

STATEMENT OF COLLABORATION

City of Boulder and Colorado Department of Transportation

CDOT and the City agree to work collaboratively to evaluate engineering and legal details for the location, design, ownership, and long-term responsibilities of the South Boulder Creek flood mitigation project to identify opportunities for achieving the following goals:

- Construction of regional detention to mitigate overtopping of US36 and flooding of SH157 (Foothills Parkway) and approximately 1,900 dwelling units downstream during a 500-year storm event;
- Avoiding significant environmental impacts to a designated State Natural Area and threatened and endangered species critical habitat;
- Ensuring CDOT's continued ability to meet long-term transportation improvement needs and future buildout for US36 and SH157;
- Ensuring CDOT's continued ability to operate and maintain US36 and SH157 within its responsible charge within established and future rights-of-way (ROWs).

Next Steps

To aid in the evaluation described above, CDOT staff will provide to City of Boulder staff construction drawings for the existing US36 and SH157 ROWs between Table Mesa Road and South Boulder Creek and 30% design drawings for the ultimate build-out and rights-of-way from Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision for the same interchange and connected highways. The City will overlay the proposed South Boulder Creek flood mitigation concept over the US36 drawings and provide the resulting layout drawings to CDOT staff.

City staff will host workshops with CDOT Region 4 staff in March 2019 to review the US36 drawings with the South Boulder Creek flood mitigation concept drawings to identify opportunities for achieving the goals listed above. A good faith effort will be undertaken by City and CDOT staff to identify potential engineering and legal solutions to achieve the goals by end of May 2019.

After evaluation of potential solutions, if a proposed solution is found agreeable to both City staff and CDOT staff in concept, a Letter of Intent will be developed to guide responsibilities and next steps for development of preliminary design drawings by City of Boulder staff and consultants with CDOT staff input and review during the design process. The Letter of Intent would also confirm the intent to negotiate an Agreement, which will document in detail each parties' rights, duties, obligations and responsibilities with respect to the flood mitigation project.

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