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Prowers County Sand & Sage Roundup- August 10, 2002

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| <p>Jim Haas Valley Truck Parts (son of Ken Haas/CDOT)</p> | <p>Blowing sand – Visibility/safety issues along relocated route. Well field – concerns around impacts to city water supply if Hazardous Materials. Concerned about Arkansas River crossing – subsurface stability. No justification to move traffic out of downtown area. No significant business downtown, just locals. Not enough population in county to support significant economic redevelopment. In downtown recommend removing the center median and stripe on center turn lane. Downtown along main has original water system; old 4” mains. Overall, Jim believes that there is not justification for relocation, just a few influential businessmen that stand to profit from this that are pushing it.</p> |
| <p>Kris Stokke 601 S. 4th Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.8721</p> <p>Prowers County Nursing 1001 S. Main Lamar, CO 51052 Kstokke@prowerscounty.net</p> | <p>Rerouting of truck traffic around Lamar will be such a positive improvement in the following ways: Refurbishing downtown shopping I won't compete with trucks to do my shopping, so I go out of town.</p> <p>Noise and dust pollution will be reduced.</p> <p>Restaurants can have seating outside.</p> <p>Streets are safer for those trying to cross main – especially youth.</p> |
| <p>Anonymous</p> | <p>Because it will be a lot better and it won't be so busy</p> |
| <p>Richard McGrath</p> | <p>Agrees with new bridge over the Arkansas. Does not agree with a Crystal Street connection on the north.</p> |
| <p>Dave Pavey Lamar High School</p> | <p>SHOK students traffic study</p> |

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| 719.336.3488 Nita Walls 719.829.4773 | |
| Bob McKinley Route 1 Box 8 Moscow, KS 620.598.2618 | Driving truck through this area I know how the conditions are through downtown. Safety speaking I would say it is a very good idea. |
| Anonymous | I thak it wuold be a good dushun because we need it. |

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| Elwood Gillis 825 Willow Valley Way Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.3361 | Long overdue. We must have the alternate route for the increased truck traffic in this area. And for the anticipated increase as a result of the Ports-Plains project. It will be a tremendous boost for Lamar and surrounding communities and, it will enhance and strengthen our downtown business district. |
| Deanna Callahan Box 284 Lamar, CO 81052 | I feel if there is a bypass <u>all around</u> Lamar there will be no jobs because there will be no business. I want NO Bypass or at the least use Crystal Street where it was suppose to be before you started changing everything. |
| Carl Binder 808 S. 3 rd Street Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.2792 | A bypass of the city of Lamar is essential for the safety of our population. Incentives or other means need to be made to keep affected businesses in the city. |
| Monty Torrer 109 West Lee Ave Ste 1 Lamar, CO 81052 | Need to include Prower County Growth Management Plan in the study. Impacts can also take place in the county. |
| Jack Hall 45 Mayhew Drive Lamar, CO 81052 | Concern is how will cattle get from one side of the highway to the other if this road cut the pasture in half. |

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| Jack Hall 45 Mayhew Drive Lamar, CO 81052 | Highway 50 bypass to 196 n. of Lamar no definitely area all later planning. No grade level for highway access river and access to local area. A complete cut off for property owners with race track around Lamar |
| Melinda Trujillo 31322 Highway 50 McClane, CO 81057 719.829.4570 | I would like to see the bypass on Crystal Street We in a small community rely heavily on small businesses. If a bypass will cut the town of Lamar out completely – it would hurt our economy & therefore our business as a whole. |
| James S. Emick 1302 S. 6 th Street Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.2001 | Do it! Do it! Do it! Get those trucks out of town!! |
| Elwood Gillis 825 Willow Valley Way Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.3361 | Would to access traffic #'s & data from internet. All locations. Send by mail. |
| Carl E. Pierson 26 Lynn Lamar, CO 81052 | It's time to proceed – the proposed plan looks good t me. We need to re-claim Main St. |
| Lonie Hoffman P.O. Box 510 Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.4011 | Would prefer the by pass go east on Crystal Street – than around entire city of Lamar. Our small community has to have traffic through some of the town. It would make more vacant buildings in our town |
| David C. Mason 9259 Hwy 196 Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.4218 | The land to the south of my property is mostly seep ground most of the year. Water table is so high their tractors and 4x4's get stuck all the time. There is water standing year around in all this area. |

