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MEMORANDUM

TO: Metropolitan Planning Organization Committees

FROM: Kelly Brennan, Planner II

DATE: January 3, 2020

RE: **20TP001 – Acknowledge the Southern Meade County East-West Connector Corridor Study – Draft Report**

Currently, there is an eight mile gap in east-west transportation connections between Elk Creek Road and Interstate 90. Meade County has also experienced additional demands on the county road system generated by increased development. The Meade County Moving Forward 2040 Transportation Plan also identifies a need for a connection between Erickson Ranch Road and 143rd Avenue.

HDR Engineering Inc. was selected to collect data, develop and analyze corridor alternatives and provide recommendations for a potential east-west corridor study, named the Southern Meade County East-West Connector Corridor Study. Twelve alternatives were identified as possible locations, then narrowed down to three build alternatives for further analysis. From there, Alternative 5 surfaced as the recommended alignment. This alternative will provide a corridor that can accommodate anticipated growth and provide an additional east/west road alignment approximately equidistant between Interstate 90 and Little Elk Creek Road.

The Study conclusions and recommendations begin on page 62.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends acknowledgement of the Southern Meade County East-West Connector Corridor Study – Draft Report.



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