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# **REGION 5 – JUNE 2017 CONVERSION**

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**Description:** 

**ROW Plans 11X17** 

**Route # and Mile Points:** 

**US 550** 

**Originating Office:** 

ROW/Survey

File Name:

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**Box Location:** 

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TO: The Executive Director.

FROM: Transportation Planning Division, Planning Support Branch

> The following resolution is submitted for Highway Commission consideration. Supporting information, as required, is attached.

Upon motion by_	ROUNDTREE	 seconded by HANAVAN	<i>J</i>
the following r	esolution was passed	5-12-78	
Resolution No	876-D		

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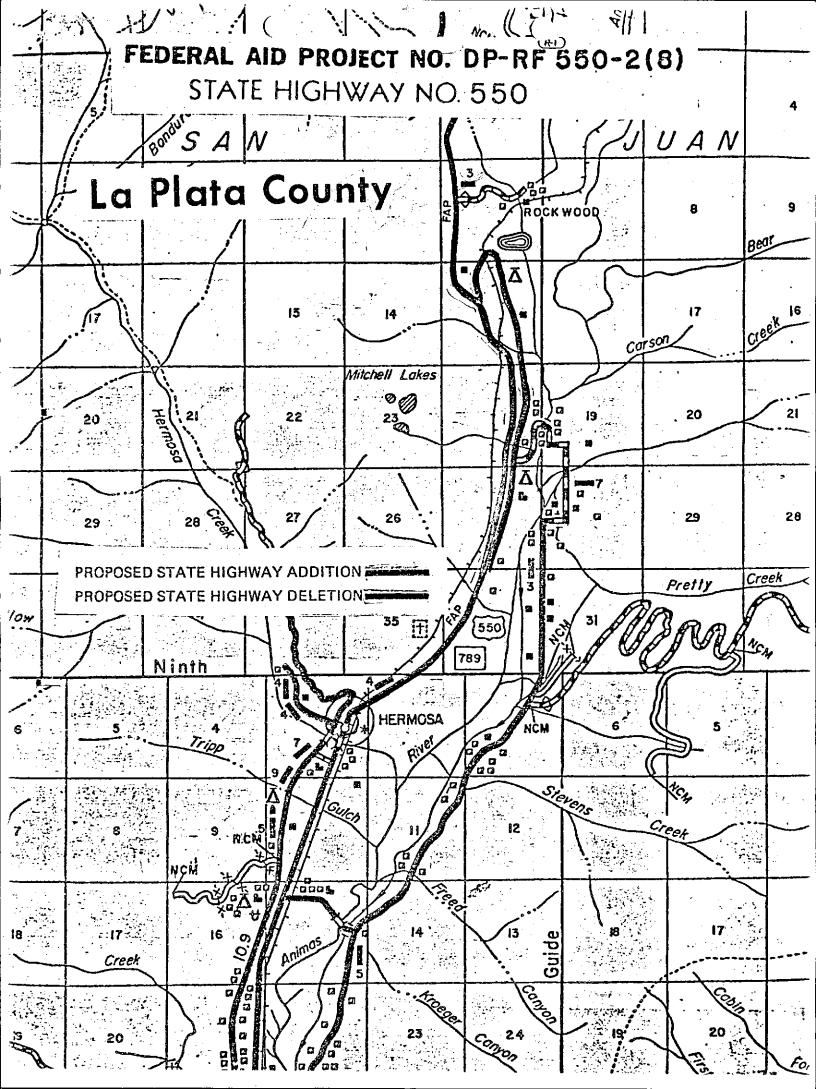
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LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate District Engineer be instructed to negotiate with the Board of County Commissioners the transfer of the old alignment.

Copies: Chief Engineer w/attachments

Commission Secretary

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Mr. Steve Chapman Right of Way Specialist/Engineer Colorado State Department of Transportation 3803 North Main, Suite 300 Durango, CO 81301

Re: U.S. Highway 550 North (Vicinity of James Ranch)

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Any information you can provide to me including specific documents of record and procedures involved in vacating this highway right of way will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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c: Mr. Rick Mayo

Date:

05-Dec-1995 11:30am MST

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Carl Watson @DUR

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Randy Crumbaugh @DUR

( CRUMBAUGHR )

From:

Steven Chapman @DUR

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Tel No:

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Subject: Denny Ehlers

Carl:

Attached herewith is the December 1, 1995 and a copy of the September 13, 1995 letters from Mr. Ehlers.

Questions concerning the vacation of highway right-of-way are asked.

Mr. Ehlers is supplementing this query with a map.

Please let me know if there are any issues I can help you with.