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| <p>Eric Lesh Southeast Colorado Power P.O. Box 631 Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.3235</p> | <p>Conflict with the 69 KV powerline service Kiowa County at Hwy 196 and County Road 8.5. Line can not be taken out of service. Route will also cross a distribution line at Hwy 50, and a 69 KV line 1 ½ mike south of Hwy 50.</p> |
| <p>Nancy Delshad 1400 S. 12th Lamar, CO 81052</p> | <p>Good project - given an alternative for truck routes frees roadways for community. Trucks can still choose to come thru town, however, they can choose the new highway for quicker transit.</p> |
| <p>Bob Emick Road 3963 Rd 5.5 Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.7210</p> | <p>I think the by-pass on 287 should come about. It has been long over due. It looks to me that the plans are very good, if you do the project – dot it right or don't do it at all! Thank you for being here.</p> |
| <p>Unidentified Commentor</p> | <p>Wants actual traffic counts</p> |
| <p>An outsider – Former resident, now living on the Western Slope</p> | <p>Keep on working on this, you have several things in your favor: 1. A good plan. 2. Support. 3. A Trans. Com. Here. 4. A North America Corridor – Canada – US - Mexico</p> |
| <p>G.R. Idler, Jr. 30651 Road 3 Lamar, CO 81052</p> | <p>Believe the route that seems to be the preferred one is ridiculous as it is just another mistake like the highway from Bristol to Burlington going through Sheridan Lake.</p> <p>Also they are missing one of their entire markets – Lamar Airport could be developed into Air Cargo with Ports to Plains highway going right past. The present piece of Lamar preferred bypass could be used for part of Highway 50. The route I would propose would go west and down by the Airport and off the east end of Colo. Beef feed yard then into Highway 287 to Wiley, thus eliminating the noise to the residents of Lamar.</p> <p>Road base would not need developing as would the part just east of Lamar to north of Arkansas River. It also seems to be an awful lot of money spent before the Ports to Plains is even passed.</p> |

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| Gene Burton 7405 US Highway 50 Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.4070 | This is a project that is long overdue. I think it will be a great asset to Lamar as well as a safety to the people in Lamar. |
| Sheryl Burton 7405 US Highway 50 Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.4070 | I think this is a great idea and it will really help our town. Our main concern was how it was going to be in front of our house. We live right on the curve, north of town. |
| Ofilio Cabrea 211 S. 2 nd Street Lamar, CO 81052 | No build. Want Crystal Street access |
| Norma Davis 507 E. Elm Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.4188 | As I see this new change, I think the “no build” plan on the Crystal Street access would be the best way to go. |
| Gertie Williams 2404 Memorial Dr. Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.2799 | The no build or the Crystal Street Plan sounds like a good way to go. We do not want to take business away from downtown Lamar. |
| Cindy Taulman 1209 S. 9 th Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.6948 | We do not need the bypass it will take away the business from Lamar. |
| Dawn Reynolds 5499 County Road HH Lamar, CO 81052 | To Whom it May Concern: I feel we don't need the by-pass build around Lamar. We haven't had one, and the people of Lamar have lived this long with out a by-pass. Why do we need one now? I work at the Cow Palace, we have some truckers stop to rest and eat there. If the by-pass gets put in, we are going to lose business. That will effect my family's income that we need. |
| Shanae Shoup | I am in total disagreement with this idea. If this happens Lamar will dry up into |

