

Providing a Voice for Northeast Colorado

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANPORTATION PROJECT PRIORITY PLANNING PROCESS

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WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has an established process for establishing project priorities within Transportation Planning Regions (TPRs); and

WHEREAS, the priorities within each planning region are combined to establish a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and

WHEREAS, there are highway sections that cross the boundary between TPRs; and

WHEREAS, the same highway may have a high priority in one TPR but not in the other; and

WHEREAS, the priority discrepancy between TPRs can result in a discontinuity of improvements for a highway section; and

WHEREAS, the planning priorities of a TPR can directly affect the transportation improvements needed by a bordering TPR; and

WHEREAS, a prime example of the above described problem is US 34 between Akron and Brush, wherein the boundary between the Eastern TPR and the Upper Front Range TPR is the Morgan -Washington county line; and

WHEREAS, US 34 between Akron and Brush is a high priority for the Eastern TPR and a low priority for the Upper Front Range TPR; and

WHEREAS, the priority discrepancy has resulted in improvements in the highway section in Washington county and no improvements in Morgan county; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated STIP cannot be developed without addressing this problem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Progressive 15 requests that CDOT recognized the problem of uncoordinated planning priorities for highway sections that

cross TPR boundaries and develop a process to consider coordination of improvements to highway sections that cross TPR boundaries.

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