Thanks

Steve

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December 5, 1995

Mr. Carl Watson Colorado State Department of Transportation 3803 North Main, Suite 300 Durango, CO 81301

Re: Old Highway 550 Abandonment, Adjacent to James Ranch,

North of Hermosa

Dear Carl:

I wrote a letter to Steve Chapman in September, 1995, which he never received. When I provided him another copy recently he indicated that the correspondence should more appropriately be directed to you. Steve has indicated he was going to hand deliver the letter to you and I am providing copies of those two letters herewith for your convenience.

As I described to Steve, we are interested in determining when and what process was involved in the relocation of U.S. Highway 550 in the area of the James Ranch, north of Hermosa. We represent a client that has property that previously had access by virtue of an old public road that actually crossed the Animas River at a bridge and then proceeded westerly to the point where it hooked up to the old Highway 550. I have enclosed a copy of an old geologic survey map that gives an approximate location of both the public road and the old 550 prior to the relocation. Hopefully, this map will give you a reference regarding what we are interested in determining.

I would appreciate having an appointment with you and the opportunity to review any documents or records that would shed some light on these circumstances at your earliest possible convenience.

Your cooperation and assistance is greatly appreciated.

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VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

Mr. Randy Crumbaugh Colorado State Department of Transportation 3803 North Main, Suite 300 Durango, CO 81301

Re: U.S. Highway 550/Public Road Vicinity of James Ranch

Dear Mr. Crumbaugh:

Thank you for taking the time to give me a telephone call in response to our latest letter to the Department of Transportation on this subject. I apologize for not including a copy of the U.S.G.S. map with the latest letter. I am providing to you by facsimile transmission this letter and a reduced copy of the U.S.G.S. map which may not be readable with reduction and also fax transmission. I am also mailing to you a 11" x 17" version of the map which is certainly more readable and will be of more value to you in attempting to assist us in obtaining the information we have requested.

Of interest, you will note that East Animas Road (County Road 250), at the time this map was made, extended up a section line to approximately the location of Pinkerton Hot Springs. The map does show the existence of Baker's Bridge as you indicated in our telephone conversation, but the roadway connecting the two appears to be little more than a trail. This does give credence to the County Commissioner minutes that shows that the bridge was relocated to the Pinkerton Hot Springs location.

More importantly, it appears to me that U.S. Highway 550, at that time, stayed to the east of the railroad tracks and to the east of the existing Animas Ditch from just south of Pinkerton Hot Springs, all the way to Hermosa. At Hermosa, it appears that the highway took a 90° turn to the northwest, just north of Hermosa Creek, prior to attaching to what is now County Road 203. Given the foregoing, it appears that the highway was moved to the west sometime subsequent to the creation of this map. Hopefully, the Highway Department has records indicating how and when this relocation in this particular area occurred.

After you have had an opportunity to review this material, please give me a call or drop me a note so that we can get together

