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MASTER PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

Formation of a Master Plan, with emphasis on site and facility improvements that support both fair and non-fair events and business activities, was commissioned by the Elbert County Commissioners in December 2011. Its purpose is to establish direction regarding disposition of existing facilities and the location and scope of modified or new facilities that will improve event production, service capacity and economic performance of the Elbert County Fairgrounds.

The Master Plan was organized by Enertia Consulting Group under the direction of the Public Works Department and Community and Development Services Department with participation of various groups including the Elbert County Fair Board, Town of Kiowa, County Extension/4-H, Little Britches Youth Association (LBYA), and other interested citizens of Elbert County.

The Master Plan evolved through a process of discovery, analysis and planning. Research was aided by Fairground and other County personnel, tours of other Front Range fairgrounds, and public meetings. This process was designed to establish an understanding of existing conditions, constraints, preferences and opportunities leading to formation of a phased land use and facility improvement scenario. The public participation process facilitated development of the following key goals for the Plan:

- Creating a Fairgrounds environment that is visually pleasing, accessible and welcoming
- Identifying the Elbert County Fairgrounds niche
- Expanding the versatility and overall use of the Fairgrounds for both existing and potential users
- Creating a year round destination that is a focal point within Elbert County and Kiowa
- Identifying necessary and desired capital improvements and developing a phased approach for implementing improvements
- Quantifying capital improvement costs for planned improvements
- Identifying funding mechanisms for capital improvements.

The following Master Plan is organized into the following seven sections:

Section 1 - The Process: Discovery, Analysis and Planning

Section 2 - Regional Setting and Fairground Description

Section 3 - Analysis of Fairground Components

Section 4 - Historical and Potential Uses and Events

Section 5 - Proposed Fairgrounds Improvements

Section 6 - Capital Cost Projections

Section 7 - Funding and Implementation Strategies

SECTION 1 – THE PROCESS: DISCOVERY, ANALYSIS & PLANNING

The process of preparing the Master Plan included: meetings with interested parties and stakeholders; tours of other Front Range county fairgrounds; Site and facility specific analysis; and planning of a phased Fairgrounds improvement plan intended to meet the needs of Elbert County constituents and visitors over time.

Discovery

Public Meetings and Meetings with Stakeholders

Four public meetings were held which invited all interested citizens to participate and present ideas. In addition, individual meetings with Fairground staff, County Extension/4-H, LBYA and Fair Board members were held to identify and define both necessary and desired improvements to the Fairgrounds.

Information gathered during these meetings included:

- The Fairgrounds are not “pedestrian-friendly”
- During large events, there are not enough bathroom or concession facilities
- Parking areas need to be improved, expanded and better defined, including a designated area for drop trailer parking and signage for visitor, contestant and exhibitor parking
- Better wayfinding signage is needed throughout the Fairgrounds
- The internal roads are often difficult to drive on, especially during the winter and spring months and after heavy rainstorms (this impacts both Fairgrounds and County Health & Human Services operations)
- The existing rodeo arena grandstands do not meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and International Building Code (IBC) requirements and are too far away from the arena
- The rodeo arena sound system is inadequate
- The metal fence panels along west side of arena, gates and sweep tub at south side of arena in disrepair and are a safety concern
- The large and small animal stock pens are in disrepair and are a safety concern
- The recently refurbished crow’s nest should be closer to the gates on the east side of the arena
- A segment of the perimeter track should be designated and improved to better accommodate LBYA pole and goat tying events
- Pedestrian corridors and livestock/equestrian corridor should be segregated north of arena
- Rodeo arena access should be controlled to allow for events with admission charge
- Small animal buildings do not provide adequate space, ventilation or cooling for animals, exhibitors, showmanship or judging
- An indoor arena is a desired addition to the Fairgrounds.

Tour of Front Range County Fairgrounds

Four county fairgrounds were visited during the discovery process and meetings were held with fairground managers and staff during each visit. From this tour, which included the El Paso, Douglas, Weld and Larimer County fairgrounds, significant ideas and suggestions about fairground facility development, operation and maintenance were gathered.

Ideas and suggestions gathered during these tours included:

- It's essential that the Elbert County Fairground has a niche, something unique that it's known for
- A Fairground can be a major cost, a minor cost or no cost to the local taxpayer, depending on the type of amenities offered and how the amenities are operated and maintained
- Minor cost or no cost to the taxpayer requires the right vision and significant community support - volunteer groups are key
- Facility improvements should be contemplated and assessed based on existing and potential user needs and overall value to the community
- Pedestrian connectivity to and through the fairgrounds and way finding signage is a very important part of the visitor experience
- An indoor arena is a very desirable and highly utilized fairground component
- Athletic fields are not generally considered a highest and best use for fairground lands but shaded/sheltered outdoor areas are essential
- When planning improvements, don't underestimate the need for storage.

Analysis

Site Assessment and Existing Facility Analysis

A site assessment and existing facility analysis were conducted in order to evaluate site attributes and constraints and the condition of existing Fairgrounds facilities. Information on Fairground accessibility and parking, storm water drainage, structural integrity of Fairground facilities, and utility usage was gathered as part of this analysis.

Planning

At this time, Elbert County desires to improve the Fairgrounds at little or no cost to County constituents. Accordingly, a phased approach to accomplishing necessary and desired Fairground improvements has been prepared that will allow for implementation of improvements based on currently available and potential outside funding. Three planned improvement phases are identified below and described in detail in Section 5 of this Plan.

- Phase I (2012-2013) focuses on necessary improvements intended to provide a safer and more pleasant Fairground experience for visitors, spectators, exhibitors and spectators. These improvements are anticipated to be accomplished with existing funds available to the Fairgrounds.
- Phase II (2014-2018) focuses on necessary and desired improvements that both better accommodate existing users and utilize more of the Fairground property. These improvements will likely require additional grants or funding and would be greatly aided by a coordinated volunteer group effort, dedicated to accomplishing each improvement.
- Phase III (2019-2023) focuses on desired improvements that may be possible as Elbert County develops a well established and coordinated volunteer effort and funding program for the Fairgrounds.

Capital Improvement Costs

Capital costs were estimated for proposed Phase I, II and III improvements. These cost estimates are presented in Section 6.

Funding Strategy

Recommendations for funding improvements and establishing a marketing strategy have been prepared. These recommendations are presented in Section 7.

SECTION 2 – SETTING & FAIRGROUND FACILITIES

Setting

The Elbert County Fairground (or Site) is located on approximately 53 acres in the Town of Kiowa, west of Kiowa-Bennett Road (Ute Ave) and north of the Kiowa town center. As shown on Figure 1, the nearest major roadway is State Highway 86. The Fairground is accessible from the north and west via Interstate 70, located approximately 30 miles north and Interstate 25, located approximately 25 miles west. Figure 1 also illustrates the proximity to other fairgrounds in the adjacent counties.



FIGURE 1

The Fairgrounds property is generally bounded by residential properties to the south and southeast and agricultural lands around the remaining perimeter. With the exception of a drainage way that transects the Site, the land is relatively flat, draining off to the west toward Kiowa Creek. The Site may be characterized as short grass prairie, with native grasses covering approximately 60 percent of the ground surface. The remaining 40 percent of the Site is improved and includes Fairground facilities and other improvements including internal roads and parking areas.

Fairground Facilities

The Site functions as a county fairground and as such, a primary function is hosting a County Fair that is typical of many county fairs throughout Colorado's Front Range. Its events are primarily agricultural based and facilities are positioned to satisfy basic annual Fair production requirements which include indoor and outdoor exhibits, concessions, entertainment, livestock shows, rodeo and space to market products. Fairground facilities include: buildings and other structures; access and parking facilities; pedestrian walkways and trails; public restrooms; concessions, and camping/RV facilities.

Buildings & Other Structures

Fairground buildings and structures include: an outdoor rodeo arena; outdoor warm-up arena; exhibit building; agricultural building; horse pavilion; beef barn; small animal buildings; maintenance building, sheds; and other structures that are positioned at various locations. Figure 2 illustrates the location of existing facilities and Table 1 lists the major facilities with dimensions and area.

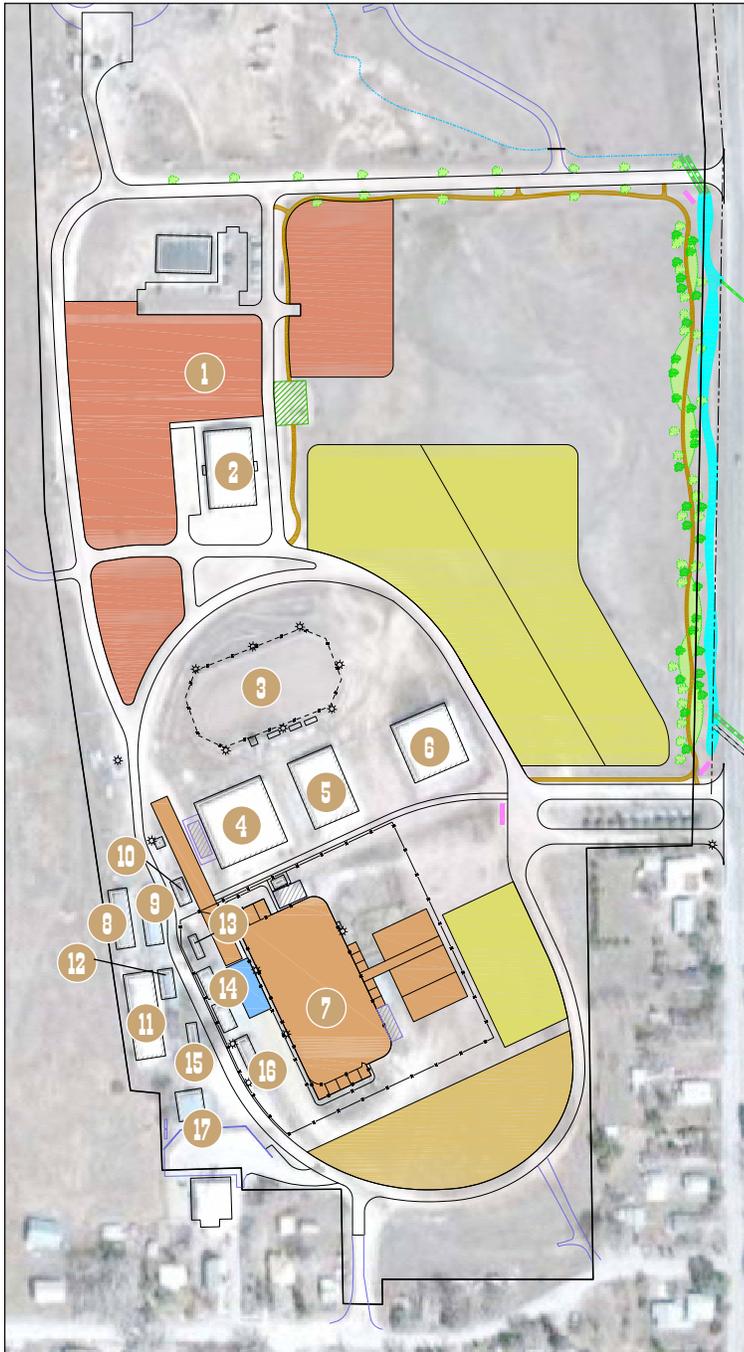


TABLE 1

Existing Facilities

ID	FACILITY	DIMENSIONS	AREA
1	Camping/RV Area	varies	
2	Agricultural Building	80' x 130'	10,400 sf
3	Warm-Up Arena	140' x 260'	36,400 sf
4	Beef Barn	120' x 120'	14,400 sf
5	Exhibit Building	80' x 120'	9,600 sf
6	Horse Pavilion	105' x 105'	11,025 sf
7	Rodeo Arena	150' x 295'	44,250 sf
8	Sheep Barn	32' x 100'	3,200 sf
9	Poultry Barn	30' x 56'	1,680 sf
10	Dairy Barn	22' x 45'	990 sf
11	Swine Barn	50' x 145'	7,250 sf
12	Goat Barn	25' x 50'	1,250 sf
13	Fair Office	14' x 40'	560 sf
14	Rabbit Buildings	25' x 50' (2)	2,500 sf
15	Wool Building	18' x 48'	864 sf
16	Maintenance Building	24' x 63'	1,512 sf
17	Open Pavilion	45' x 50'	2,250 sf

FIGURE 2

Access and Parking

The Fairgrounds are primarily accessed via the north and south entrances along Kiowa-Bennett Road with secondary access from the south along Cheyenne Street. Once inside the Fairgrounds, there are unpaved driveways that connect facilities.

Defined, gravel surfaced parking lots are located at the agricultural building and the exhibit building. For large events, unimproved areas east of the agricultural building and east and south of the rodeo arena are generally used for visitor, contestant and exhibitor parking.

Sidewalks/Trails

Internal roads currently provide for pedestrian connectivity within the Fairgrounds. There are no defined sidewalks or trails.

Public Restrooms

Public restroom facilities are located in the agricultural and exhibit buildings. During large events, rented, portable restrooms are made available.

Concessions

Food and beverage facilities are located in the exhibit building and at the 4-H concession stand located near the rodeo arena north bleachers.

Camping and RV Facilities

Designated camping and RV areas are located around the agricultural building (See Figure 2). Water and electrical hookups are available for camping on the west side of the agricultural building. There is a dump station (underground holding tank) that is available for the campers to use. Showers and laundry facilities located in the agricultural building are available to users of the camping and RV areas.

SECTION 3 – ANALYSIS OF SITE & EXISTING FACILITIES

As part of the master planning process, the Fairground property and facilities were assessed to determine the suitability of existing infrastructure (e.g., roads, parking, pedestrian connections) and buildings/structures for both existing and potential uses of the Fairgrounds. The following is a summary of this assessment.

Fairground Access and Internal Roads

Roads in the Town of Kiowa are aligned in a grid pattern with small blocks. This design contributes to a lack of route options and few connections to the Fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds are accessed from the east via two points along Kiowa-Bennett Road and from the south via Cheyenne Street. During annual fair events such as the Junior Livestock Auction, these points of ingress and egress get very congested with exhibitor, contestant and visitor traffic. All access points are from paved roads (Kiowa-Bennett Road and Cheyenne Street) to unpaved roads (internal Fairground roads). The internal roads are not all weather surfaces and have to be maintained on a regular basis, especially during the winter and spring months. In addition, the intersection geometry is irregular at the south Kiowa-Bennett Road entrance and Cheyenne Street.

Recommended improvements include:

- Design and construct horizontal and vertical improvements to the south Kiowa-Bennett Road and Cheyenne Street entrances. It should be noted that improvements to the Cheyenne Street entrance may require additional right-of-way.
- Asphalt pave internal roads or install an alternative all-weather surface
- Add a right turn only lane exit at the north Kiowa-Bennett Road access point.

Parking

The agricultural and exhibit buildings have defined parking areas and other facilities throughout the Fairgrounds generally have ample areas to park, with the exception of during the County Fair or other large events. To accommodate large events such as these, the area east of the agricultural building and south and east of the rodeo arena are used to drop off livestock and other animals and for contestant, exhibitor and visitor parking. In general, parking within these areas is not regulated effectively and parking is very inefficient.

Currently there are two handicap parking stalls located at both the agricultural building and the exhibit building. These existing handicap parking areas do not meet ADA requirements. The four spaces provided fall far short of that which would be required and the accessible routes from the handicap parking area to the various facilities are unclear. Most Fairground facilities have accessibility issues.

