

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

FOR WEST QUINCY AVENUE ROADWAY WIDENING PROJECT ON FCI ENGLEWOOD PROPERTY

Pursuant to Section 102 (2) (C) of the 1969 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), on behalf of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, the Jefferson County Transportation and Engineering Division announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the reconstruction and widening of West Quincy Avenue from South Kipling Parkway to South Wadsworth Boulevard. A 30-day public comment period is being held to receive written comments on the EA and draft FONSI. The 30-day public comment period is from July 30, 2013 to August 29, 2013.

In order to widen the road, the County has requested that the Federal Bureau of Prisons issue permits/easements to the County for the portion of the roadway that is proposed to be constructed on the Federal Correctional Institution – Englewood (FCI Englewood) property.

The EA and draft FONSI have been prepared by the Federal Bureau of Prisons in compliance with NEPA to provide the decision-making framework that: 1) analyzes a reasonable range of alternatives to meet the objectives of the proposal; 2) evaluates potential issues and impacts on resources and values; and 3) identifies mitigation measures to reduce the degree or extent of these impacts. The EA looked at the environmental, cultural, socioeconomic resources, and potential impacts of the proposed project.

The purpose of widening West Quincy Avenue is to improve public safety and the traffic capacity for this particular section of West Quincy Avenue which includes accommodating the transportation needs for bicyclists and pedestrians. The construction also will incorporate drainage improvements and a water quality pond, which will improve the water quality of the runoff from the reconstructed road which is a benefit for the surrounding environment. Other project benefits include contributions to the local economy and employment opportunities during the construction of the project.

Prior to the construction of the roadway project, an above ground double circuit 115 KV electric transmission line (Xcel Energy) will be moved to accommodate the wider roadway.

An electronic version of the EA and draft FONSI can be viewed or downloaded at the following website: www.jeffco.us/transportation-and-engineering/ by clicking the tab for the “West Quincy Avenue” project under the “Current Projects” tab. A hard copy of the EA and draft FONSI are available to be reviewed at the front desk of the Transportation and Engineering Division at the Jefferson County Government Center (100 Jefferson County Parkway, Suite 3500; Golden, CO 80419); and at the Columbine Library (7706 W. Bowles Ave.; Littleton, CO 80123).

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