

5.0 SELECTION OF THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

The FHWA has determined that the Preferred Alternative described in Section 2.0 of this document and on pages 3-15 and 3-16 of the EA is the Preferred Alternative. Based on the EA, comments received from the public, and the FONSI, the FHWA is approving the advancement of the Preferred Alternative for final design and implementation.

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6.0 FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

CCD has prepared the referenced EA and FONSI in compliance with the NEPA of 1969 and other applicable laws, Executive Orders and related requirements.

This FONSI is based on the EA (see the attached compact disc), which has been independently evaluated by the FHWA and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the need, environmental issues, and impacts of the proposed project and appropriate mitigation measures. It provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. FHWA and CDOT have determined that the Preferred Alternative will have no significant impacts to the human or natural environment. The FHWA and CDOT take full responsibility for the accuracy, scope, and content of the attached EA.

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7.0 REFERENCES

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