Recommended improvements include:

- Designate and segregate parking areas for large events (e.g. areas designated for drop trailer, visitor parking and contestant/exhibitor parking) and enlarge parking areas, as required
- Restrict the area east of the rodeo arena to livestock drop off and pick up only during rodeo events
- Perform a full accessibility study as part of the Phase I Fairground improvement process
- Designate additional handicap parking spaces based on the accessibility study recommendations.

Signage & Lighting

General signage for the Fairground is present and each building is well marked. While this signage is present, it is not readily visible from Kiowa-Bennett Road. Way finding signage is minimal. Overhead lighting is present at the rodeo and warm-up arena. Parking areas outside the agricultural building are illuminated.

Recommended improvements include:

- Add monument signs along Kiowa-Bennett Road
- Add way finding signage around the Fairgrounds
- Add lighting at the exhibit building parking area.

Pedestrian Connectivity

Pedestrians currently use access roads to travel between Fairground facilities. In addition, in the areas between the beef barn, horse pavilion and rodeo arena, pedestrians and large and small animals share the same space and travel corridors.

Recommended improvements include:

- Install a hard surface multi-modal trail (accessible to both able and disabled persons) around and through the Fairgrounds to better connect facilities and make better use of open space areas
- Install a soft surface trail around the perimeter of the Fairgrounds for pedestrians and horseback riding.

Buildings & Other Structures

Agricultural Building

The agricultural building is the northernmost Fairground facility. It is an 80' x 130' pre-engineered, clear span steel building that is in good condition. The building is insulated and heated and has responded well to the current needs of the fairgrounds. In addition to a large open area, the building includes office space and a meeting room for Fairgrounds staff and County Extension/4-H staff and restrooms with shower and laundry facilities.

Recommended improvements include:

- Create additional space for offices and/or small group meeting rooms.

Exhibit Building

The exhibit building is located south of the agricultural building. It is an 80' x 120' pre-engineered, clear span steel building that is in good condition. The building has responded well to the current needs of the fairgrounds and includes a commercial kitchen and restrooms.

Recommended improvements include:

- Add lighting for parking area.



Agricultural Building



Exhibit Building

Warm-Up Arena

The warm-up arena is located north of the exhibit building. This facility is a 140' x 260' fenced riding arena that has adequate space for unloading and loading horses. The perimeter fence is split rail construction and is in good condition. In addition, the warm-up arena is equipped with stadium lighting and a crow's nest.

There are no recommended improvements for the warm-up arena.

Beef Barn

The beef barn is located west of the exhibit building. This facility is a 120' x 120' pre-engineered open sided steel livestock building with concrete foundation and earthen floor. This facility is equipped with pull down electric outlets and has ample capacity for livestock.

There are no recommended improvements for the beef barn.

Horse Pavilion

The horse pavilion is located east of the exhibit building. This facility is a 105' x 105' pre-engineered open sided steel building with concrete foundation and earthen floor. This facility is equipped with 34 portable stalls.

There are no recommended improvements for the horse pavilion.

Rodeo Arena

The rodeo arena is located south of the beef barn. This facility is a 150' x 195' outdoor arena constructed primarily of metal panels. Small animal stock pens are located along the north and south perimeter of the arena and large animal stock pens are located along the east perimeter. A crow's nest and large animal gates are located along the eastern perimeter. A small animal gate, roping chute and sweep tub are located along the south perimeter. Rodeo arena gates, roping chute, metal perimeter panels and stock pens are in disrepair.

Recommended improvements include:

- Refurbish or replace metal fence panels along west side of arena and repair/replace gates and sweep tub at south side of arena
- Refurbish or replace large animal stock pens and gates on east side of arena
- Upgrade or replace rodeo arena sound system
- Move the crow's nest closer to the gates on the east side of the arena and move the east bleachers to accommodate the new gates.



Warm-Up Arena



Beef Barn



Horse Pavilion



Rodeo Arena

Grandstand and Bleachers

Grandstands and aluminum bleachers are located around the perimeter of the rodeo arena. The grandstands (west of rodeo arena) are wooden with concrete support columns and a sheet metal canopy. The bleachers (north and east of rodeo arena) are aluminum, angle frame construction. The grandstand is in disrepair and does not meet IBC or ADA requirements. There are no reported issues with the aluminum bleachers.

Recommended improvements include:

- Remove the existing wooden grandstand and replace with new grandstand that meets current American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and International Building Code (IBC) requirements
- Locate the new grandstand closer to the rodeo arena
- Recycle or reuse existing grandstand materials (wooden bleachers and sheet metal canopy)
- Move the aluminum bleachers along the east side of the arena +/-50' south, to accommodate new gates.



Grandstand and Bleachers

Poultry Barn

The poultry barn is located along the southwest side of the Fairgrounds. This facility is a 30' x 56' wood frame building with sheet metal sides and roof that are ventilated via openings covered with wire mesh. The poultry barn is in currently in fair condition but does not meet all IBC requirements and is becoming too small to accommodate fair exhibitors.

Recommended improvements include:

- Demolish and relocate when funding is available.



Poultry Barn

Sheep Barn

The sheep barn is located adjacent to and west of the poultry barn. This facility is a 32' x 100' wood frame building with sheet metal sides and roof and is ventilated via wall openings covered with wire mesh. The sheep barn is in currently in fair condition but does not meet all IBC requirements and is becoming too small to accommodate fair



Sheep Barn

exhibitors. In addition, the sheep wash area does not capture wash water runoff which drains off-site to the west.

Recommended improvements include:

- Demolish and relocate when funding is available.

Dairy Barn

The dairy barn is located east of the poultry barn. This facility is a 22' x 45' wood frame pole barn with metal roof. The dairy barn is currently in poor condition, does not meet all IBC requirements and is becoming too small to accommodate fair exhibitors.

Recommended improvements include:

- Demolish and relocate when funding is available.

Fair Office Building

The fair office building is located south of the dairy barn. This facility is a 14' x 40' concrete block building with a wood truss, shingled roof. The building is in good condition.

There are no recommended improvements for the fair office building.

Rabbit Buildings

There are two rabbit buildings located under the existing grandstands. These facilities are 25' x 50' concrete block buildings are currently in good condition but do not meet all IBC requirements. The buildings are becoming too small to accommodate fair exhibitors and with overcrowded conditions, are difficult to maintain cooler temperatures during the County Fair.

Recommended improvements include:

- Add portable cooling system during the County Fair
- Demolish and relocate when funding is available.

Goat Barn

The goat barn is located along the south of the poultry barn. This facility is a 25' x 50' wood frame building with sheet metal sides and roof that are ventilated via openings covered with wire mesh. The goat barn is currently in poor condition, does not meet all IBC requirements and is becoming too small to accommodate fair exhibitors.

Recommended improvements include:

- Demolish and relocate as soon as practical or within the next 5 years.



Dairy Barn



Fair Office Building



Rabbit Building



Goat Barn

Swine Barn

The swine barn is located adjacent to and west of the goat barn. This facility is a 50' x 145' wood frame building with sheet metal sides and roof and is ventilated via wall openings covered with wire mesh. The swine barn is currently in fair condition but does not meet all IBC requirements and is becoming too small to accommodate fair exhibitors. In addition, the swine wash area does not capture wash water runoff which drains off-site to the west.

Recommended improvements include:

- Demolish and relocate when funding is available.

Wool Building

The wool building is located east of the swine barn. This facility is a 18' x 48' wood frame building with wooden sides and a metal roof. The building is in good condition but does not meet all IBC requirements.

Recommended improvements include:

- Move the wool and other fabric exhibit area to another location when funding is available and reuse the building for storage.

Maintenance Building

The maintenance building is located south of the rabbit buildings. This facility is a 24' x 63' wood frame building with stucco facade is currently in good condition but does not meet all IBC requirements. The maintenance building has historical significance as it was the former Comanche Creek Grange building constructed in 1913. This facility adequately responds to the current needs of the Fairgrounds.

Recommended improvements include:

- As the Fairgrounds develop over time, a larger, more modern maintenance facility may be necessary and this building may be preserved and used for other purposes.

Outdoor Pavilion

The outdoor pavilion is located south of the swine barn. This facility is a 45' x 50' covered pavilion constructed of wooden columns and a wood truss roof system with sheet metal. This facility is used for swine judging during the County Fair and for equipment storage during other times of the year.



Swine Barn



Wool Building



Maintenance Building



Outdoor Pavilion

Recommended improvements include:

- Demolish and relocate as soon as practical.
- Construct a new multi-use outdoor pavilion in a more central Fairground location.

Utilities

Most of the major facilities within the Fairgrounds are serviced by local and regional utility providers. Water and sanitary sewer, electric, gas and data/communication are available to the exhibit, agricultural and maintenance buildings. Electric service is available to most of the remaining facilities. Water and sewer service is provided by the Town of Kiowa; electric service is provided by Intermountain Rural Electric Association; gas is provided by Black Hills Energy; and propane (maintenance building only) is provided by Glaser Gas Company. The facilities that require these services the most are the agricultural and exhibit buildings. A summary of each is as follows:

Agricultural and Exhibit Buildings

The agricultural building functions as office and meeting space for Fairground staff and County Extension/4-H staff. It also hosts several meetings and other functions on a regular basis. Typical monthly utility costs for the agricultural building are shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2

Typical Monthly Utility Costs - Agricultural Building

<i>Month</i>	<i>Electric</i>	<i>Gas</i>	<i>Water/Sewer</i>	<i>Total</i>
January	\$680	\$600	\$470	\$1750
February	\$550	\$730	\$280	\$1560
March	\$400	\$680	\$520	\$1600
April	\$525	\$330	\$130	\$985
May	\$280	\$210	\$270	\$760
June	\$335	\$95	\$220	\$650
July	\$360	\$65	\$345	\$770
August	\$1,200	\$80	\$770	\$2050
September	\$590	\$75	\$490	\$1155
October	\$360	\$230	\$260	\$850
November	\$550	\$440	\$625	\$1615
December	\$580	\$560	\$320	\$1460
TOTAL	\$6,410	\$4,095	\$4,700	\$15,205

The exhibit building hosts meetings and public and private functions on a regular basis. Typical monthly utility costs for the exhibit building are shown in Table 3.

TABLE 3

Typical Monthly Utility Costs - Exhibit Building

<i>Month</i>	<i>Electric</i>	<i>Gas</i>	<i>Water/Sewer</i>	<i>Total</i>
January	\$215	\$600	\$120	\$935
February	\$200	\$460	\$120	\$780
March	\$240	\$450	\$110	\$800
April	\$240	\$260	\$240	\$740
May	\$295	\$125	\$190	\$610
June	\$340	\$30	\$310	\$680
July	\$260	\$25	\$270	\$555
August	\$615	\$40	\$1,135	\$1790
September	\$310	\$30	\$275	\$615
October	\$265	\$135	\$175	\$575
November	\$215	\$260	\$145	\$620
December	\$190	\$320	\$140	\$650
TOTAL	\$3,385	\$2,735	\$3,320	\$9,350

The public restrooms, located in the agricultural building and the exhibit building, have two significant issues that require resolution. The first is fixture count. The total combined fixture count (sinks, urinals, toilets) for the facilities does not comply with that which is required for the users they serve during large events. To properly meet current fairground needs and applicable code requirements, supplemental portable facilities need to be brought in for larger events. The second is accessibility. Additional bathroom facilities should be considered closer to the rodeo arena.

Recommended improvements include:

- Coordinate use of the agricultural building and exhibit building by combining similar meetings to reduce cost of heating and electric use
- Add restroom facilities.

SECTION 4 – EXISTING & POTENTIAL USERS

Existing Use

Historically, the Fairgrounds have specialized in hosting equestrian and agricultural based organizations and events and have served the operational needs of these events with varied degrees of efficiency. A select number of public and private organizations repeatedly use the facilities, while other individuals and groups use it only occasionally. Current use patterns and future plans have much to do with specific needs of these existing users.

Elbert County Fair

The Elbert County Fair is held in late July and early August each year. This significant community event serves as an educational venue to present the values and benefits of agricultural and youth related programs. It provides a venue to judge and display 4-H, FFA and adult events in areas including: live animals, showmanship, cooking and baking, muzzle loading, sharpshooting and archery. In addition, the fair hosts many popular events including: youth and adult rodeos; Fair Parade; Kiddie Fashion Show; Elbert County Royalty Contest; pancake breakfast; ice cream eating contest; Elbert/Douglas County Livestock Association barbeque; concerts and the Fair Dance.

County Extension/4-H

The Elbert County Extension Office located in the agricultural building is the off-campus, informal educational arm of Colorado State University. The County Extension offers dynamic, flexible programs which serve a diverse rural and suburban mix of citizens as well as access to experts in several areas of agriculture, livestock and home and family living. A primary goal of the County Extension is to provide unbiased, researched-based education and information to the citizens of Elbert County.

Extension staff includes a certified master gardener and food safety volunteers.

The master gardener is available to answer questions on basic wildlife management, pest management, weed control and horticulture-related issues. In addition, the master gardener presents 4-5 community educational seminars annually to Elbert County citizens to promote noxious weed control, identify and plant climate- and altitude-appropriate vegetable gardens, deal with wildlife issues, care of trees and shrubs.

The master food safety volunteer coordinates and presents 10-11 classes on food safety issues that are important to today's families. These classes promote food safety as well as correct ways to prepare and preserve food. Classes include tips on high altitude cooking; preserving through water bath and pressure canning; storage, drying and freezing and much more!

The program most people are familiar with is the Elbert County 4-H program where about 500 Elbert County youth participate. Over 160 Volunteers help run community clubs, lead projects and help at County Fair.

Elbert County 4-H is very fortunate to have monthly project meetings at the Fairgrounds for most of the general (non-animal related) projects. Youth are teamed with adults to gain experiential learning experiences. In other words, the members meet with an adult and have a hands-on activity in each specific project area.

Those general projects meeting monthly at the agricultural or exhibit buildings include:

- | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| - Veterinary science | - Cake decorating | - Forestry |
| - Wildlife | - Photography | - Leathercraft |
| - Artistic Clothing | - Gardening | - Electricity |
| - Woodworking | - Sportfishing | - Entomology |
| - Robotics | - Cats | - Heritage Arts |

Five 4-H projects require more individualized training due to safety factors. The dog project, with over 40 youth enrolled, meets weekly to work on showmanship, obedience and rally.

The horse project requires the youth to have three supervised ride nights with an adult leader. Rides nights are weekly from May through July.

Working with horses as well as cattle, the roping and Working Ranch Horse projects also require closely supervised practices with trained, certified adult volunteers. They also meet weekly during the summer.

Finally, the shooting sports program – which includes archery, shotgun, high power pistol, air pistol, .22, muzzle loading and period dress – has over 170 youth involved. They must attend at least four supervised practices per venue they participate. Many of them are conducted at the Fairgrounds.

Elbert County has traditionally been a strong 4-H livestock county. With projects in breeding and market beef, sheep and swine along with dairy, horse, llama/alpaca, poultry and rabbit, there are many educational activities conducted annually. The animal program usually reaches over 300 youth. These youth learn, through experiential learning, the importance of from farm to plate production.

Each species has a leader group that plans and coordinates/teaches monthly educational seminars from January to July. These activities include health, feeding and nutrition, safety issues and more. Each member enrolled in a meat-animal project must annually participate in a meat quality assurance class to learn what it means to take an animal through the food production chain.

