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Federal Highway Administration, Colorado Division
Acknowledgement of Completion Letter
of the US 50 West PEL Study

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**Subject: US 50 West (Swallows Road to Baltimore Avenue) Planning Environmental
Linkage Study**

Dear Mr. Wrona:

This letter is to acknowledge the completion of the Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study initiative undertaken by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). This corridor planning study was undertaken in a manner consistent with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) PEL guidance which outlines a process similar to that required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The benefits of this streamlining effort will undoubtedly be realized in terms of time and cost savings on future NEPA studies conducted within the corridor planning study limits.

The completed PEL Questionnaire submitted to FHWA in June 2012 provides a good summary of the work completed in the PEL study and the information that will be needed once projects enter into the NEPA process. As individual projects are initiated and funding becomes available, it will be necessary to FHWA to meet with CDOT on a project-by-project basis to determine the scope of the NEPA study including level of study required, purpose and need, logical termini, and the extent to which the corridor study can be used to supplement or replace certain milestones in the NEPA process.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact Mr. Chris Horn of this office at 720-963-3017.

Sincerely,

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