



Chapter 7. Selection of the Preferred Alternative

Based on the analysis presented in the attached [Twin Tunnels EA and Section 4\(f\) Evaluation](#) and consideration of comments received as discussed in [Chapter 5](#), FHWA, in coordination with CDOT, has determined that the Proposed Action described in [Chapter 2](#) of this FONSI and [Chapter 2](#) of the EA is the Preferred Alternative. The selection of the Preferred Alternative incorporates the decisions described in [Chapter 2](#) of the FONSI that a 50-foot roadway section will be constructed throughout the

project area, the new lane will operate as a managed lane during peak travel periods, the horizontal alignment of the roadway will be shifted toward the median for a half-mile section of the project east of Hidden Valley, and a temporary construction access road between the eastbound tunnel portals will be constructed and reclaimed. The selection of the Preferred Alternative also incorporates the mitigation commitments described in [Chapter 3](#) of this FONSI.