Elbert County 4-H also is very fortunate to have three judging teams – horse, livestock and rabbit. These teams meet weekly February through June to prepare and compete at judging contests across the state. These experiences teach important life skills such as decision making, public speaking, persuasion and others. Numerous state and one national title has been received by Elbert County teams. Many full-ride scholarships have also been received by these members over the years.

The County Extension provides on-going educational programs and workshops for County residents on 4-H and youth development, agriculture, home economics, horticulture, the environment and community development. 4-H is America's largest out-of-school education program for boys and girls.

Throughout the year, the local 4-H organization is the most regular user of the Fairground facilities. Special events such as the 4-H Leaders Fund Raiser Gala and Awards Banquet are held at the Exhibit Building and regular events including, Comanche Creek group meetings rabbit judging, livestock seminars, dog training, shooting sports safety seminars and foods and cake decorating classes are held in the Agricultural and Exhibit Buildings.

The following improvements would address the needs of the County Extension:

- Additional meeting space equipped with data/communication services
- Additional office space.

Little Britches Youth Association

The LBYA uses the Fairgrounds on a regular basis throughout the year and most frequently during the summer months. The LBYA rodeo schedule starts in late may and extends through June and into July. The rodeos use the both rodeo and warm-up arenas and the track area in front of the grandstands.

Recommended improvements

- Designate and improve a 200' segment of the perimeter track for poles and goat tying events.

Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts

The boy scouts are non-profit organizations serving boys ages 7-21 throughout Elbert County. Most Boy Scout events are held at the Peaceful Valley Ranch, south of Kiowa but Pack 636 holds its annual Pinewood Derby and Awards Banquet at the Agricultural Building. Boy Scouts Pack 747 and the Whispering Pines Girl Scouts also hold annual events at the Fairgrounds.

There are no recommended improvements required for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Cowboy Church

Over the past several years, Cowboy Church and Bible Study sessions have occurred at the agricultural building. These services and study sessions are becoming more popular in Elbert County.

Recommended improvements include:

- Additional seating for Church Services
- Smaller meeting space for Bible Study.

Potential Users

Through the years, the Fairground facilities have accommodated the needs of an agricultural based county. In recent years however, Elbert County has begun to evolve from a base that is primarily agricultural to one that is becoming more diverse. This change brings with it new needs, events and activities that are not solely agricultural and these needs, events and activities require specific facility responses.

Using existing Fairground facilities, potential exists to add the following:

Agricultural and Exhibit Buildings:

- Community Events - add regular weekday and weekend community events including movie, square dance and Bingo nights
- Senior Events - add regular weekday events for seniors including luncheons, crafts and workshops
- Small Animal Shows - expand current level of dog shows, adding cat shows, rabbit shows, etc.
- Dog Training - expand current level of dog training and add obedience schools
- Master Gardener - expand current master gardener program and similar educational seminars
- Consumer Shows - add events focused toward family-oriented needs including home and garden, arts and crafts, technology, bridal shows, outdoor activities and holiday themed sales
- Sales and Auctions - expand current level of sales and auctions to include farmers market, flea market, community garage sales and antiques
- Specialty Trade and Industry Shows - add events such as classic and antique cars, small ranch expo's and health fairs.

Rodeo Arena

- Paid Admission Events - add paid admission events such as antique tractor pulls
- Rodeo Events - add American Quarter Horse Association, Pro Bull Riders and Pro Rodeo Cowboy Association Events
- Saddle/Horse Clubs - allow additional equestrian club use during weekdays and weekends.

General Fairgrounds

- Annual Events - add community events including Chili cook-off, volleyball tournament, music events and family carnival.

SECTION 5 – PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Based on information gathered during the discovery and analysis phase of the master planning process, a phased approach to funding and implementing improvements to the Fairgrounds is appropriate. Planned improvements introduced in this Section are based on the following:

- The immediate needs of Fairground users
- Long-term goals for the Fairground based on user and stakeholder input
- Information from County staff responsible for maintaining the Fairgrounds
- Information gained from other county fairgrounds
- Assessment of Fairground facilities and infrastructure including: vehicular access and circulation; pedestrian connectivity; parking; buildings and structures and landscaping.

Development Objectives

Access and Circulation

One of the most important aspects of planning for the Fairground is consideration of access and internal circulation for cars, pedestrians, bicycles and horseback. The scale of the large events that occur annually create significant parking demands. How well parking lots are delineated and maintained will not only impact the appearance and general character of the Fairgrounds, but it will also have an effect on the success of events. Safe and convenient access for maintenance and emergency vehicles also needs to be considered.

Objectives include:

- Improve access from Kiowa-Bennett Road and Cheyenne Street
- Pave internal roads and widen north Kiowa-Bennett exit to include right-turn only lane
- Add multi-modal trails and pathways, accessible to both able and disabled persons
- Develop a plan to bring all Fairgrounds facilities into conformance with ADA requirements
- Develop an emergency access plan for fire, ambulance and police vehicles and equipment.

Utilities

Utility costs at the Fairgrounds are significant and may increase in significance as the Fairgrounds develop over time.

Objectives include:

- Monitor utility costs on a regular basis
- Reduce energy use by coordinating similar meetings/events to share facilities at the same time
- Prepare an ALTA Survey of the Fairgrounds to accurately establish boundary, utility locations, and easements
- Develop a water and sanitary sewer master plan to assist with decision making regarding new facilities, landscaping and permanent water and sewer service for RV and camping areas.

Arena's

The outdoor rodeo arena is a focal point of the Fairground and the warm-up arena is a well used facility during scheduled events by contestants and throughout the year by County residents. A desired addition to these facilities is an indoor arena.

Objectives include:

- Improve rodeo arena appurtenances (panels, gates and stock areas)
- Improve grandstands
- Allow for admission-only events
- Add indoor arena.

Small Animal Buildings

The small animal buildings should be replaced and relocated over time. The location of these buildings has mature trees and significant views to the west.

Objectives include:

- Demolish existing small animal buildings (with the exception of the Fair office and wool buildings) and recycle sheet metal
- Replace small animal buildings with a multi-purpose small animal/4-H building (+/-30,000 s.f.) located along the south perimeter of the Fairgrounds
- Convert current small animal building area into an open space park.

Additional Improvements

- Supplement the playground area with an open air pavilion capable of accommodating 100 to 1,000 people per event.
- Pavilion to function as a central focus and major landmark in the Fairgrounds with family picnic areas surrounding the structure
- Add additional irrigated park area around pavilion and playground
- Provide additional landscaping to soften the appearance of existing and planned Fairground facilities.

Improvement Phasing

While it would be desirable to proceed with all the recommendations in this Plan as soon as possible, current funding for the Fairgrounds requires that the improvements be phased over a longer period of time. The Plan defines three phases of development based on health and safety concerns, user needs, program relationships, physical constraints and logical sequencing of improvements. A financial planning process should be implemented along with the approval of this Plan. The phasing plan presented on the following pages will be adjusted as needed, based on the results of the financial planning process.

Phase I (2012-2013)

- Remove and replace grandstands and improve the grandstand PA system
- Create a +/-200' section of the perimeter track that's suitable for LBYA poles and goat tying events and place portable bleachers on concrete pad west of beef barn
- Remove and replace stock pens
- Refurbish rodeo arena perimeter panels
- Add perimeter fence around rodeo arena
- Add monument entry signs at north and south entrance along Kiowa-Bennett Road
- Realign the drainage channel along east side of Fairground
- Add multi-purpose pathway, earthen berm and landscaping along perimeter of central Fairground area.

Figure 3 illustrates Phase I improvements.

FIGURE 3



Phase II (2014-2018)

- Pave internal roads
- Widen north driveway along Kiowa-Bennett Road to allow for right turn exit lane
- Improve south Kiowa-Bennett Road and Cheyenne Street entrances
- Expand general day parking
- Add general public picnic area with covered pavilion east of agricultural building
- Add bathrooms closer to grandstands
- Add landscaping and additional multi-modal trails
- Construct storm water detention pond north of north Kiowa-Bennett Road entrance drive
- Replace small animal buildings with small animal building complex
- Create open space park at former small building location west of rodeo arena.

Figure 4 illustrates Phase II improvements.

FIGURE 4



Phase III (2019-2023)

- Add indoor arena
- Add additional grandstand seating.

Figure 5 illustrates Phase III improvements.

FIGURE 5



SECTION 6 – CAPITAL COST PROJECTIONS

Estimated costs for proposed improvements identified for each phase are presented in Table 4.

TABLE 4

Phase	Description	Size	Quantity	Unit Cost	Extended Cost
I	Remove and replace grandstands		1	\$192,000	\$192,000
I	Improve the grandstand PA system		1	TBD	TBD
I	Create a +/-200' section of the perimeter track that's suitable for LBYA poles and goat tying events and place portable bleachers on concrete pad west of beef barn		1	1	\$5,000
I	Remove and replace stock pens		1	LS	TBD
I	Refurbish rodeo arena perimeter panels		1	LS	TBD
I	Add perimeter fence around rodeo arena		1700 LF	\$12/LF	\$20,400
I	Add monument entry signs at north and south entrance along Kiowa-Bennett Road		2	\$12,000	\$24,000
I	Realign the drainage channel along east side of Fairground		1	LS	\$22,000
I	Add multi-purpose pathway, earthen berm and landscaping along Kiowa-Bennett Road		1	LS	\$200,000
I	Add multi-purpose pathway, along perimeter of central Fairground area		1	LS	\$100,000
II	Pave internal roads		7300 LF	\$64/LF	\$467,200
II	Widen north driveway along Kiowa-Bennett Road		1	LS	\$12,000
II	Improve south Kiowa-Bennett Road and Cheyenne Street entrances		1	LS	\$45,000
II	Expand general day parking		1	LS	\$35,000
II	Add general public picnic area with covered pavilion east of agricultural building		1	LS	\$100,000
II	Add bathrooms closer to grandstands		1	LS	\$20,000
II	Add landscaping and additional multi-modal trails		1	LS	\$100,000
II	Construct storm water detention pond north of north entrance drive		1	LS	\$90,000
II	Replace small animal buildings with small animal building complex	30,000 sf	1	\$80/sf	\$2,400,000
II	Create open space park at former small building location west of rodeo arena	12,000 sf	1	\$6/sf	\$72,000
III	Add indoor arena	60,000 sf	1	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
III	Add additional Grandstand		1	\$220,000	\$220,000

SECTION 7 – FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

There are several funding sources available for the identified Fairground improvements. These funding sources include:

Transportation Enhancement (TE) Funds

TE funds are federal funds administered by CDOT for projects that promote alternative modes of transportation, improve aesthetics along roadways and mitigate existing environmental impacts associated with roads. TE funding for fiscal year 2013-2014 was recently applied for the multi-modal pathway, monument signage and landscaping and drainage improvements along Kiowa-Bennett Road. This TE program application requested \$262,572.92 in funding and is included in this Plan as Attachment A.

Conservation Trust Funds

The Colorado Constitution, as amended in 1992, directs 40% of the net proceeds of the Colorado Lottery to the Conservation Trust Fund for distribution to municipalities and counties and other eligible entities for parks, recreation, and open space purposes. The Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) distributes CTF dollars from net Lottery proceeds. CTF funds are distributed quarterly on a per capita basis.

Funding can be used for the acquisition, development, and maintenance of new conservation sites or for capital improvements or maintenance for recreational purposes on any public site. New conservation sites are defined as being interests in land and water, acquired after establishment of a conservation trust fund, for park or recreation purposes, for all types of open space, including but not limited to flood plains, green belts, agricultural lands or scenic areas, or for any scientific, historic, scenic, recreation, aesthetic or similar purpose.

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Funds

GOCO funds include Local Government Grants which can be used for parks, outdoor recreation and environmental education facilities; and Open Space Grants which are primarily used for the acquisition of open space lands.

Value In Kind Sponsorship

Value in kind sponsorship may be made for an exchange of goods or services for advertisement in a Fair related marketing brochure. The value of the goods or services is considered an equal exchange for the advertisement. Two examples of marketing brochures are included in Attachment B of this Plan.

Community Service

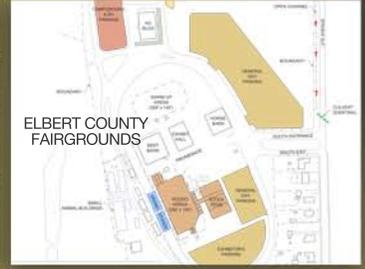
Projects can be designated for community involvement. 4-H and Eagle Scout projects are good examples. Recently, the rodeo arena crow's nest was refurbished by the Eagle Scouts and a proposed project currently under consideration is an events billboard along Kiowa-Bennett Road.

To implement proposed improvements introduced in this Plan, it's recommended that County staff track available funding sources on a regular basis and prepare quarterly reports for BOCC review. Organization of volunteer groups dedicated to select improvements (e.g., indoor arena, small animal and 4-H building) is also highly recommended. A coordinated effort between County staff and constituents dedicated to improving the County Fairgrounds will ensure that this unique and significant amenity will remain the Heart of Elbert County.

ATTACHMENT A

TE Program Application





Transportation Enhancement Program Application

March 1, 2012

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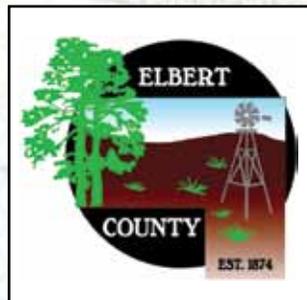
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February 29, 2012

Mr. Darin Stavish
Colorado Department of Transportation
Regional Planner & Enhancement Funding Coordinator
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RE: FY 2013-2014 Transportation Enhancement Program Application
Multi-Modal Path, Landscaping and Drainage Improvements along Kiowa-Bennett Road
Elbert County Fairgrounds, Kiowa, Colorado

Dear Mr. Stavish:

Elbert County is pleased to submit the attached application for the CDOT Region 1 Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program funding for fiscal year 2013. The application and supporting documents provide a detailed description of a proposed improvement project that can be initiated by Elbert County in May 2012 and completed prior to August 2013. The project will directly benefit residents of Kiowa and Elbert County Fairgrounds visitors and will also mitigate existing environmental conditions associated with storm water drainage along Kiowa-Bennett Road. Given the significance of this project to its residents and visitors, Elbert County has secured a local funding/resource allocation match of 27 percent of the total estimated cost of the project.

As described in the attached application, the improvements include the following components:

- Installation of 1,120 linear foot, 6' wide meandering concrete multi-modal pathway, equally accessible to able and disabled persons, along the eastern boundary of the Fairgrounds and adjacent to Kiowa-Bennett Road
- Installation of an undulating earthen berm (generally ranging between 2' and 6' in height) between the multi-modal pathway and Kiowa-Bennett Road
- Landscaping of, and adjacent to, the earthen berm to create a vegetative buffer and improve the aesthetics adjacent to Kiowa-Bennett Road. Landscaping to include deciduous and coniferous trees, shrubs and native grasses

Mr. Darin Stavish

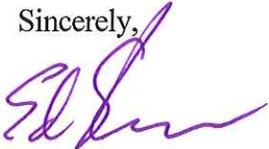
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- Installation of a temporary spray and permanent drip irrigation system to support the landscaped areas
- Installation of drainage improvements (i.e., culverts, inlet and outlet protection and vegetated swale) to safely convey storm water from east to west across Kiowa-Bennett Road and ensure that the proposed TE funded improvements are not impacted by storm water runoff.

