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Colorado Federal Aid Division

Mr. Tom Norton, Executive Director
Colorado Department of Transportation
4201 East Arkansas Avenue
Denver, CO 80222-3400

Attn: Mithilesh Kumar, P.E.
CDOT Project Development Branch Manager

Dear Mr. Norton:

Subject: Statewide Finding in the Public Interest (FIPI) for the
Brifen and CASS TL-3 tensioned cable barrier systems

We are in receipt of your letter dated December 15, 2005, requesting FHWA approval for a temporary one-year Statewide Finding in the Public Interest (FIPI) to bid the Brifen and CASS TL-3 cable rail systems as equivalent alternates on projects. In accordance with 23CFR 635.411(a) and the information provided in your letter of request, we hereby find your request to bid these two systems as equivalent alternates on projects in the public interest. This Statewide Finding in the Public is valid for one calendar year from January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2006, while CDOT evaluates several other TL-3 approved tensioned cable barrier systems. Please keep Marcee Allen involved as a member of the research panel.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Marcee Allen, Safety & Traffic Engineer, at (720) 963-3007.

Sincerely yours,

Marcee Allen

for David A. Nicol, P.E.
Division Administrator

Enclosure:
- CDOT letter or request dated December 15, 2005

cc: Mr. Larry Brinck, P.E., CDOT Standards and Specifications ✓