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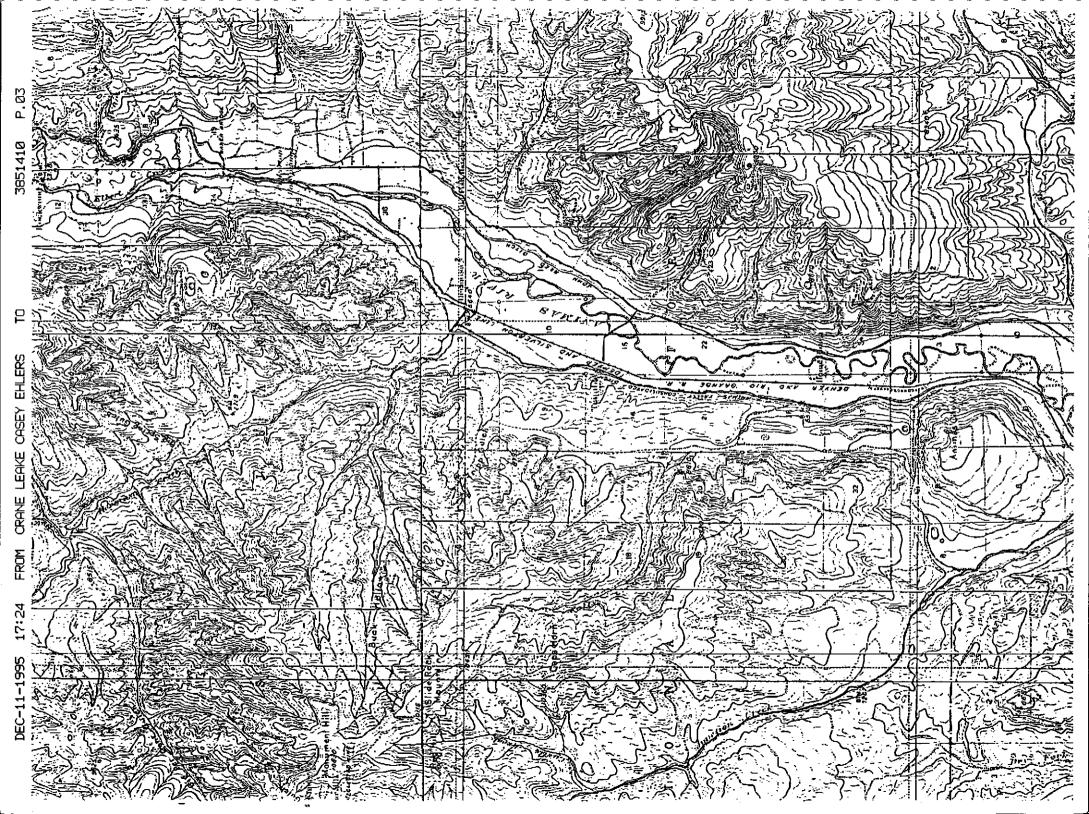
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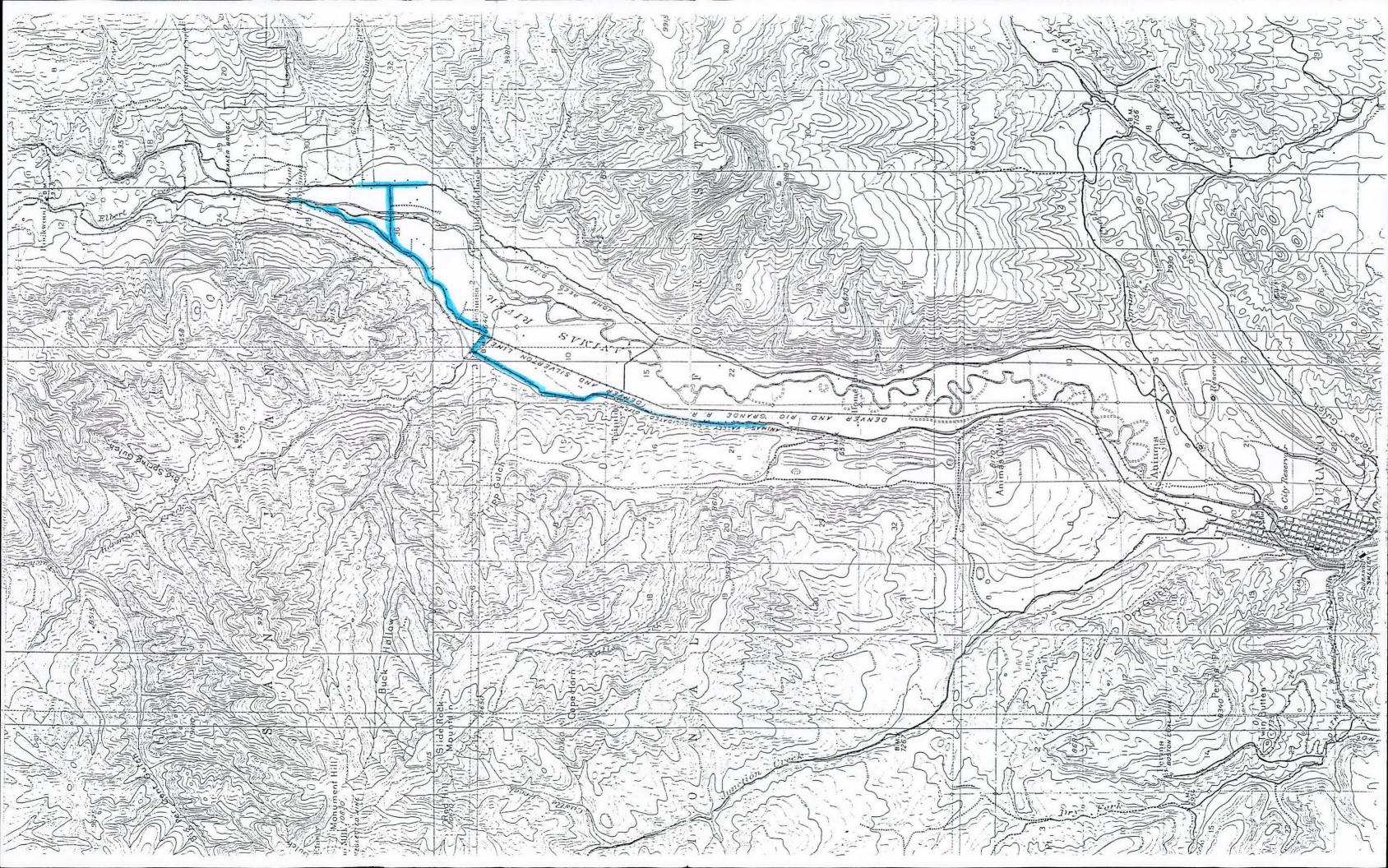
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although he could not guarantee the passage of a supplemental, he fully understood and approved the action being taken. It was concluded that no action was required on the part of the Commission to effect the loan.