It should be noted, that Elbert County is currently completing a master plan for its Fairgrounds and that the improvements included as part of this TE Program application compliment and integrate with proposed 2012-2013 improvements that are currently planned for the Fairgrounds.

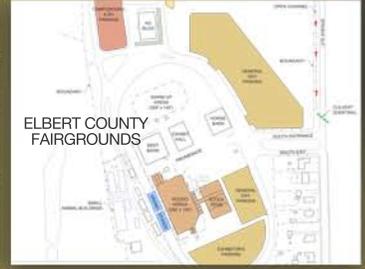
Thank you in advance for your review of the attached application and supporting documents. We appreciate the guidance and assistance you and other CDOT Region 1 professionals have provided to Elbert County and we look forward to working with CDOT and bringing this most significant project to fruition.

Sincerely,



Ed Ehmann, Director
Elbert County Public Works Department

APPLICANT		
ELIGIBLE APPLICANT AGENCY – indicate ONE Municipality <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MPO/RPC <input type="checkbox"/> State Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Agency <input type="checkbox"/>		Phased Application <input type="checkbox"/>
APPLICANT NAME Elbert County, CO	ADDITIONAL SPONSORS None	
PROJECT NAME/ROUTE/FACILITY Kiowa Bennett/Fairgrounds Drainage and Multi-Modal Improvements		
APPLICANT MAILING ADDRESS (City, State, Zip) Elbert County BOCC P.O. Box 597, Kiowa CO 80117	PROJECT MAILING ADDRESS (City, State, Zip) Elbert County BOCC P.O. Box 597, Kiowa CO 80117	
APPLICANT CONTACT PERSON (Including Title and Telephone) Ed Ehmann, Director of Public Works: 303-621-3156	PROJECT PERSON (Including Telephone) Ed Ehmann, Director of Public : 303-621-3156	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION		
LOCATION/ADDRESS Elbert County Fairgrounds	COUNTY Elbert County	MUNICIPALITY Elbert County
PROJECT LIMITS (mileposts, intersecting roadways, rivers, other geographic features) Adjacent to County fairgrounds, Kiowa Bennett Road 1/4 mile north of SH 86		
ONE SENTENCE DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT Construct drainage improvements, multi-modal pathway and landscaping to enhance the safety and appearance of the entrance to the Elbert County Fairgrounds.		
ELIGIBILITY		
PROJECT CATEGORY – check all that apply		
PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Provision of safety & educational activities <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of abandoned railway corridors	HISTORIC PRESERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition of historic sites <input type="checkbox"/> Historic highway programs <input type="checkbox"/> Historic preservation <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment of transportation museums <input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation & operation of historic structures or facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological planning and research	
TRANSPORTATION AESTHETICS <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition of scenic easements & scenic areas <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic highways programs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscaping & other scenic beautification <input type="checkbox"/> Provision of tourist & welcome center facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Control & removal of outdoor advertising	ENVIRONMENTAL <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigation of water pollution due to highway runoff <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction of vehicle-caused wildlife mortality	
FUNDING		
1. TOTAL TE PROJECT COST \$ 358,553.85	3. OTHER FUNDING SECURED <input type="checkbox"/> \$ None APPLIED FOR <input type="checkbox"/> \$	6. FUNDS REQUESTED FROM TE PROGRAM \$ 264,572.92
2. MATCHING FUNDS Cash \$ 40,000.00 In-kind \$ 53,980.93 Total \$ 93,980.93	4. % Match: 26%	7. SOURCE OF LOCAL MATCH Conservation Trust Fund
	5. TOTAL PROJECT COST - OTHER SOURCES \$ N/A	8. DATE LOCAL MATCH AVAILABLE Immediately
		9. PREVIOUS FUNDS FROM TE PROGRAM FOR THIS PROJECT \$ None
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
RECOMMENDED ATTACHMENTS – check all that you included with this application		
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SIGNATURE		
NAME – please type or print <i>Ed Ehmann</i>	TITLE <i>Director Public Works</i>	
SIGNATURE <i>Ed Ehmann</i>	DATE <i>2-29-12</i>	



Transportation Enhancement Program Application

March 1, 2012

List of Attachments

- **Applicant information**
- **Project Description**
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- **Funding**
- **Attachment A – Description of Proposed Project**
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 - o *Transportation Enhancement Program Improvement Exhibit*
 - o *Transportation Enhancement Program Landscape Exhibit*
 - o *Transportation Enhancement Program Kiowa Bennett Road Drainage Improvements*
 - o *Elbert County Fairgrounds Masterplan Phased Improvement Exhibit*
 - o *West Elbert County Transportation Master Plan*
- **Attachment C – Statement of Project Eligibility**
- **Attachment D – Benefits of Proposed Project**
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 - o *Email from Colorado Division of Wildlife*
 - o *Phone Conversation with Jim Eussen*
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 - o *Town of Kiowa Letter of Support*
- **Attachment I – Rights-of-Way Plans/Legal Description**
 - o *Legal Description*

Elbert County Fairgrounds Transportation
Enhancement Application
Applicant

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Elbert County Fairgrounds Transportation Enhancement Program Application

Project Description

Background

In 2012, Elbert County will celebrate the 78th year of its annual fair. In addition to hosting this significant community event each year, the Fairgrounds are used year round by many individuals and groups including County constituents, local youth and business groups, and private organizations.

To ensure that the Fairgrounds continue to meet the needs of its constituents and visitors over time, Elbert County leadership has contemplated and planned improvements to the Fairgrounds for the last several years. In 2010, CDOT administered funds were awarded to Elbert County for improvements similar to those included in this TE Program application but were not used, in part because an overall development and improvement plan for the Fairgrounds had not been created.

In 2011, Elbert County initiated a formal master planning process for the Fairgrounds that includes a phased improvement plan intended to accommodate historic and new users of the Fairgrounds. Improvements planned for 2012-2013 (Phase I improvements) include: new grandstands and refurbished stock pens for the outdoor rodeo arena; pedestrian ways and wayfinding signage through the Fairgrounds; and improved parking facilities for contestants, spectators and visitors. With available funding, envisioned future improvements (Phase II and III improvements) include: an outdoor pavilion and park area; additional seating for the rodeo arena; expanded RV and camping facilities; a small animal building complex; and an indoor arena. These planned improvements are shown on the Elbert County Fairgrounds Masterplan Improvement Exhibit located in Attachment B and are contingent upon available funding.

Proposed FY 2013-2014 TE Program Improvements

The improvements proposed as part of this TE Program application are intended to complement and enhance the planned and envisioned improvements to the Fairgrounds. The Transportation Enhancement Program Improvement Exhibit and Transportation Enhancement Program Landscape Exhibit located in Attachment B of this application illustrates the proposed improvements and a description of each improvement follows.

1. Installation of 1,120 linear foot, 6' wide meandering concrete multi-modal pathway, equally accessible to able and disabled persons, along the eastern boundary of the Fairgrounds and adjacent to Kiowa-Bennett Road
2. Installation of an undulating earthen berm (generally ranging between 2' and 6' in height) adjacent to the multi-modal pathway and Kiowa-Bennett Road

3. Landscaping of the earthen berm and areas adjacent to the berm to establish screening and improve the aesthetics adjacent to Kiowa-Bennett Road. Landscaping to include deciduous and coniferous trees, shrubs and native grasses
4. Installation of an irrigation system to support the landscaped areas
5. Installation of storm water drainage improvements to safely convey storm water from east to west across Kiowa-Bennett Road and toward Kiowa Creek including
 - o Installation of a 36" RCP at Fairgrounds north entrance to relieve flooding/overtopping of Kiowa-Bennett Road (the culvert will pass the 100 year storm event)
 - o Installation of a second 72" culvert at the Fairgrounds south entrance (adjacent to existing 72")
 - o Installation of rip rap at the culvert inlet and outlet locations

 - o Installation of a 1,100 linear foot swale adjacent to the western side of Kiowa-Bennett Road to convey storm water and allow for additional Fairground development east of agricultural building.

It should be noted that the West Elbert County Transportation Master Plan designates Kiowa-Bennett Road as a minor arterial with a 107' right-of-way (see West Elbert County Transportation Masterplan Exhibit in Attachment B). Accordingly, all proposed improvements will be located to accommodate this ultimate right-of-way.

Schedule

As shown on the attached schedule entitled Elbert County Transportation Enhancement Implementation Schedule – 2013 (Attachment F), the above-listed improvements may be started as early as May 2012 and are expected to be completed by August 2013.

Cost Estimate

As shown on the Elbert County Transportation Enhancement Budget (Attachment F), the total improvement costs are estimated at \$358,553.85 with Elbert County contributing \$93,980.93 (26%) in matching funds. The Elbert County match will be made up of both in-kind and cash funds that are available immediately.

Elbert County Fairgrounds Transportation Enhancement Program Application

Eligibility

The Elbert County Fairgrounds improvement project proposed for FY 2013 Transportation Enhancement Program funding includes: installation of a multi-modal pathway along Kiowa-Bennett Road (providing a safe and inviting pedestrian and bicycle circulation system at the Fairgrounds that is equally accessible to able and disabled persons); and installation of an irrigated, landscaped berm adjacent to the multi-modal pathway (providing scenic beautification to both travelers along Kiowa-Bennett Road and visitors to the Fairgrounds). These project components have a direct relationship to surface transportation and meet specific eligible activity requirements identified as Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities and Transportation Aesthetics.

In addition, storm water improvements are proposed as part of this application. These improvements provide for the conveyance of surface water runoff across Kiowa-Bennett Road in a manner that eliminates temporary flooding and ensures that the above-listed improvements are not negatively impacted by storm water. Similar improvements were proposed as part of Elbert County's FY 2011-2012 application and funds (\$71,000 with \$18,000 match) were awarded by CDOT, but not used by Elbert County.

Elbert County Fairgrounds Transportation Enhancement Application *Funding*

Funding for the proposed Transportation Enhancements are as follows:

Block 1: Total TE Program Cost -	\$358,553.85
Block 2: Matching Funds (in-kind & cash) -	\$93,980.93
Block 3: Other Funds -	\$0
Block 4: Match Percentage -	26% Match
Block 5: Total Project Cost -	\$358,553.85
Block 6: Funds Requested from TE Program -	\$264,572.92

Block 7: Source of Local Match – The local cash match is available in the Conservation Trust Fund, while the in-kind match will be performed by the Elbert County Public Works Department

Block 8: Date Local Match Available – The cash and in-kind match is available March 1, 2012

Block 9: Previous Funds from TE Program for this Project – This project was awarded \$269,000.00 on April 23, 2010. These funds were not used as additional analysis of drainage improvements and adjacent uses were required to better use the funds. Since this time, Elbert County has performed an extensive drainage study and is near completion of the Elbert County Fairgrounds Master Plan. These two documents, working together will better assist the County in utilizing the funds in the best manner.

Elbert County Fairgrounds

Transportation Enhancement Application

Attachment A: Project Description

Background

In 2012, Elbert County will celebrate the 78th year of its annual fair. In addition to hosting this significant community event each year, the Fairgrounds are used year round by many individuals and groups including County constituents, local youth and business groups, and private organizations.

To ensure that the Fairgrounds continue to meet the needs of its constituents and visitors over time, Elbert County leadership has contemplated and planned improvements to the Fairgrounds for the last several years. In 2010, CDOT administered funds were awarded to Elbert County for improvements similar to those included in this TE Program application but were not used, in part because an overall development and improvement plan for the Fairgrounds had not been created.

In 2011, Elbert County initiated a formal master planning process for the Fairgrounds that includes a phased improvement plan intended to accommodate historic and new users of the Fairgrounds. Improvements planned for 2012-2013 (Phase I improvements) include: new grandstands and refurbished stock pens for the outdoor rodeo arena; pedestrian ways and wayfinding signage through the Fairgrounds; and improved parking facilities for contestants, spectators and visitors. With available funding, envisioned future improvements (Phase II and III improvements) include: an outdoor pavilion and park area; additional seating for the rodeo arena; expanded RV and camping facilities; a small animal building complex; and an indoor arena. These planned improvements are shown on the Elbert County Fairgrounds Master Plan Improvement Exhibit located in Attachment B and are contingent upon available funding.

Proposed FY 2013-2014 TE Program Improvements

The improvements proposed as part of this TE Program application are intended to complement and enhance the planned and envisioned improvements to the Fairgrounds. The Transportation Enhancement Program Improvement Exhibit and Transportation Enhancement Program Landscape Exhibit located in Attachment B of this application illustrates the proposed improvements and a description of each improvement follows.

1. Installation of 1,120 linear foot, 6' wide meandering concrete multi-modal pathway, equally accessible to able and disabled persons, along the eastern boundary of the Fairgrounds and adjacent to Kiowa-Bennett Road
2. Installation of an undulating earthen berm (generally ranging between 2' and 6' in height) adjacent to the multi-modal pathway and Kiowa-Bennett Road

3. Landscaping of the earthen berm and areas adjacent to the berm to establish screening and improve the aesthetics adjacent to Kiowa-Bennett Road. Landscaping to include deciduous and coniferous trees, shrubs and native grasses
4. Installation of an irrigation system to support the landscaped areas
5. Installation of storm water drainage improvements to safely convey storm water from east to west across Kiowa-Bennett Road and toward Kiowa Creek including
 - Installation of a 36" RCP at Fairgrounds north entrance to relieve flooding/overtopping of Kiowa-Bennett Road (the culvert will pass the 100 year storm event)
 - Installation of a second 72" culvert at the Fairgrounds south entrance (adjacent to existing 72")
 - Installation of rip rap at the culvert inlet and outlet locations

 - Installation of a 1,100 linear foot swale adjacent to the western side of Kiowa-Bennett Road to convey storm water and allow for additional Fairground development east of agricultural building.

It should be noted that the West Elbert County Transportation Master Plan designates Kiowa-Bennett Road as a minor arterial with a 107' right-of-way (see West Elbert County Transportation Master Plan Exhibit in Attachment B). Accordingly, all proposed improvements will be located to accommodate this ultimate right-of-way.

Schedule

As shown on the attached schedule entitled Elbert County Transportation Enhancement Implementation Schedule – 2013 (Attachment F), the above-listed improvements may be started as early as May 2012 and are expected to be completed by August 2013.

Cost Estimate

As shown on the Elbert County Transportation Enhancement Budget (Attachment F), the total improvement costs are estimated at \$358,553.85 with Elbert County contributing \$93,980.93 (26%) in matching funds. The Elbert County match will be made up of both in-kind and cash funds that are available immediately.

