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SUBJECT: Section 106 Built Environment Determinations of Eligibility and Effects, CDOT Project STU 083A-049, State Highway 83 and Stagecoach Road Roundabout, SA 26885

Dear Ms. DiPrince:

This letter and the enclosed materials constitute a request for comments on built environment determinations of eligibility and effects for the project referenced above. CDOT is submitting this information to you in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, which requires federal agencies (or those programming federal funds, such as CDOT) to evaluate the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. The El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department has been identified as a potential consulting party for this project. For more information about Section 106 and how you can participate as a consulting party, please visit CDOT's Public Participation in Section 106 webpage at www.codot.gov/programs/environmental/archaeology-and-history/public-participation-in-section-106.

Project Description

This project involves constructing a single-lane roundabout at the intersection of State Highway 83 (SH 83) and Stagecoach Road in El Paso County north of Colorado Springs. The intersection is currently non-signalized, with turn lanes on SH 83 and stop signs on Stagecoach Road. Additional work will include retaining wall construction, curb and gutter installation, driveway tie-in paving, drainage improvements, signage, striping, and lighting. Work will require the acquisition of right-of-way (ROW) and permanent and temporary easements from adjacent properties.

Survey Methodology

Survey consisted of intensive level inventory of newly identified resources. According to CDOT's 2016 historic highway inventory, SH 83 is historically significant and therefore *eligible*. Consequently, a new segment of the highway (5EP.7714.5) was recorded for the project. Additionally, Stagecoach Road (5EP.10617) was recorded in its entirety. One property adjacent to the proposed improvements is over fifty years of age (5EP.10098, Amoroso Residence) and was consequently recorded for the project.

Area of Potential Effects

The project's Area of Potential Effects (APE) corresponds to the project limits of disturbance, including the roundabout and all ROW and easement acquisitions. The APE has been expanded to include the boundaries of the three properties recorded for the project. See the enclosed APE maps for details.

Determinations of Eligibility

State Highway 83 segment (5EP.7714.5): According to CDOT's 2016 historic highway inventory, SH 83 overall is significant under National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Criterion A for Transportation as an example of an early project of the Colorado Highway Department and as a farm to market road between Denver and Colorado Springs. For this project, a new 0.82-mile segment was recorded, and determined *non-supporting* of the overall eligibility of the highway due to its 1960s realignment and further widening and alterations in recent years. The site form is enclosed.

Stagecoach Road (5EP.10617): Stagecoach Road was constructed in the 1960s and extended in 2017. For this project, the entire 3.04 miles of the road, from Roller Coaster Road to Old Stagecoach Road, was recorded. The road was determined to lack significance under all four NRHP Criteria and is therefore *not eligible*. The site form is enclosed.

Amoroso Residence, 3330 Stagecoach Road (5EP.10098): This property consists of a residence built in 1967 and three outbuildings dating to 1992 and 2003. The property was determined to lack significance under all four NRHP Criteria and is therefore *not eligible*. The site form is enclosed.

Determinations of Effects

State Highway 83 segment (5EP.7714.5): Work on SH 83 will involve constructing a single-lane roundabout at the intersection with Stagecoach Road. Work will include minor roadway reconfiguration for the roundabout and construction of raised concrete medians at the approaches, with a raised concrete center roundabout median. Additional work will include drainage improvements, signage, striping, and lighting. See sheets 23-38 of the enclosed DOR plans for details of the work. SH 83 in this area has already experienced alterations, including realignment and widening outside its period of significance, which has resulted in a loss of integrity along the recorded segment. The highway is already wide enough at the intersection to accommodate most of the new roundabout prism. Installation of the roundabout will not interfere with the highway's historic function, as it will continue to fulfill its transportation purpose of providing access between Denver and Colorado Springs. For these reasons, the project results in a finding of *no adverse effect* to segment 5EP.7714.5 and SH 83 overall.

Stagecoach Road (5EP.10617): Work along Stagecoach Road will involve constructing a single-lane roundabout at the intersection with SH 83. Work will include minor roadway reconfiguration and widening for the roundabout and construction of raised concrete medians at the approaches and a raised concrete center roundabout median. Additional work will include drainage improvements, signage, striping, and lighting. See sheets 23-38 of the DOR plans for details of the work. Because Stagecoach Road in its entirety has been determined *not eligible*, the project results in a finding of *no historic properties affected* regarding the road.

Amoroso Residence, 3330 Stagecoach Road (5EP.10098): This residential property is located to the northwest of the proposed roundabout. Its main driveway access is located off Stagecoach Road to the west of the proposed roundabout and outside of the project limits; a secondary driveway access is located off SH 83 north of the proposed roundabout. The only work at the property will involve closing the dirt secondary driveway access off SH 83. There will be no acquisition of easements or ROW to the property, and all roundabout work will occur adjacent to the property to the south of this residence. See sheets 25 and 31 of the DOR plans for details of the driveway closure. Because the residence is *not eligible*, the project results in a finding of *no historic properties affected* regarding the property.

This information has been forwarded concurrently to the State Historic Preservation Officer for review.

As an invited consulting party, we welcome your comments on this project. Should you elect to comment, we request you do so within 30 days of receipt of these materials. Responses via email may be addressed to CDOT Staff Historian Hannah Braun at hannah.braun@state.co.us. If we do not receive a response within the review time frame, we will assume you do not intend to comment. Please contact Ms. Braun at (303) 757-9936 or by email if you have questions or require additional information.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures: Site Forms (5EP.7714.5, 5EP.10098, 5EP.10617)
APE Maps
DOR Plans
ROW Exhibit

cc: Shannon Ford, CDOT Region 2