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| <p>(Cow Palace Inn) 1301 North Main Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.7753</p> | <p>nothing but a ghost town. Unless you are willing to give us jobs then I think this is a terrible idea. It may be more convenient for some, but what's a couple extra miles? No one that I know of has ever complained about going through Lamar before so why change it now and close a whole town? I'm sorry but I just do not like the idea at all!</p> |
| <p>Sherri Wagner 24 Mayhew Dr Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.5847</p> | <p>Putting a by-pass around Lamar would cause economic suicide for the city. I have lived in cities where by-passes were bought in and watched thriving cities dry up and blow away. I am definitely against this by-pass simply because you will be taking my job away since my industry depends on traffic <u>through</u> my town of Lamar, CO.</p> |
| <p>BriAnn Gottschalk 1301 N. Main Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.7753</p> | <p>In the long run this will kill Lamar and that would suck! I have lived here all my life and the economy is bad as it is. This idea is one of the stupidest things I have ever heard, it will just cost a lot of money that will be wasted in the long run.</p> |
| <p>Scott Kurtz 202 Woodland Dr. Lamar, CO 81052</p> | <p>Please don't turn Lamar into a ghost town. It's bad enough right now.</p> |
| <p>Arron Hope 1603 S. 9th St. Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.9773</p> | <p>I'm very much against a truck route around the city of Lamar. The economic situation is already fragile. The very idea of building a multi-million dollar highway around a city that derives much of its income from travelers is absurd. We are in the middle of the worst drought in years and want to spend money on a non-essential project. I fee the money could be better spent on other highway projects. This project is the height of fiscal irresponsibility. Why build a new highway and bridge? We should maintain what we have, not pour money into a project designed to turn the city of Lamar into a GHOST town. With much of the states agricultural land being lost every day, why do we need to build a highway that will remove even more land. In conclusion, I feel a NO BUILD plan is the best for the people and city of Lamar. NO BUILD.</p> |

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Andy Wyatt
P.O. Box 818
Lamar, CO 80235

I truly feel that if it's handled properly that it wouldn't hurt Lamar. I think it would help Lamar get the trucks off of Main Street and take them around because the people that are going to stop for restaurants and motel services are going to stop anyway. Lamar's been the center of trade for the surrounding area for 50 years and that's not going to change. And at one time there were four motels just off Highway 50 alone, and there's ten to twelve on 287. And because they're crossroads, I personally feel that people, if they're going to stop somewhere between Wichita and Pueblo, they're going to stop in Lamar regardless of if they drive down Main Street. But I'm paranoid with those children at that school and getting trucks off of Main Street.

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Elwood Gillis
825 Willow Valley Way
Lamar, CO 80235

I've been a very strong proponent of this route since 1985. When I was a member of the legislature Joint Budget Committee, I put \$300,000 in the budget for the Prowers County Commissioners to purchase the right-of-way. And they did. And this is when Bob Tempel and Joe Hasser were alive and the gentleman from Holly was commissioner. They put a lot of in-kind work in it to develop the right-of-way from US 50 through 287. And that project went dormant for a number of years because of the lack of funds to fund it. "And the legislature enacted Senate Bill 1 or Senate Bill 5, I can't remember, back in the mid-90s to incorporate money for the concrete highway from the Oklahoma Panhandle to Limon, Colorado. This project started getting a little bit of notice but not much. "And then when the Ports-to-Planes became a reality -- that really was the catalyst, I think, for it at the time -- it became obvious that something must be done. And when they presented some of the plans for putting the concrete slab from Oklahoma to Limon, they were going to go through all of the small towns, including Lamar. And were scheduled to come through Lamar at the same time Wal-Mart was opening. And there were a lot of businesses that were very concerned "And me, as the director of the Small Business Development Center, I was concerned also, as well as several of my clients, that they were going to shut down Lamar Main Street for two years, about the same time Wal-Mart was coming down "So we convened a small meeting, several business leaders came together and said that we needed to get this project delayed so they don't destroy the Lamar business district. And this group sort of became the spark plug that got the alternative route -- What do they call it now? the "Community Partnership" back on the drawing board. "Now we have the Highway Department, the Governor and Mr. Norton, I think of this project, and it's even more elaborate than I imagined. And I'm here as a voter and supporter of the alternative route."

