



December 3, 2019

Colorado Department of Transportation
400 Inverness Pkwy, Ste 410
Englewood, CO 80112

Subject: I-25: Colorado Springs Denver South Connection Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study

Dear Carrie DeJiacomo-Wiedner,

The Town of Castle Rock is pleased to submit this letter of support for the Interstate 25 (I-25) Colorado Springs Denver South Connection PEL Study undertaken by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for the I-25 corridor between the Town of Monument (State Highway [SH] 105) and the C/E-470 (Colorado/E Highway 470). I-25 between SH 105 and C/E-470 provides an essential travel link for Castle Rock residents, visitors, commuters, and freight to and from the Town and the surrounding regional transportation network. To keep this critical link affordable for all current and future users, we recommend that all managed/tolled lanes be ended at the nearest interchange, either existing or future, to the Town's southern boundaries with no managed/tolled lanes extended north to C-470. Additionally, an additional General Purpose lane is recommended to be added from this southern interchange to C-470. Along with the Town's recommended adjustments, the PEL Study has resulted in recommended solutions for the challenges affecting safety, travel time reliability, and mobility along I-25.

In particular, the Town recognizes and appreciates that the PEL includes a primary goal of supporting corridor communities' land use, development, and economic goals. Colorado residents and businesses are choosing Castle Rock for several reasons, including the importance of a reliable and safe trip on I-25. Our transportation master planning efforts in the Town have recognized the importance of the regional connections to this transportation corridor, both existing and future, and we look forward to collaborating on future projects to make this goal a reality.

Sincerely,

Jason Gray, Mayor
Town of Castle Rock