



# COLORADO

## Department of Transportation

Region 2 Permits  
5615 Wills Blvd.  
Pueblo, CO 81008-2349

September 28, 2021

I-25 Exit 122/SH16A  
El Paso County | City of Fountain

**Kari Parsons**, Project Manager/Planner II  
E. P. C. Planning & Community Development  
2880 International Circle  
Colorado Springs, CO. 80910

RE: Pike Solar 1041 Submittal - SE of Fountain-East of PPIR

Dear Kari,

I am in receipt of a referral request for comments for Pike Solar LLC this Project is a solar facility that will provide 175 alternating current (AC) MW of photovoltaic solar energy and also provide up to a 50 MW X4 hour battery energy storage system. The power generated from the Pike Solar Project will interconnect directly with the Colorado Springs Utilities grid. The site will have a project footprint of approximately 1,350 acres. The proposed project will be located within parcels 5600-00-0123 and 5600-00-0140. This land is owned by the City of Colorado Springs on behalf of its enterprise Colorado Springs Utilities in El Paso County, Colorado. The site location is about three miles southeast of the City of Fountain. One entrance for this project will be located off Birdsall Road and the other entrance will be located just south of the Fountain Landfill off Squirrel Creek Road. The Williams Creek Substation is located on parcel 5600-00-0123 for the proposed system improvements associated with this Project.

#### Traffic Operations:

The CDOT Traffic Operations Manager has reviewed the Traffic Addendum dated June 17, 2021 and submitted engineering documents and has the following comments.

- a) No comments are required for this project.
- b) More study regarding traffic to Exit 119 is required by CDOT.

#### Hydraulics:

- a) The flows outfall from the project site is generally the same between existing and proposed, and they are providing adequate erosion control for the project. No comments

#### Materials:

The CDOT Materials Engineer has reviewed the submittal package and has the following comments.

- a) No comments

#### Environmental:

The CDOT Environmental Engineer has reviewed the submittal package and has the following comments.

- a) No additional comments on the supplied documents.



- b) One thing to consider is the future develop of SH 21 south of its existing alignment. EPC is looking to develop a PEL to plan for the future highway alignment.

Access:

CDOT Access has reviewed the submittal package and has the following comments.

- a) No CDOT Access Permit will be required, temporary or permanent.  
b) CDOT requests to be involved in the development as we move forward.

Additionally,

- On-premise and off-premise signing shall comply with the current Colorado Outdoor Advertising Act, sections 43-1-401 to 421, C.R.S., and all rules and regulations pertaining to outdoor advertising. Please contact Mr. Todd Ausbun at (719) 696-1403 for any questions regarding advertising devices.
- Any utility work within the state highway right of way will require a utility permit from the CDOT. Information for obtaining a utility permit can also be obtained by contacting Mr. Ausbun.

Please contact me in Pueblo at (719) 546-5732 or (719) 248-0905 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Arthur Gonzales  
CDOT R2 - Access Manager

Xc: Ferguson  
Bauer  
Whitleff/Biren  
Stecklein  
Ausbun  
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