



## COLORADO

### Department of Transportation

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

September 28, 2021

SH 24  
El Paso County

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

RE: Saddlehorn (824 Acres), MVEA Review

Dear John,

I am in receipt of a referral request for comments for Mountain View Electric Association, Inc (MVEA) will be constructing 12.5 kV underground electrical distribution feeder line beginning at the intersection of Stapleton Drive and Curtis Road. The underground installation will be approximately 1.8 miles in length and starts at the Stapleton Drive and Highway 24 intersection. The installation will be open cut in the road ROW parallel to Stapleton Drive until then bore underneath Judge Orr Road. The underground installation will be on private property south of Judge Orr Road. The distribution line will be located in Sections 33 and 34, T12S, R64W and Section 3, T13S, R64W of the 6th P.M., El Paso County Colorado.

#### CDOT Traffic:

- This was not part of this review and needs to further be studied. CDOT is requesting to review the latest Traffic Impact Study for this development. CDOT, El Paso County Engineering and CDOT Access will need coordinate.

#### CDOT Hydraulics:

- No adverse impacts to State drainage facilities are expected.
- Stormwater permit should be pulled, managed, and enforced by El Paso County.

#### CDOT Environmental:

- No adverse impacts to CDOT Environmental Resources on US 24.
- Contractor to obtain and have CDPS permit while construction is underway.
- Consider boring under the prairie dog communities as this may reduce impacts to Prairie Dogs and impacts to the State of Colorado Threatened Burrowing Owl habitat.
- Have a certified Wildlife Biologist complete the protocol Burrowing Owl Surveys prior to work commencing in your project corridor.
- I copied a link to CPW Survey Protocols for Burrowing Owl Surveys and the time for the surveys as they need to be considered prior to construction. Also, Prairie dog communities are burrowing owl habitat.

<https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/WildlifeSpecies/LivingWithWildlife/Recommended-Survey-Protocol-Burrowing-Owls.pdf>



- Also, Qualified Wildlife Biologist should verify no impacts to Migratory Birds from open trenching work.

CDOT Access:

- Section 2.6(3) of the State Highway Access Code, states that if the proposed vehicle volumes increase by 20 percent or more an updated access permit will be required for the intersection of SH24 and Judge Orr Rd. in conjunction with El Paso County Engineering/Traffic. A new CDOT Access Permit will be required.
- Section 2.6(3) of the State Highway Access Code, states that if the proposed vehicle volumes increase by 20 percent or more an updated access permit will be required for the intersection of SH24 and Stapleton Rd. in conjunction with El Paso County Engineering/Traffic.
- A new CDOT Access Permit will be required to record escrow dollars for Traffic Improvements to the intersections if 20% is not reached.
- This development is being reviewed concurrently with surrounding development since it impacts the same intersections and Agency Infrastructure.
- CDOT is partnering with El Paso County in development review as all three agency's infrastructure will be impacted by the traffic within this development.

CDOT Utilities:

- MVEA will need to submit an online application for a utility permit, we will review the request at that time.
- 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

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