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| <p>John Carder Carder Construction Lamar, CO 80235</p> | <p>"We need to build it. "Just get busy. "It needs to get built. "That's all I know to say. "You know, there's some people that don't want it built. "They need to do Crystal Street while they're at it."</p> |
| <p>Bonny Guder 302 North Fourth Street Lamar, CO 80235</p> | <p>"I live just a block off of the truck route now. "I am for the truck route because of so many trucks that go through. And because of the high school and the middle school are both, you know, if there would be a bad wreck in that area, especially near the school." And another thing that I am wondering about was the museum, if it would be able to stay there. And I think it should. I hope they can figure out some way to go around the museum. Because that, you know, that is and that would terrible to have it moved. "So those are my comments."</p> |
| <p>Dudley Curry 224 North Main Lamar, CO 80235</p> | <p>"Our concern with the bypass is that possibly they're thinking of bypassing a straight road into the hospital. And we would object to that because of reason "BMS and Guaranty Abstract own 200 acres around the hospital. And we have already had a land planning company come in and look at the whole thing so we can get the best and most efficient use of the land "So that the access that we would propose that would fit in with our development when we do it would be we're thinking, having, for instance, the ambulance coming in from Holly, instead of coming in from the bypass and then straight across, what they could do is come in on Parmenter Road, which they would access off of 50, behind Wal-Mart. Then there's a county road going straight south "And that would fit in with our development that we've already laid out. And there would be much less road for the county to build as well." That's one of our concerns."</p> |
| <p>George Tempel Wiley, Colorado</p> | <p>: "I really think that the project here is going to be done. I think it will get done and people will be happy about it. "And I think we don't want to forget the Highway 50 project because I think it ought to be one time and it will be a great thing for Lamar. And we consider the Ports-to-Planes and Highway 50 and the interchange east of Lamar to be a good thing for the community, and I think economically it would be a darn good thing."</p> |

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| <p>Don Ate Lamar, Colorado</p> | <p>"I like the idea. I was on the Planning and Zoning several years ago, and we were talking about access to the hospital, which I think is important. And like the hauling grain and coming in with the emergency vehicles and being able to get to the hospital, that's good. I suppose that's something that would be taken into consideration. "I live on Main Street. I live right next north of Colorado East in the two-story house on the corner We've lived there 28 years. And actually the traffic really hasn't bothered us. And I was with the School District for 30 years. And we had talked about the traffic on Main Street and the school "So if it's planned right, it's good. "I think it's good for US Highway 50 to be tied into all of this."</p> |
| <p>Paul Pierson 8275 Highway 196 Lamar, CO 80235</p> | <p>"I am totally in favor of it. I have some property, but that's not why I'm in favor of it actually." I think there's too many trucks in town. It's dangerous. It goes right by schools. And, you know, you have hazardous material, too. So I think it's time we make a change." I don't think it's going to affect downtown very little. If people are going to stop, they're going to stop."</p> |
| <p>Mike Pierson 26 Lynn Street Lamar, CO 80235</p> | <p>If they want to stop and do business, it's got to be local. I can't hardly go downtown anymore; I'm scared to park on Main Street. It's just too dangerous "And with this -- the cane -- I can't walk very far, so I just don't go down there anymore.</p> |

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| <p>Ileta Pierson 8275 Highway 196 Lamar, CO 80235</p> | <p>I'm totally for the project. I think, if nothing else, just to get the trucks off of Main Street. It is just terrible "And the older I get, you know, the more frightened I am. The parking on Main Street because it's just -- you don't know whether there's going to be a truck coming along. I always look in the mirror before I get out. That's one reason why you go out to Wal-Mart, because you don't have to worry about the trucks. "So I think the business people would be surprised at how much more business they have if they knew that people didn't have to contend with the trucks downtown." But I think it's a great idea and I hope that people will proceed with all speed. But I know it's going to take a while "Of course, we're right in the line of 196 and I don't have any problem with whatever they need to do in front of our house, because, you know, it's just land. "On the other hand, by doing that there, they're going to make it safer for people in town. People look at it that way. I certainly have no objections to it whatsoever." I know that, obviously, in talking to the people that I've talked to here today, I mean, they know what they're doing and they're going to do it the best way they know how. "Another thing is I don't feel safe parking when I see a big truck going behind me and I get really nervous that I'm not going to get into the parking space in time." And the older you get the more careful you have to be, parking on Main Street. It's not fun. Now Saturday afternoon it's pretty dead. But I really think it will make a difference."</p> |
| <p>John Stulp Lamar, Colorado</p> | <p>Yes, we need it with the Crystal Street access".</p> |