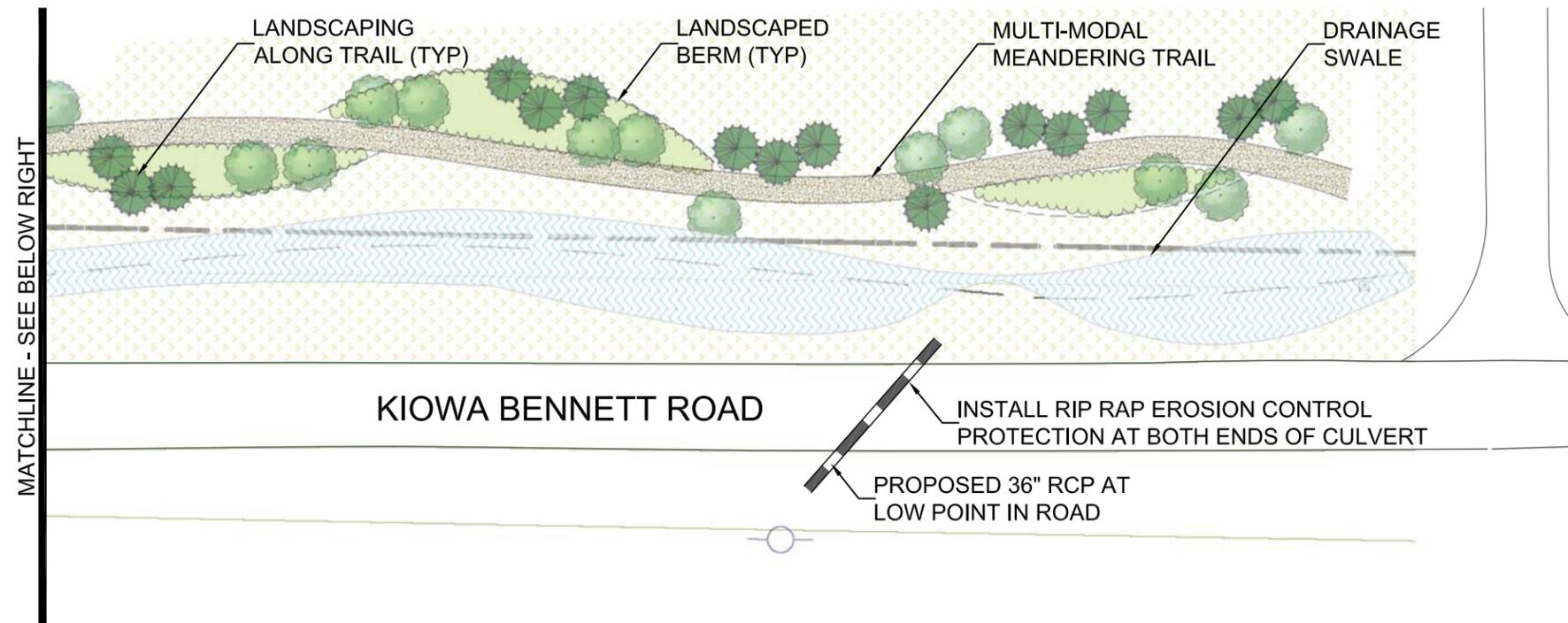
Elbert County Fairgrounds
Transportation Enhancement Application
Attachment B: Maps, Plans & Exhibits

The improvements proposed as part of this TE Program application are identified in the exhibits attached labeled as follows:

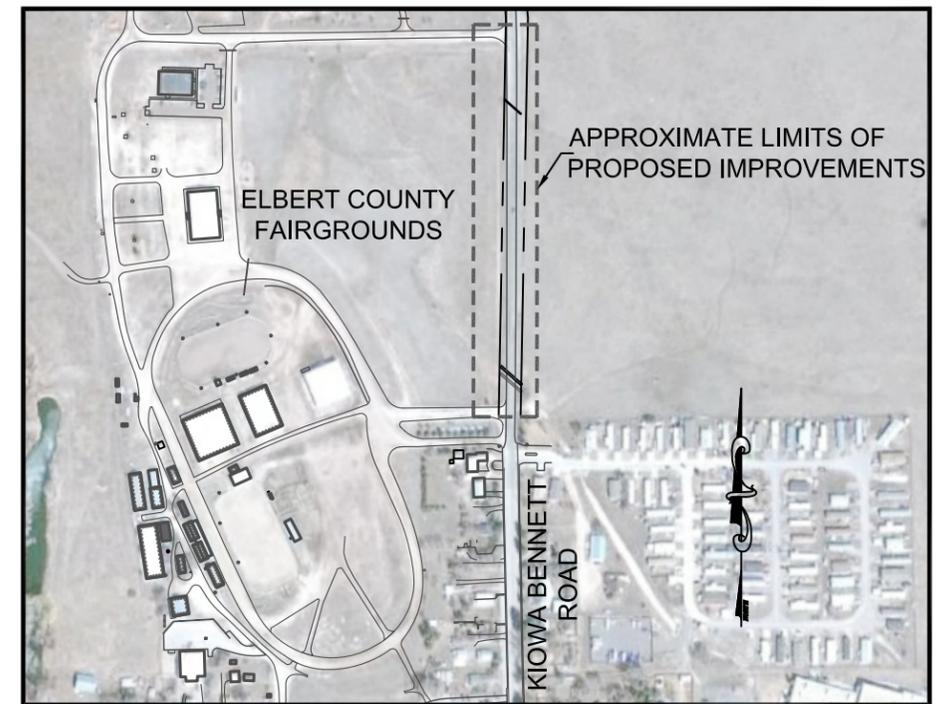
1. Transportation Enhancement Program Improvement Exhibit
2. Transportation Enhancement Program Landscape Exhibit
3. Kiowa Bennett Road Drainage Improvements
4. Elbert County Fairgrounds Master Plan Phased Improvement Exhibit
5. West Elbert County Transportation Master Plan

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT EXHIBIT

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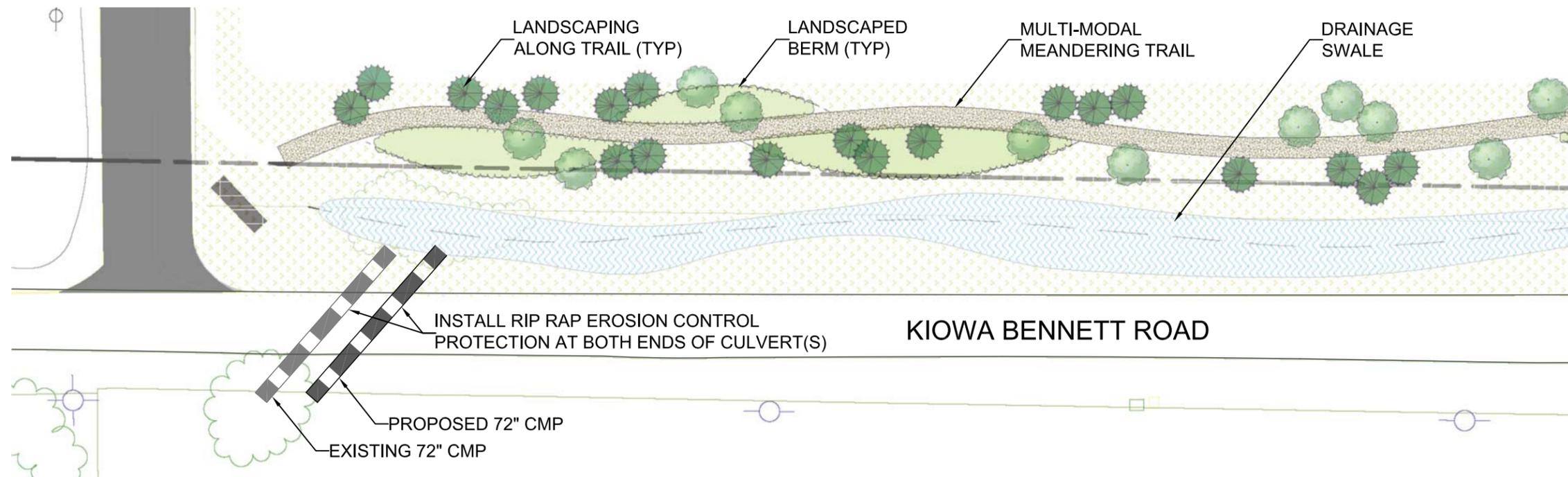


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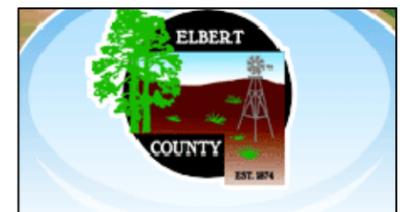
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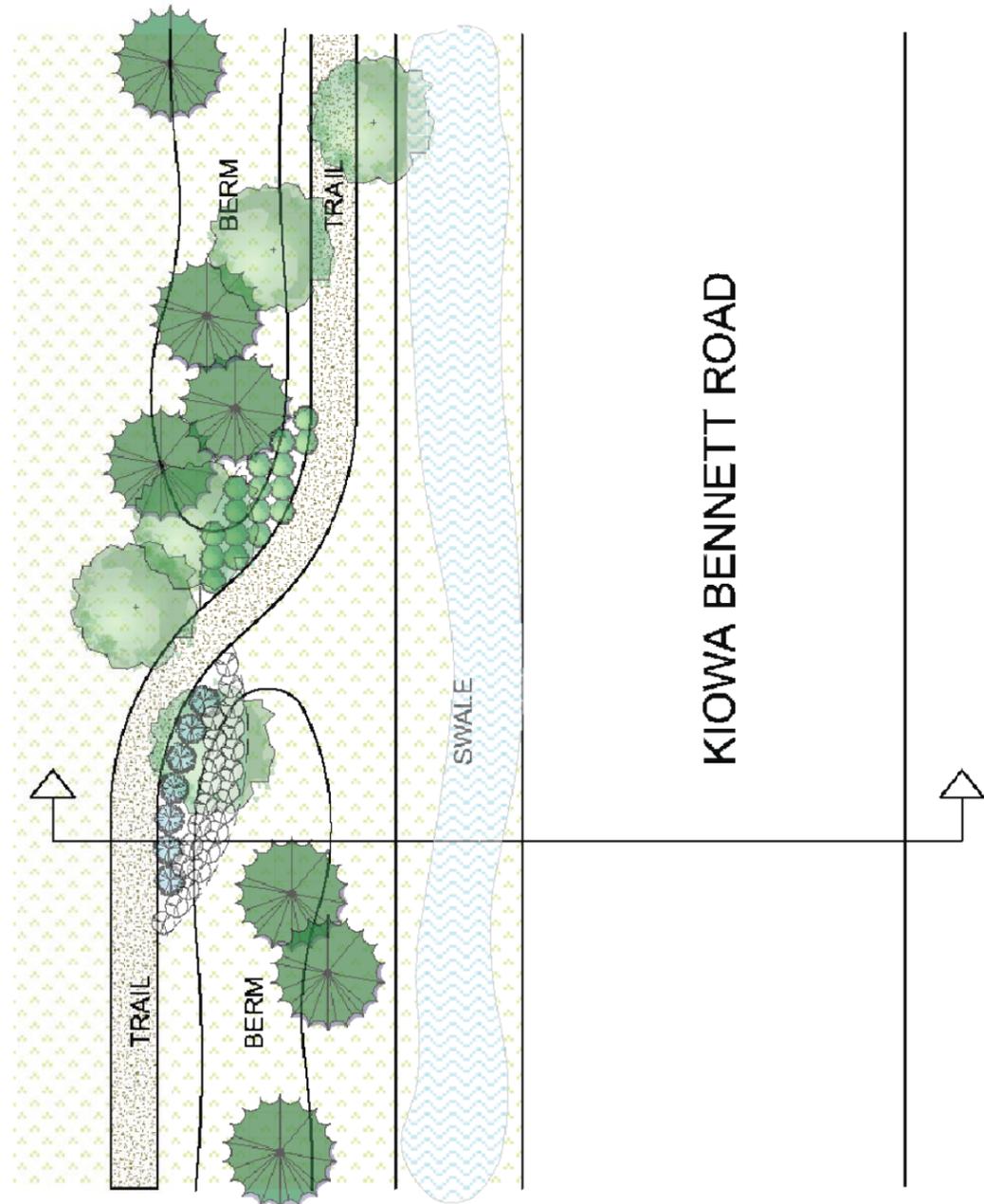


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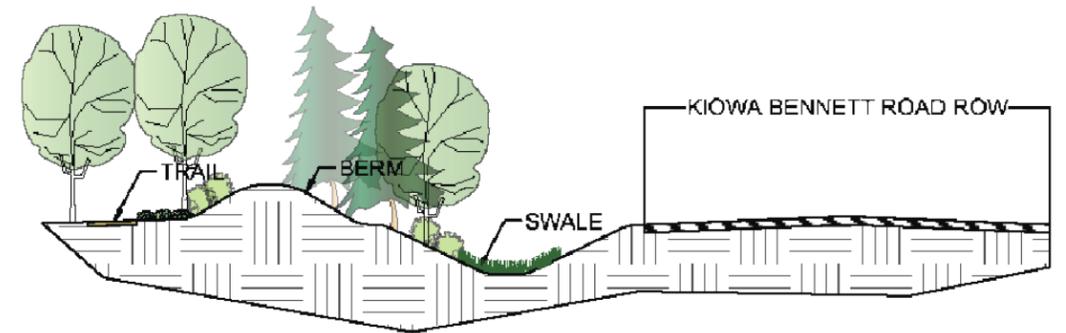
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TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM LANDSCAPE EXHIBIT

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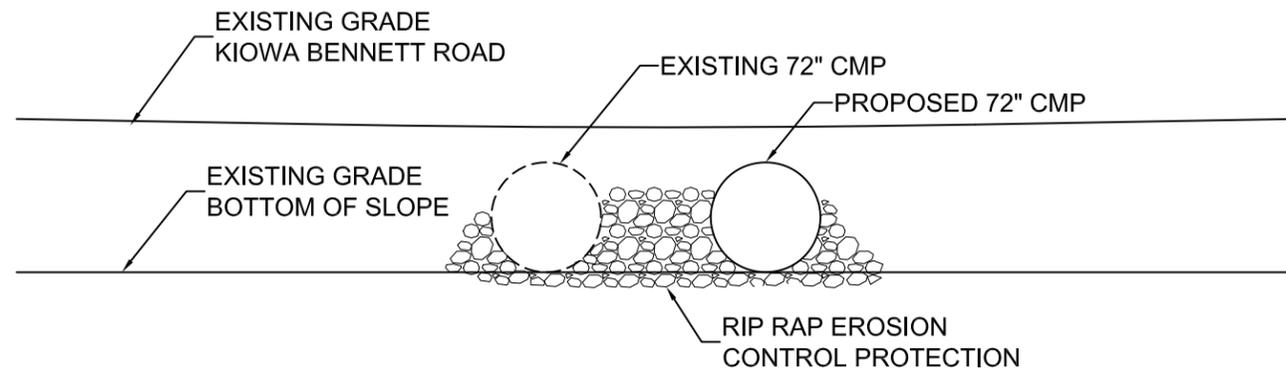


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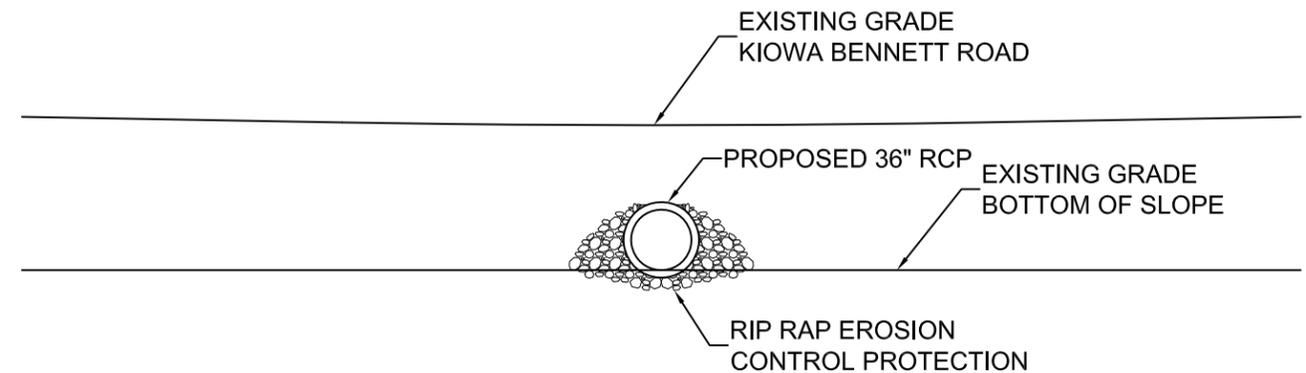


