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In Reply Refer To:
HFPM-16

Mr. Frank Lancaster
Town Administrator
Town of Estes Park, Colorado

Dear Mr. Lancaster:

The Town of Estes Park submitted an application for a project to be included in the Colorado Federal Lands Access Program (Access) for roadway improvements including a one way loop on Elkhorn Avenue, Moraine Avenue, and Riverside Drives in Estes Park Colorado. The Colorado Project Decision Committee (PDC) reviewed and selected the Estes Loop Project for detailed scoping, which was completed by the Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD) in collaboration with the project stakeholders. A scope of work, schedule, and budget were developed and provided to the Town of Estes Park and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) in the Project Agreement, dated 6/12/2014 and the detailed Reimbursable Agreement dated 3/12/2014

These agreements indicated the Town of Estes Park's intent to provide the required matching funds for the Environmental Analysis, Detailed Design, Construction, and Construction Management of the one way loop to be delivered by CFLHD. The project was approved by the PDC for inclusion in the CO Access Program with the intent of completing the Environmental Analysis in 2015, project development and design in 2016, and construction in 2017.

During the alternative screening phase of the Environmental Analysis the PDC was informed that the Town of Estes Park may have a preference to develop a four-lane Riverside alternative that is materially different than the scope agreed upon in the Access application and the Project Agreement. This alternative will result in an increased level of effort for the environmental analysis, as well as schedule delays and increased costs.

The PDC understands the Town's efforts to identify the most appropriate transportation solution that will best serve the town many years into the future, however the change in scope is beyond the intent of the Access Program to provide access improvements to high-use recreation sites and federal economic generators. In the event it is the Town's intent to pursue development of the alternative alignment indicated, we regret to inform you that your project will be removed from the program.

We request that you provide written response to this letter, indicating your intent to continue with the scope of work in the existing agreement or to cancel the agreement, no later than April 16, 2015. In the event that you elect to cancel the agreement the Town of Estes Park will be

responsible to reimburse the FLAP program for all project costs incurred to date, as required by the reimbursable agreement with the CFLHD. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in the Colorado Access program.

Sincerely,



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FLAP Program Manager

CC: Colorado Programming Decision Committee:
Ryan Tyler, FHWA-CFLHD
Scott McDaniel, CDOT
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Attachments:

Final CO FLAP 34(1) & 36(1) Moraine Avenue and Riverside Drive Reimbursable Agreement No. DTFH68-14-E-00004

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