



Abstract

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is issuing a single Tier 1 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) document pursuant to Pub. L. 112-141, 126 Stat. 405, Section 1319(b). As a result, the 30-day waiting period between the FEIS and ROD, prescribed in 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §771.127(a), will not occur.

This Tier 1 FEIS documents the effects associated with the proposed transportation improvements along the U.S. Highway 50 (US 50) Corridor. This document addresses a 150-mile-long portion of US 50 through the Lower Arkansas Valley in southeastern Colorado, between Pueblo, Colorado, and the vicinity of the Colorado-Kansas state line. The FHWA, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), and local governments have identified the need to improve safety and mobility on this highway.

The US 50 Tier 1 FEIS analyzes the project on a broad scale. The document has been prepared under the guidance of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. The purpose of this document is to identify a general corridor location for improvements to US 50, off and/or on the existing alignment, from Interstate 25 (I-25) in Pueblo to approximately one mile east of Holly, near the Colorado-Kansas state line. The Build Alternatives presented in this document are the results of this effort. They represent a 1,000-foot-wide corridor generally centered on the existing US 50 alignment, as found between the communities located east of Pueblo. At the communities, the Build Alternatives also include realignments around the towns. These Build Alternatives were further screened to identify a preferred alternative, which identifies one of the choices around each community as the Preferred Alternative, except in Fowler and Swink. At these locations, two Build Alternatives are carried forward for Tier 2 analysis.

After completion of this Tier 1 process, Tier 2 NEPA studies would identify highway alignment alternatives within the 1,000-foot-wide corridor, which would consist of a maximum 250-foot-wide highway footprint (i.e., alignment) to accommodate a four-lane expressway. Tier 2 studies also would include additional socio-economic and environmental analysis, public involvement, and design.

Impacts of the No-Build Alternative and Build Alternatives, including the Preferred Alternative, on the rural and agricultural environment, natural environment, community and built environment, and other resources are identified in a broad range of categories. Mitigation strategies are identified to address impacts to these resources.



This Tier 1 FEIS/ROD is online at <http://www.coloradodot.info/projects/us50e> and is available for review at the following locations:

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Pueblo, CO 81006
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**Pueblo City-County Library District
Rawlings Library**
100 E. Abriendo Avenue
Pueblo, CO 81004
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400 6th Street
Fowler, CO 81039
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301 Catalpa Street
Manzanola, CO 81058
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Rocky Ford City Library
400 S. 10th Street
Rocky Ford, CO 81067
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Swink Town Hall
301 Columbia Avenue
Swink, CO 81077
(719) 384-7155

Woodruff Memorial Library
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La Junta, CO 81050
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306 5th Street
Las Animas, CO 81054
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102 E. Parmenter Street
Lamar, CO 81052
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