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| <p>Pat Palmer Lamar, Colorado</p> | <p>"I guess my biggest concern is how the entrances and exits are built to make the free flow of the traffic come in and out of the Lamar as opposed to free flow around the bypass. And that's my biggest concern "And the other thing I think we need is we need to put signage out there letting people know what's Lamar. "We have the cleanest toilets for your biggest butts" or something like that. But something." And I don't know if you know Irwin Young. You'll know him in a minute. He has Colorado Aquaculter. He has a big sign halfway between Blanca and Alamosa, "Alligators 17 miles north," and he gets thousands of people to go 17 miles off the road and 17 miles back. And so my thought was when we get this bypass built, we need to let people know what is in Lamar. And now I think, well, why in the hell don't we do that now." And I have mixed emotions when the Ports-to-Planes is finished, the truck traffic. All traffic should increase coming around Lamar, so do the number of people you lose going through Lamar now, will that be made up by the traffic that goes around Lamar? "We're a strategic place here -- and I'm joking about the pots or the toilets, you know -- but the kids and the moms also can only stand to go so far. Truck drivers are a little different. I vouch for that" So I think Lamar is kind of worried about what's going to happen to their economic welfare this year. It's very possible by the time the bypass is done, there won't be enough of us left to make any difference."</p> |
| <p>Judy Douglas Lamar, Colorado</p> | <p>I think signage is very important. "And when I went to Nebraska, you know, you normally see the hotel and restaurant signs, but they had attraction signage, like for the golf course or bowling. "I think signage needs to be there before the bypass."</p> |

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| <p>Dave Reyher Colorado East Bank & Trust P.O. Box 1019 Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.5200 Received 8/23/2002</p> | <p>Thank you for the information that was presented on the 20th. I found the presentation to be very informative. It is my feeling that the bypass project needs to be completed. The long term health of downtown Lamar will rest on the successful completion of the project.</p> <p>We feel that the design on the interchanges will be one of the keys. Design needs to be such that trucks are encouraged to use the bypass. Additionally county officials need to resist efforts by some individuals to re-zone the property adjacent to the bypass.</p> <p>An important part of insuring that downtown Lamar remains viable and healthy after the by-pass is completed will rest with Lamar itself. If we promote ourselves properly, we will very likely thrive.</p> |
| <p>John F. Carder 400 E. Crystal Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.3479 Received 8/23/2002</p> | <p>Have needed the bypass in Lamar for the last 20 years especially to remove truck traffic from Main Street. If it doesn't happen right away downtown Lamar will be closed. Businesses are failing do to <u>safety</u> factors associated with parking.</p> |
| <p>Lorna McCaslin Rt. 30 County Rd NN Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.3479 Received 8/23/2002</p> | <p>I would like to see the bypass come around Lamar. There is too much traffic downtown.</p> |
| <p>Ernie Hofmeister (City Council) 31 Cedar Hills Lamar, CO 81052 719.335.5385 Received 8/29/2002</p> | <p>It is imperative that the truck by-pass is done to get the trucks off of Main Street in Lamar, CO. Also the median should be taken out as soon as possible to give a little more room for traffic till the bypass is finished. For the city of Lamar, CO and Prowers County to take over all of the highway from South at the bypass turn off to north of the river bridge will be too much of a cost. It needs to be shared with C.D.O.T.</p> |

