft EIS released in August 2014. The project website lists locations where hard copies of the Final EIS and associated materials are available for public review. Information on dates, times, and locations of public meetings that will be held during the public review period also are included on the project website.

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The Executive Summary and Frequently Received Comments and Responses on the Supplemental Draft EIS are provided in Spanish in this document and on the website, www.i-70east.com.

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El Resumen Ejecutivo y los Comentarios Frecuentes Recibidos así como sus Respuestas sobre el Anteproyecto del EIS Suplementario los puede encontrar en español en este documento y en el sitio web www.i-70east.com.

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