At 10:15 A.M., Chairman Schmidt called for a recess of 15 minutes.

At 10:30 A.M., the meeting was reconvened and Mr. Greg Henk was asked to discuss the various Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) documents. On a motion by Hanavan, seconded by Fortino and a vote of the Commission, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

RES. NO. 875-D WHEREAS, the Highway Commission has adopted Policy Directive 1603 concerning which planning documents, as part of the urban transportation planning process, must be submitted to the State Highway Commission for approval; and,

WHEREAS, the Denver Regional Council of Governments on November 16, 1977, approved the document entitled Policy Structure and Evaluation Measures for Regional Transportation Planning, dated September 23, 1977, which will be used in the Transportation Plan Restatement process to specify an evaluation framework for assessment of the regional transportation plan; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Highway Commission has reviewed the goals, policies, and evaluation criteria to be used by the Denver Regional Council of Governments in the Transportation Plan Restatement process and found the document to be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Department of Highways.

Mr. Henk then gave the Commission a detailed report on the deferrment of the Air Quality Assessment Statement.

Chairman Schmidt then asked Chief Engineer Haase to present the Planning resolution for consideration. On a motion by Roundtree, seconded by Hanavan and a vote of the Commission, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

RES. NO. 876-D

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WHEREAS, the proposed Right-of-Way Project F 550-2(1) and Construction Project DP-RF 550-2(8) have been completed on a new alignment, thus relocating that portion of S.H. 550, and

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RES. NO. 876-D (Cont.) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate District Engineer be instructed to negotiate with the Board of County Commissioners the transfer of the old alignment.

On a motion by Hanavan, seconded by Mattlage and a vote of the Commission, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

RES. NO. 877-D WHEREAS, the Division of Highways, State of Colorado, owns property known as Project No. F 036-1(2), South Wadsworth - Hampden to Deer Creek, in Jefferson County, as described below:

WHEREAS, the Division of Highways has declared, through E. N. Haase, as Chief Engineer, that this property is no longer needed for highway purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Division of Highways be given the authority to dispose of this property by offering it to any political subdivision of this State at the Department's cost of acquisition to be used for the restoration, preservation, and enhancement of scenic beauty for the development of rest, recreation, and sanitary facilities or for the development of green belts as the term is commonly used;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after a 90-day period, if no political subdivision has offered to acquire said parcel for the above described purposes, the Division of Highways be authorized to offer said parcel to the original owner at market value determined by an appraisal of said parcel;

FURTHER, if the original owner shall refuse such offer, the Division of Highways may dispose of said parcel in any manner the Chief Engineer deems advisable at the market value as set by an appraisal.

A tract or parcel of land No. 6-EX of the State Department of Highways, Division of Highways, State of Colorado, Project No. F 036-1(2), containing 19,233 sq. ft., more or less, in the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 5, South, Range 69 West, of the Sixth Principal Meridian, in Jefferson County, Colorado, said tract or parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the west right-of-way line of South Wadsworth Blvd. (SH(121; March 1978), from which point the SE corner of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 2 bears 5010 34 06 E., a distance of 568.0 feet;

- 1. Thence N. 60 46' 30" W., along the said west right-of-way line, of South Wadsworth Blvd. (SH 121, March 1978), a distance of 299.5 feet;
  - Thence N. 1<sup>0</sup> 57<sup>1</sup> E., continuing along said right-of-way line, a distance of 348.7 feet;
  - 3. Commence N. 190 03' E., continuing along said right-of-way line a distance of 97.1 feet;
  - 4. Thence S. 0° 38' 20" W. a distance of 737.7 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

The Commission discussed at some length the 100% increase in funding needed for Project FCU 040-2(13) in Steamboat Springs.

On a motion by Hanavan, seconded by Roundtree and a vote of the Commission, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

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1 hereby certify that this attached Resolution Number 876-D is a true and exact copy of the resolution as adopted by the Highway Commission of Colorado on May 12, 1978.

GLENN NAAD, Secretary
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF COLORADO
October 4, 1995

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