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| <p>Lance Wilson Lamar Mobile Port of Entry 105 Tamarack Cr. Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.5494</p> | <p>Summary of comments sent in a letter dated 8/20/2002</p> <p>“I feel that options for the Port of Entry Facility should be considered. Placing the Port of Entry facility near the proposed east interchange on US 50 and US 287/385 should be a consideration for this project. A dual facility could possibly be constructed on the north side of the Santa Fe railway tracks, however, a single facility with scales on two sides of the building would be more cost effective if located on the south side and closer to the proposed interchange.” “Create a joint facility for the Port of Entry, Colorado State Patrol and CDOT.”</p> <p>Letter is saved as a PDF File and is located at: P:\172922 US287 at Lamar\Public Involvement\Public Meeting 1\ comment letter from Lance Wilson.</p> |
| <p>Al Newhold 7821 Highway 196 Lamar, CO 81052</p> | <p>Summary of comments sent in a letter received 8/28/2002</p> <p>“Lamar fought to keep the interchange away from Highway 50 because the downtown merchants would lose business, but if the people of Lamar will notice the towns along the interstate have adjusted and now benefit more (more jobs) from the interstate passing near their town.” “Lamar will suffer the same fate again if we listen to a few downtown merchants who can not see the future and/or adjust to changes. The bypass needs to be open to development or else businesses will just build beyond the bypass limits and make those businesses less accessible to town.” “The planning needs to be long range and not for the few businesses that may not be around in just 20 years.”</p> <p>Letter is saved as a PDF File and is located at: P:\172922 US287 at Lamar\Public Involvement\Public Meeting 1\ comment letter from Al Newhold</p> |

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| <p>Connie Koeller 33999 Rd 8.5 Lamar, CO 81052 Received 8/29/2002</p> | <p>How will the new route address the traffic issues when the traffic merges back with the highway? That intersection is already pretty bad in the morning and evening with people coming and going from work. There is more traffic out that way due to the increased numbers of people moving into “the county” along 196.</p> |
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| <p>Jeff Yost State of Colorado Division of Wildlife 1204 East Olive Lamar, CO 81052</p> | <p>“As the terrestrial biologist for the Colorado Division of Wildlife, myself along with other CDOW personnel have already submitted several items of concern for the proposed highway project at Lamar. These concerns addressed T & E species, wetlands, and potential ground water contamination. One thing we failed to bring up was travel corridors for wildlife especially at or near bridge crossings. We would definitely like to be included in the design and planning phases of this portion of the project. Besides terrestrial species like deer and turkeys whose travel corridors are affected by roadways, there are likely aquatic species concerns such as T & E species which may inhabit wetlands, ditches and streams adjacent to the Arkansas River. Please contact us at the appropriate time so we may address those specific areas of concern.” Kevin Kaczmarek is Area 12 Habitat Biologist Charlie Bennett is Area 12 Aquatic Biologist Bryant Will is the District Wildlife Manager in Lamar</p> <p>Letter is saved as a PDF File and is located at: P:\172922 US287 at Lamar\Public Involvement\Public Meeting 1\ comment letter from Jeff Yost</p> |
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| <p>Gordon N. Scranton P.O. Box 229 Lamar, CO 81052</p> | <p>I'm in favor of this bypass. The bypass bridges the trucks over a railroad line. It would relieve the hazards that now exist due to 2 US Highways and one State Highway crossing major railroad in downtown Lamar. The bypass gives the medics and firefighters an alternate route to deliver aid if the intersection in downtown is closed by a truck/train accident.</p> |
| <p>Dorothy Jean Scranton P.O. Box 229 Lamar, CO 81052</p> | <p>The bypass should be built as soon as possible. The situation is that now a great number of trucks cross a major railroad line in the center of Lamar. It is a disaster waiting to happen. I do, however, feel sad our city may be bypassed and it could cause problems for our downtown businesses.</p> |
| <p>Jennifer Swanson Randal Reeder Lidia Duarte 1204 E. Olive. Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.6887</p> | <p>We feel the bypass is a necessity to the town of Lamar, especially in anticipation of the transportation of toxic waste & radiation materials to be shipped across the United States in the next few years. One truck wreck could contaminate the community causing birth defects and similar effects for centuries to come. This is a greater concern than losing downtown businesses, because if there was ever an accident, downtown would be lost anyway.</p> |
| <p>Connie Blaber Lamar, CO</p> | <p>It will take the business out of Lamar, we need the trucks and their business. Thank you very much!</p> |
| <p>Dwight Smith 1207 5th Lamar, CO</p> | <p>Keep them a "trucken" in Lamar, Colorado!</p> |
| <p>Sherry Frans P.O. Box 112 Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.7222</p> | <p>Don't I don't think they should put the bypass around Lamar it would hurt the economy of Lamar and take business away for us and cost a lot of people their jobs. People all ready hurting here, that would hurt us more.</p> |
| <p>Ivan Curley Signs & Designs 120 Dennis Monte Vista, CO 81144 719.852.3298</p> | <p>This will cause me to lose over \$21,000 per year in income from signs I now lease on South 287 and East 50. There will be no place to move the signs to on the bypass!</p> |