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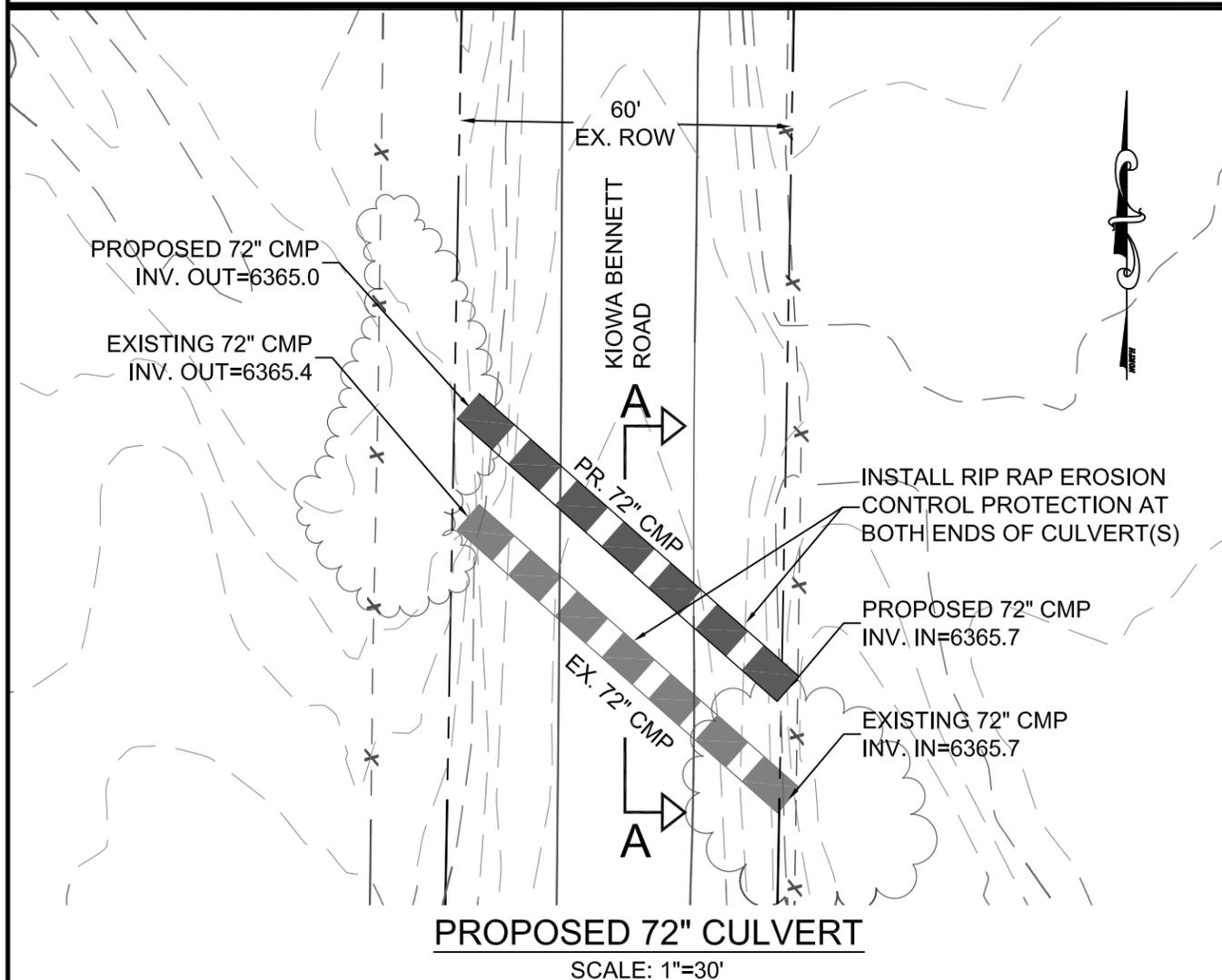
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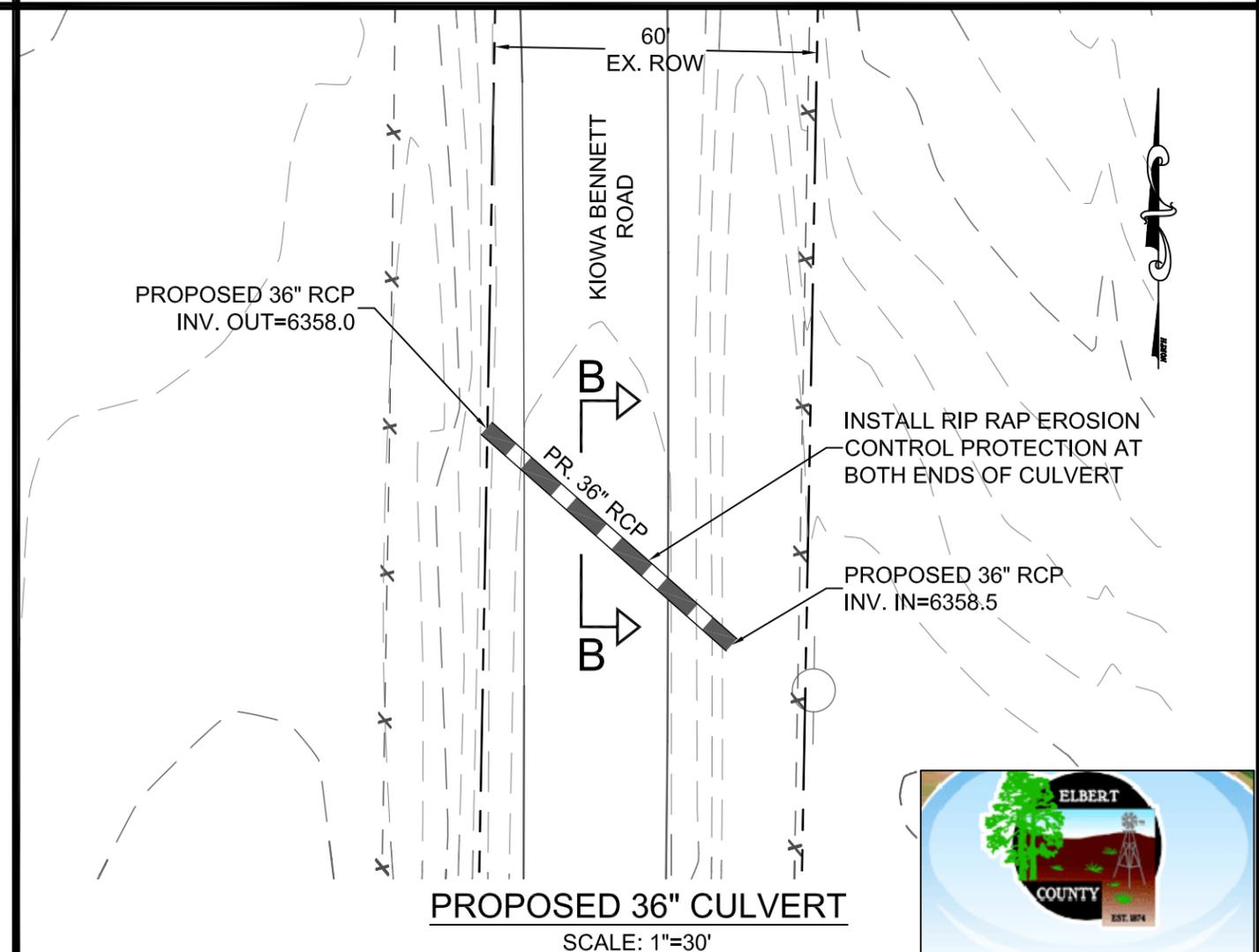
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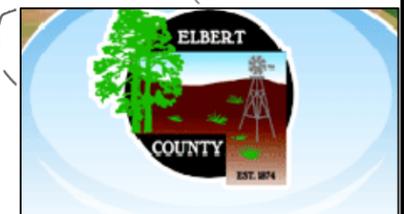
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PROPOSED 72\"/>



PROPOSED 36\"/>



ELBERT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS MASTER PLAN PHASED IMPROVEMENT EXHIBIT

FEBRUARY 29, 2012



NOTE:
IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS IS
CONTINGENT UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING.

**PHASE 1
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS 2012-2013**



**PHASE 2
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS 2014-2018**



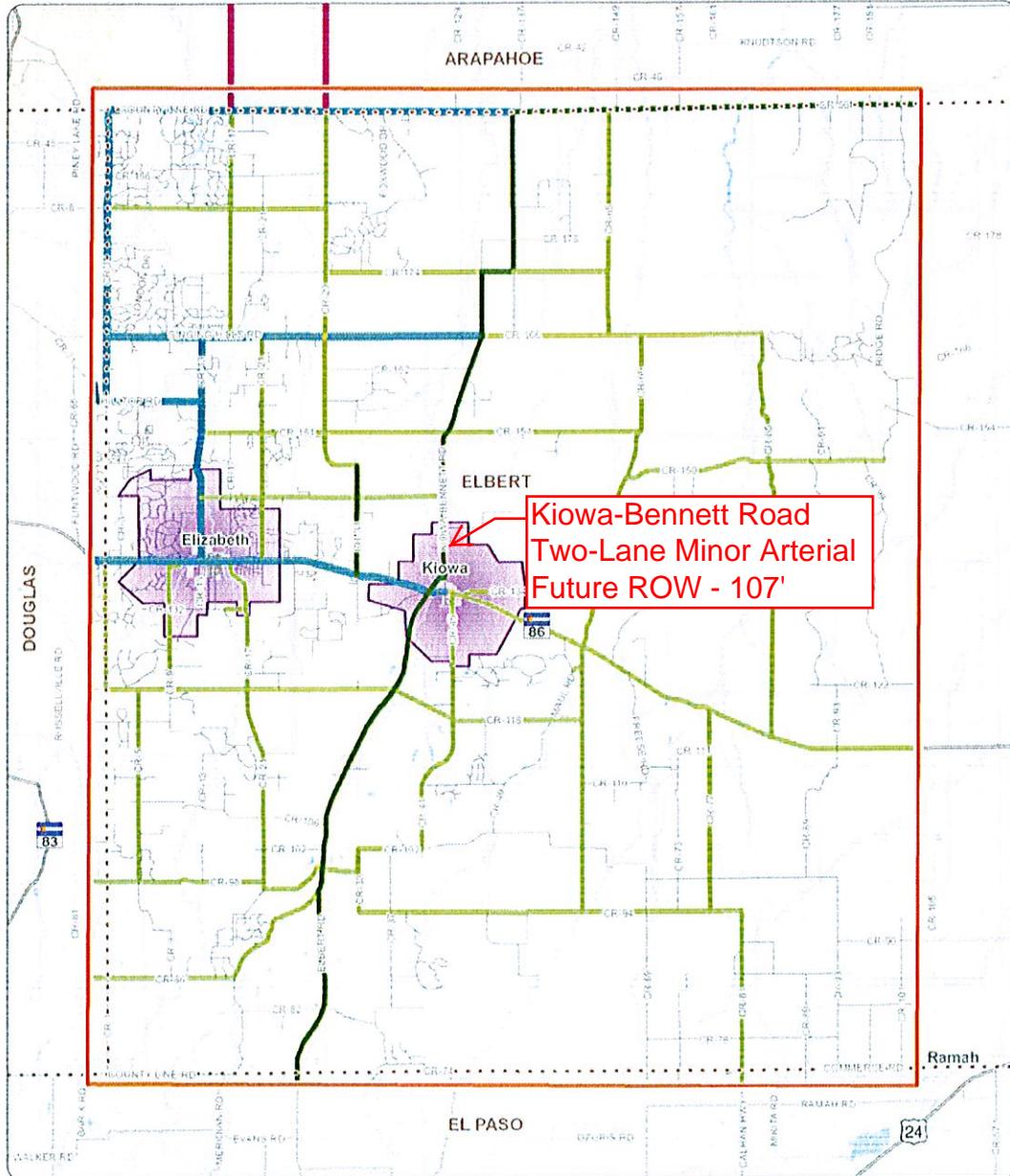
**PHASE 3
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS 2019-2023**





West Elbert County Transportation Master Plan

Figure 6-1. Future Roadway System



Future Roadway System



- Study Area
- Potential New Connection
- Four Lane Major Arterial - 120 Foot Right-of-Way
- Two Lane Minor Arterial - 107 Foot Right-of-Way
- Two Lane Collector - 90 Foot Right-of-Way
- Local - 60 Foot Right-of-Way
- Elizabeth/Kiowa 3-Mile Planning Areas



Elbert County Fairgrounds Transportation Enhancement Application *Attachment C: Eligibility*

The Elbert County Fairgrounds improvement project proposed for FY 2013 Transportation Enhancement Program funding includes: installation of a multi-modal pathway along Kiowa-Bennett Road (providing a safe and inviting pedestrian and bicycle circulation system at the Fairgrounds that is equally accessible to able and disabled persons); and installation of an irrigated, landscaped berm adjacent to the multi-modal pathway (providing scenic beautification to both travelers along Kiowa-Bennett Road and visitors to the Fairgrounds). These project components have a direct relationship to surface transportation and meet specific eligible activity requirements identified as Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities and Transportation Aesthetics.

In addition, storm water improvements are proposed as part of this application. These improvements provide for the conveyance of surface water runoff across Kiowa-Bennett Road in a manner that eliminates temporary flooding and ensures that the above-listed improvements are not negatively impacted by storm water. Similar improvements were proposed as part of Elbert County's FY 2011-2012 application and funds (\$71,000 with \$18,000 match) were awarded by CDOT, but not used by Elbert County.

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Attachment D - Project Benefits

The improvements proposed as part of this TE Program application are intended to complement and enhance the planned improvements to the Fairgrounds as well as promote alternative modes of travel in Kiowa. Benefits include the addition of a multi-modal transportation pathway, scenic beautification along this segment of Kiowa-Bennett Road and improved storm water conveyance through the subject area.

Multi-Modal Pathway

The multi-modal pathway intended for pedestrians and bicycles at a minimum, provides an alternative transportation system adjacent to and around the Fairgrounds (as shown on the Elbert County Fairgrounds Master Plan Phased Improvement Exhibit located in Attachment B). Ultimately, this multi-modal path may be extended to other areas within Kiowa such as the elementary school located east of Kiowa-Bennett Road or the planned Centennial Park, to be located adjacent to the County Administration Building. This meandering, multi-modal pathway will promote a pleasant alternative mode of travel and enhance pedestrian connectivity within the Fairgrounds and to other areas within Kiowa.

Scenic Beautification

The current condition of the subject area along Kiowa-Bennett Road is unimproved and without an established trail system, any form of landscaping or irrigation. This area is primarily flat and overgrown with native grasses and weeds. Applying TE funding toward the installation of an undulating, landscaped and irrigated berm (planned to accommodate the addition of more than fifty 2.5" caliper trees, one hundred and twenty 2 gallon shrubs, and a native grasses) will greatly enhance this main entry to the Town of Kiowa as well as the primary entrances to the Elbert County Fairgrounds.

Improved Stormwater Conveyance

On behalf of Elbert County, Enertia Consulting Group, LLC prepared a Master Drainage Study for the subject segment of Kiowa Bennett Road and Fairgrounds property. Study findings revealed that the existing 72" CMP culvert at the south Fairgrounds entrance is grossly undersized and that an additional culvert near the north entrance to the Fairgrounds is required to meet CDOT drainage standards (minimum conveyance of the 25 year storm event). In order to meet this requirement, an additional 72" culvert located parallel to the existing 72" culvert at the south Fairgrounds entrance is recommended as well as a new 36" culvert at the north Fairgrounds entrance. These drainage improvements will allow conveyance of storm water in a manner that will meet CDOT standards and eliminate temporary flooding along this segment of Kiowa-Bennett Road. Together with a realigned and properly sized channel, these improvements will ensure that the proposed TE funded improvements are not impacted by storm water.

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Attachment E: Environmental Review

Currently there are no environmental issues pertaining to the proposed section of Kiowa Bennett ROW or the Elbert County Fairgrounds. This is identified in the attached No Impact Statement for the Public Health Building that was constructed on the Fairgrounds property within the last three years. In the attached telephone conversation record between Bonner Gilmore (Elbert County Engineer) and Jim Eussen (CDOT Region 1 Environmental Manger) The County was made aware that the CDOT environmental clearance process will be required to be completed prior to beginning any improvements associated with the Transportation Enhancement Program. Attached please find the listed documents below.

1. Checklist for Environmental Assessment for the Public Health Building constructed on the Fairgrounds premises.
2. Email from Casey Westbrook (Colorado Division of Wildlife) confirming that no wetlands are present.
3. Record of telephone call between the Elbert County Engineer and Jim Eussen.

EXHIBIT IV-B

CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED PROJECTS

AREAS OF COMPLIANCE WITH RELATED LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Project Name: ELBERT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BUILDING Project Number: CDBG 07-014

STATUTORY CHECKLIST

Area of Statutory / Regulatory Compliance	No Impact Anticipated	Consultation Required	Review Required	Permits Required	Determination of Consistency Approvals, Permits Obtained	Conditions and/or Mitigation Actions Required	Reference to Notes Providing Documentation Sources & Correspondence -Attach evidence / documentation that required actions have been taken.
Historic Properties	X						See ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
Floodplain Management	X						SEE MAP IN EA.
Coastal Areas Protection & Management	X						Not Applicable in HUD Region VIII
Water Quality - Sole Source Aquifers	X						Not Applicable in HUD Region VIII
Endangered Species	X						See attached USF&W 2/11/08 Response
Wild & Scenic Rivers	X						None in area
Air Quality	X						See E.A.
Farmlands Protection	X						See E.A.
Environmental Justice	X						See E.A.
Noise (See Pg 2, I)	X						See E.A.
Runway Clear Zones - Clear Zones & Accident Potential Zones (See Pg 2, II)	X						None in area
Thermal & Explosive Hazards (See Pg 2, III)	X						See E.A.
CERCLIS EPA Superfund Site (See Pg 2, IV)							Contact Project Monitor to determine if project is located on a site

*Attach evidence / documentation that required actions have been taken.

EXHIBIT IV-B, Cont.

HUD ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS CHECKLIST

Project Name & Number:

I. Noise Standards

Does the project involve housing or a facility in which people will be spending a lot of time (e.g. a day care center, nursing home, a hospital, or a senior center or library)? Yes ___ No

If yes, is the project within:

- 1000 ft in any direction of a major highway (defined as 4 lanes, 2 lanes in each direction) or roadway (not a residential street)? Yes ___ No ___*
• 3000 ft in any direction of a railroad? Yes ___ No ___*
• 15 miles of a commercial airport? Yes ___ No ___*

II. Hazardous Siting

Are there above-ground storage tanks (excluding residential fuel tanks), transmission pipelines, or loading facilities for hazardous liquids or gases within one mile of the project? Yes ___ No *

III. Airport Runway Clear Zones

Is the project located within one mile of a commercial airport? Yes ___ No *

IV. EPA Superfund Program

Is the project located on the U.S. EPA Superfund Program CERCLIS Site Location Listing? Yes ___ No *

* If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, contact your state Project Monitor or Eric Bergman. If you did not answer "Yes" to any of these questions, you need to take no further action on these regulations.

The recipient has compared the project activities listed below with the above cited Laws and Authorities: Project Activities Contained in this Assessment:

- A.
B.
C.

- ___ Issues were identified, but have been mitigated; a Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOIRROF) and a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification (RROF) is attached.
• ___ None of the Laws or Authorities cited above were found relevant to the project. The project has been determined to be exempt under 24 CFR, Part 58.34a(10) (NO Publication Required!)
• ___ The issues noted require a more complete assessment.

Prepared by ALAN PERLMAN P.E.

Certifying Official Mary Sue Fin

Date 3/3/08



Subject: Wetland concurrence request Elbert County Health Dept. Public Facility
Date: Wed, 20 Feb 2008 22:04:52 -0700
From: "Westbrook, Casey" <Casey.Westbrook@state.co.us>
To: ampprojects@yahoo.com

Dear Mr. Perlman,
First off please accept my apology for addressing your letter at such a late time. I only recently (02-15-08) received your letter requesting the input of the Colorado Division of Wildlife as it pertains to potential or existing wetlands within the project area of the proposed Elbert County Public Health Facility.

I am the District Wildlife Manager for the area where this project is proposed. Based upon numerous visits to the Fair Grounds location I have not identified any existing or potential wetlands within the project area you have proposed. The vast majority of the proposed area is somewhat disturbed upland grasses that show no sign of wetland associated species, hydrology, or soils.

Per these observations and this email I hope you find sufficient information to meet your request. Again my apologies for the complications in the mailing delay of your request. If you have further needs or concerns please feel free to contact me via my cell phone at (303)810-3141. I will be out of town from 02-21-08 through 03-01-08.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this site.
Casey Westbrook
Colorado Division of Wildlife.

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Phone Record

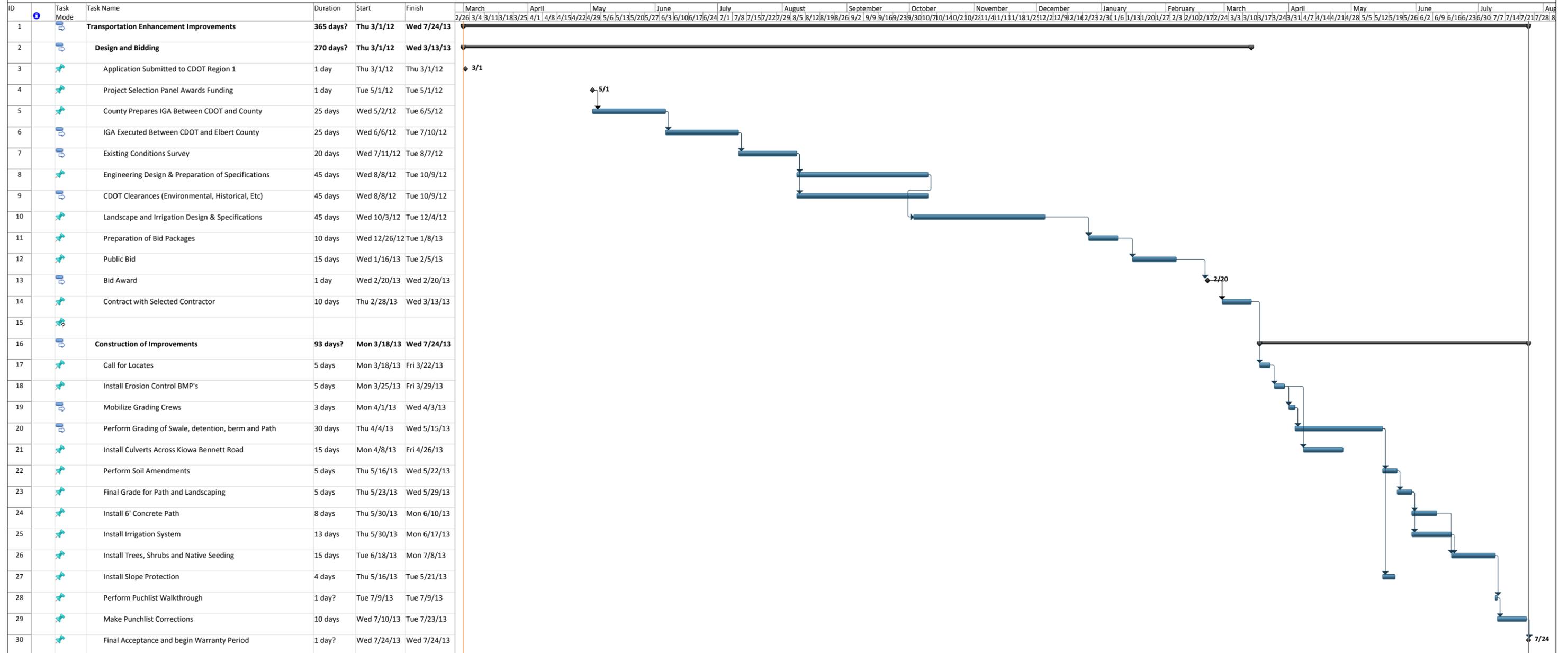
On February 27th, Jim Eussen (CDOT Region 1 Environmental Manger) returned Bonner Gilmores (Elbert County Engineer) telephone call. On this call Jim and Bonner discussed meeting at the fairgrounds location last year prior to the County deciding not to use the funds until further knowledge was gained about the area for the proposed improvements. An environmental review was not conducted at this time (2011) but Bonner and Jim discussed and agreed that the CDOT environmental clearance process will be required prior to any construction activity (2012-2013). It was further discussed that with the accompanying documentation of prior No Impact Statement and wetlands clearance from CDOW that is included in this application, that no environmental clearance would be necessary prior to submitting the application for the Transportation Enhancement Program. This will include both environmental and historical clearances. Both Bonner and Jim agreed that Bonner would be in touch with Jim should the County be successful in being awarded the TE funds.

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Attachment F: Budget and Implementation Schedule

Attached please find an improvement budget breakdown for the proposed project. The anticipated project cost is approximately \$358,553.85 with Elbert County matching of \$93,980.93 (26%).

With no ROW or acquisition requirements regarding this project, we are in position to begin design and construction immediately. Attached is a project schedule identifying the proposed scope items and timelines.

Elbert County Transportation Enhancement Implementation Schedule



Task		Milestone		Project Summary		External Milestone		Inactive Milestone		Manual Task		Manual Summary Rollup		Start-only		Deadline	
Split		Summary		External Tasks		Inactive Task		Inactive Summary		Duration-only		Manual Summary		Finish-only		Progress	

ELBERT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT BUDGET

PROJECT NAME:		LENGTH:	1100.00	RIGHT OF WAY:	60
MUNICIPALITY:	ELBERT COUNTY	CREATED:		BY	
JOB NUMBER:		REVISED:		CHECKED:	
FILE NAME:	TE APPLICATION	PRINTED:	01-Mar-12	REVISED:	

ROADNAME:	KIOWA BENNETT ROAD
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GRADING/HARDSCAPE				
DESCRIPTION	UNIT	APPROXIMATE QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT
CLEARING AND GRUBBING	AC	2	\$1,500.00	\$2,272.73
ROADWAY GRADING	CY	3,259	\$2.60	\$8,474.07
SWALE AND BERM GRADING	CY	7,333	\$3.00	\$22,000.00
DETENTION POND GRADING	CY	5,808	\$2.60	\$15,100.80
6' CONCRETE PATH	SF	6,720	\$4.50	\$30,240.00
IMPORT FILL	CY	733	\$7.00	\$5,133.33
VEHICLE TRACKING (30' X 100' TYPICAL)	EA	1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
SUB - TOTAL GRADING/HARDSCAPE				\$84,220.93

STORM SEWER SYSTEM				
DESCRIPTION	UNIT	APPROXIMATE QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT
36" R.C.P. (CLASS III) CULVERT	LF	80	\$74.00	\$5,920.00
72" CMP CUVLERT	LF	80	\$156.00	\$12,480.00
12" RIP-RAP (36" & 72")	CY	267	\$32.00	\$8,533.33
SUB - TOTAL STORM SEWER SYSTEM				\$ 26,933.33

EROSION CONTROL				
DESCRIPTION	UNIT	APPROXIMATE QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT
SILT FENCE	LF	1,100	\$1.50	\$1,650.00
HAY BALES	EA	24	\$13.00	\$312.00
SLOPE STABILIZATION BLANKET	SY	2,444	\$1.50	\$3,666.67
SEEDING & MULCHING	AC	1	\$900.00	\$900.00
SUB - TOTAL EROSION CONTROL				\$ 6,528.67

LANDSCAPE				
<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>UNIT</i>	<i>APPROXIMATE QUANTITY</i>	<i>UNIT PRICE</i>	<i>TOTAL AMOUNT</i>
WATER SERVICE TO LANDSCAPE AREA	LF	1,400	\$6.00	\$8,400.00
FINAL GRADING	SY	9,289	\$0.80	\$7,431.11
SOIL PREPARATION	SY	9,289	\$1.25	\$11,611.11
2.5" CALIPER DECIDUOUS TREES	EA	25	\$1,450.00	\$36,250.00
2.5" CALIPER EVERGREEN TREES	EA	35	\$1,780.00	\$62,300.00
2 GALLON SHRUBS	EA	120	\$70.00	\$8,400.00
NATIVE GRASS/SEEDING	SF	61,600	\$0.34	\$20,944.00
DRIP IRRIGATION	LF	2,900	\$2.50	\$7,250.00
IRRIGATION (SPRAY HEADS FOR NATIVE SEEDIN	LF	1,800	\$2.00	\$3,600.00
FAIRGROUNDS ENTRY MONUMENT	EA	2	\$12,000.00	\$24,000.00
SUB - TOTAL LANDSCAPE				\$190,186.22

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS				
<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>UNIT</i>	<i>APPROXIMATE QUANTITY</i>	<i>UNIT PRICE</i>	<i>TOTAL AMOUNT</i>
MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
TRAFFIC CONTROL	LS	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
SURVEY	LS	1	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
ASPHALT REPLACEMENT	SY	56	\$52.00	\$2,888.89
KIOWA BENNETT ROAD RESTRIPIPING	LS	1	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
SUB - TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:				\$18,088.89

SUMMARY				
GRADING/HARDSCAPE				\$84,220.93
STORM SEWER SYSTEM				\$26,933.33
EROSION CONTROL				\$6,528.67
LANDSCAPE				\$190,186.22
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS				\$18,088.89
<i>SUB - TOTAL</i>				\$325,958.05
			<i>ENGINEERING/LANDSCAPE DESIGN</i>	10.0% \$32,595.80
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS				\$358,553.85

Note: *Italics* indicates in-kind work to be performed by Elbert County

Total Project Cost:	\$358,553.85
Matching Funds In-Kind:	\$53,980.93
Matching Funds Cash from Conservation Trust:	\$40,000.00
Funds Requested from TE Program:	\$264,572.92

Elbert County Fairgrounds
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Attachment G: Maintenance Plan

The Elbert County Public Works Department is committing to maintain all improvements constructed as part of this application. Attached please find the maintenance commitment letter from the Elbert County Director of Public Works.