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| Gary Smith 1202 North 10 th Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.2749 | Stop the bypass! |
| Guadalupe Diaz 403 North 8 th Street Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.2440 | I am not in favor of the 287 bypass & think the Crystal Street route would be better. |
| Ann Castro 709 Pac Court Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.2440 | Don't bypass Lamar |
| James Lanier 1301 N. Main Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.3256x214 | A bypass would be decidedly inappropriate for local businesses dependant upon transient business. |
| Everardo Pineda 1300 East Maple Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.3736 | Crystal Street truck route – NO 287 bypass! |
| Beverly Medina 20 Lynn Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.5496 | I feel that the bypass on US 287 should come into Lamar by way of Crystal Street and Olive Street. |
| Brian Demsey 1211 North 9 th Lamar, CO 81052 | Stop it at once! |

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| Lucia Muro 408 N. 5 th Street Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.5179 | Lamar needs the business not a bypass. Please stop the bypass |
| Carl Gardner 902 W. Washington Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.4802 | I think we (Lamar) need the Crystal Street truck route not the 287 bypass – the economy in Lamar is already not good and there are not many jobs. |
| Yolanda Ruys 711 South 11 th Street #2 Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.9621 | The new route should go on Crystal Street and not 287. |
| Eudardo Pijeda 13006 Maple Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.3736 | Crystal Street truck route no 287 bypass |
| Blanca Gutierrez 207 W. Washington Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.8759 | No bypass – Crystal Street truck route |
| Maria Chavire P.O. Box 523 Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.5199 | No Bypass |
| Armando Fernandez 1104 East Maple Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.0481 | Crystal Street Truck Route – no 287 Bypass |

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| <p>Jean and Cecelia Sherwood 8154 Highway 196 Route 2 Lamar, CO 81052 719.336.4262</p> | <p>Currently we are located on Highway 196 just east of the museum in Lamar, Colorado, in the white house with the rock fence around it on south side of the road.</p> <p>Our concerns are: 1. Where will the access road to this bypass be for residents that live along this portion of Highway 196. This is a safety concern. 2. How much right-of-way is required for this project. 3. We live close to this road and are concerned about: A. Traffic congestion. B. Access safety. C. Noise levels. D. Dust, fumes, etc. 4. How will the project effect our property physically and do to it's value. See attached comments – they address concerns.</p> <p>“Safety is a primary concern. An increase in traffic – particularly any increase in the amount of car and truck traffic at the levels being currently discussed – as well as widening or 4-laning of the current highway will seriously impact the owner’s ability to safely access the highway. Our home is a historical part of Prowers County and Lamar’s landscape. Any change in the status quo for US 287 around the city limits of Lamar, has the very real potential to seriously impact the owners quiet, country-style quality of life in their retirement years and in the retirement home of their dreams.”</p> <p>Letter is saved as a PDF File and is located at: P:\172922 US287 at Lamar\Public Involvement\Public Meeting 1\ comment letter from Jean and Cecelia Sherwood.</p> |
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