COUNTY OF ELBERT

ELBERT COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

P.O. BOX 116
218 CHEYENNE STREET
KIOWA, COLORADO 80117
303-621-3157 FAX: 303-621-3159



February 29, 2012

Mr. Darin Stavish
Colorado Department of Transportation
Regional Planner & Enhancement Funding Coordinator
18500 E. Colfax Avenue
Aurora, CO 80011-8017

RE: Elbert County Transportation Enhancement Project Maintenance

Dear Mr. Stavish:

This letter is provided as required by the application for Transportation Enhancement funding guidelines.

Elbert County will Budget for the perpetual maintenance and operations of the improvements proposed in this application, to include pathways, landscaping and irrigation.

Sincerely,

Ed Ehmann
Director of Public Works

cc: Board of County Commissioners

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Attachment H: Support Letter

The proposed Transportation Enhancement improvements are located within the north edge of the Town of Kiowa. Attached please find a letter of support for the project from the Town of Kiowa's Co-Administrator.



Town Co-Administrator

Michelle M. Oeser
PO Box 237
Kiowa CO 80117

Ph: 303-621-2366
Fx: 303-621-2595

February 22, 2012

To whom it may concern,

The Town of Kiowa would like to express our support of the proposed project that Elbert County is intending to construct along the Kiowa Bennett Road, adjacent to the Elbert County Fairgrounds. The project includes improved drainage and travel safety, multi-modal transportation such as bike and walking paths, low impact landscaping and an overall visual improvement to the area. This is the northern door to our community, which would greatly benefit from the Transportation Enhancement dollars that are available for such a project. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards.

Michelle M. Oeser
Town Co-Administrator
Kiowa, Colorado

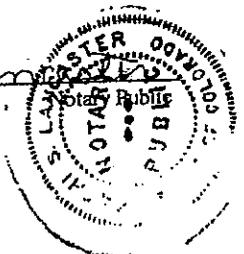
STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss.
County of Elbert)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29th day of May, 2002, by
The A. Dietemann Family Limited Partnership, By A. Dietemann Management Company,
Inc., General Partner, By Alberta M. Dietemann, President

Witness my hand and official seal.
My commission expires:

My Commission Expires June 13, 2004

Lynne J. Lancaster



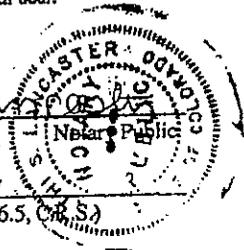
STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss.
County of Elbert)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29th day of May, 2002, by
Alberta M. Dietemann, aka Alberta M. Hinshaw aka Alberta M. Dietemann-Humpert

Witness my hand and official seal.
My commission expires:

My Commission Expires June 13, 2004

Lynne J. Lancaster



Keith Westfall, High Plains Survey Co., Inc., P.O. Box 773, Kiowa, Colorado 80117
Name and Address of Person Creating Newly Created Legal Description (§38-35-106.5, C.R.S.)

When recorded, return to: ~~FOLKESTAD & FAZEKAS, P.C.
ATTN: James M. Hunsaker
316 Wilcox Street
Castle Rock, CO 80104~~

ALL OF THAT PROPERTY LYING IN SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 63 WEST OF THE 6th PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ELBERT COUNTY COLORADO, LYING EAST OF AND ADJACENT TO A LINE BEING DESCRIBED AS;

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1, DIETMANN SUBDIVISION, TOWN OF KIOWA, ELBERT COUNTY COLORADO, AS DESCRIBED IN RECEPTION NUMBER 343407 AT PLAT BOOK 10 ON PAGE 84 OF THE ELBERT COUNTY RECORDS, AND CONSIDERING THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 1 TO BEAR NORTH 01 DEGREE 44'34" WEST WITH ALL BEARINGS CONTAINED HEREIN RELATIVE THERETO;

THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 44'34" WEST ALONG SAID EAST LINE A DISTANCE OF 155.03 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 28'00" WEST AND ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 1 A DISTANCE OF 37.11 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 42'14" WEST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 6.12 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 42' 43" WEST A DISTANCE OF 203.04 FEET; THENCE NORTH 84 DEGREES 19'32" WEST A DISTANCE OF 48.89 FEET; THENCE NORTH 08 DEGREES 14'39" WEST A DISTANCE OF 981.23 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 27'43" WEST A DISTANCE OF 1126.38 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF A PARCEL OF PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED IN BOOK 414 AT PAGE 848 OF THE ELBERT COUNTY RECORDS AND THE POINT OF TERMINUS.

AND WEST OF AND ADJACENT TO THE PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED IN BOOK 202 AT PAGE 422, AND BOOK 414 AT PAGE 848 OF THE ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO RECORDS.

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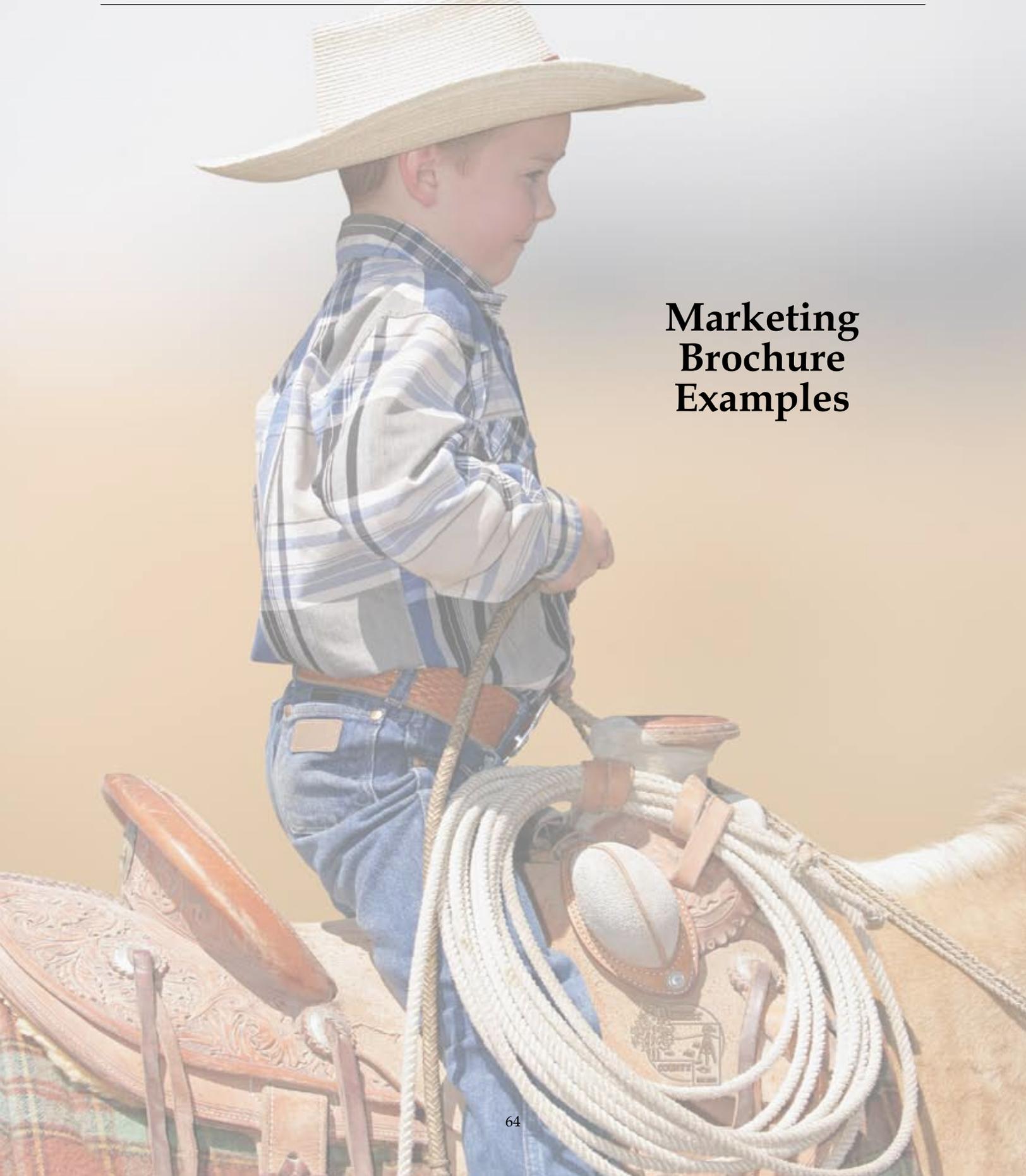
Elbert County Fairgrounds
Transportation Enhancement Application
Attachment I: Rights-of-Way Legal Property Description

All necessary ROW and property for the proposed Transportation Enhancement Improvements are owned and maintained by Elbert County. These include the ROW of the Kiowa Bennett Road and property within the Elbert County Fairgrounds. With all property being owned by Elbert County, no property acquisition is necessary.

Please find that attached Deed to the Elbert County Fairgrounds.

ATTACHMENT B

Marketing Brochure Examples



ELBERT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



KIOWA, COLORADO



The
Heart
of Elbert
County



ELBERT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



KIOWA, COLORADO



1 Rodeo Arena

- Arena Size: 295' x 195'
- Warm-up arena: 260' x 140'
- Concession facilities
- Seating capacity: 550



2 Agricultural Building

- Hall Size: 6000 s.f.
- Capacity: 150-200
- Heated
- Sound system



3 Exhibit Building

- Hall Size: 7000 s.f.
- Capacity: 200
- Commercial kitchen
- Concession facilities
- Heated
- Sound system



4 Horse Barn

- 34 covered horse stalls
- Equine wash racks
- Security fencing



5 Open Beef Barn

- Barn Size: 10,000 s.f.
- Equipped with electric



6 Campground

- Open all year
- Capacity: 52 spaces for RV or tent campers
- Electric and water services
- Public facilities equipped with showers
- Washers/dryers

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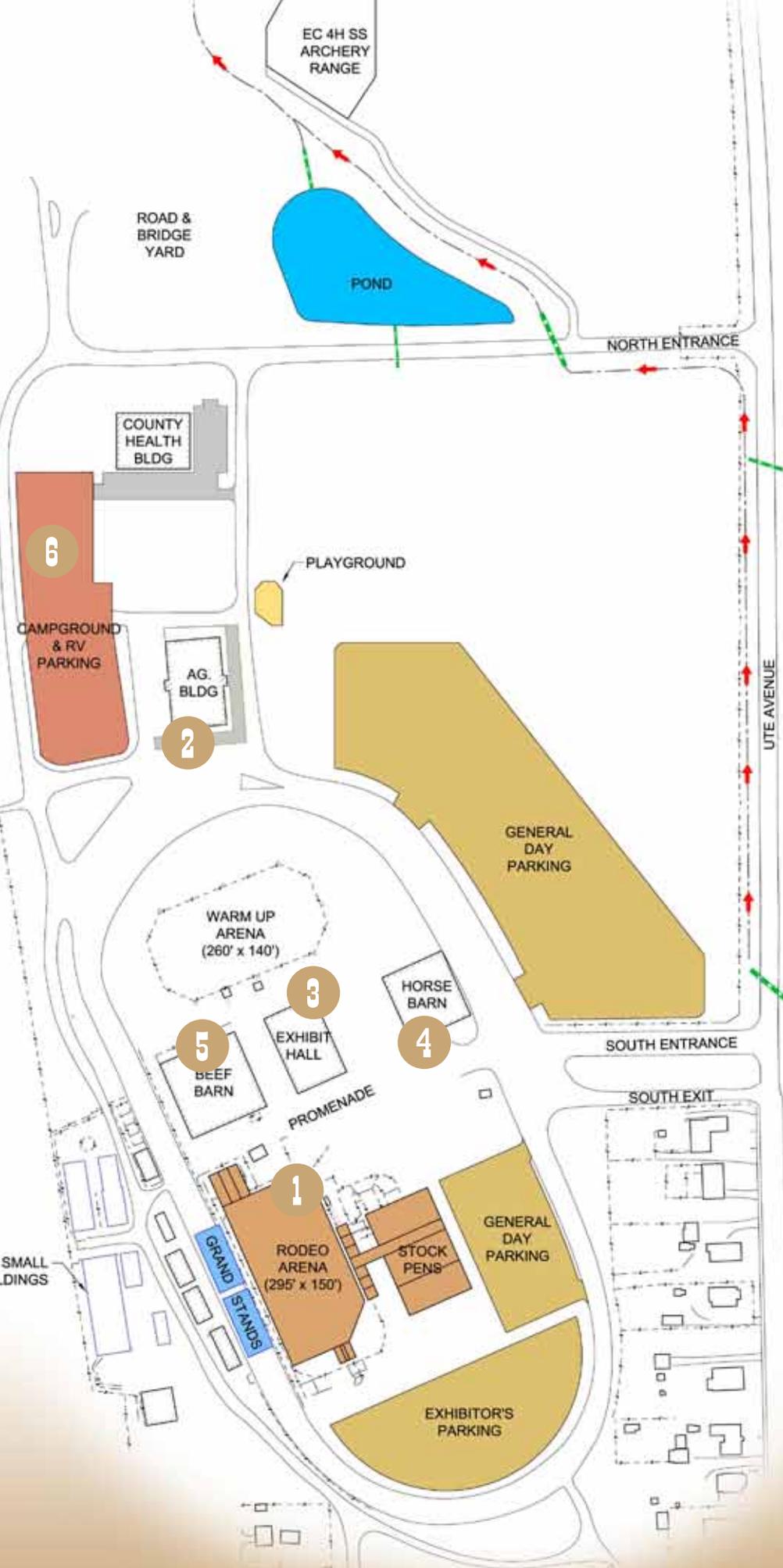
Event Planning

Many organizations that hold events at the Fairgrounds come back year after year due to the rich history and rural charm of Elbert County. Our attention to detail, unbeatable customer service and multi-functional facilities make the Fairgrounds an ideal choice for event planners. With easy access to both Interstate 70 and Interstate 25, the Elbert County Fairgrounds are perfect for one-time or regular events including:

- Weddings & Receptions
- Reunions
- Corporate Events
- RV & Boat Shows
- Camping Show & Sale
- Sportsman's Expo
- Banquets
- Shrine Circus
- Antiques Expo
- Farm Show
- 4-H Events
- PRCA Events
- PBR Events
- Hunter Jumper Training
- Little Britches Rodeo Association Events
- Home & Garden Shows
- Car & Truck Shows
- Sporting Competitions
- Boy & Girl Scouts of America
- Cavalcade of Cars Auto Show
- Western Arts & Crafts Show
- Elbert County Health Expo
- Chili Cookoff
- Dog Show
- Flea Market
- Train & Toy Show
- Casino Club 55

Also...

Area caterers call today about our commercial kitchen rental rates!



ELBERT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

—  KIOWA, COLORADO  —

2012 Schedule of Events

Winter/Spring

January 26
Cub Scout Pinewood Derby

May 24-28
National Little Britches Youth
Association Rodeo

Summer

July 28-August 5
The County Fair

Colorado Campers/RV

Fall

Fall
Elizabeth Stampede

Weekly Events & Gatherings

Sundays 10AM, Ag Building
Cowboy Church

Sundays 6PM, Ag Building
Bible Study



For more information please contact:

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