

# DRAFT

## Subtopic i5: Environmental Sensitivity

Thirteen public and agency comments were received on the i5: Environmental Sensitivity subtopic. From these 13 comments, 3 common concern statements were created. Themes running throughout the i5: Environmental Sensitivity subtopic include:

- It is important to mitigate impacts on the environment and on water during construction, such as the implementation of pollution control measures and permanent best management practices.
- The Draft PEIS is lacking in the way that it addresses mitigation of environmental impacts.
- Areas on I-70 that currently exceed environmental standards need to be mitigated before construction begins.

<b>CCS No.</b>	<b>Mitigation Common Concern Statements (CCSs)</b>
<b>Subtopic i5: Environmental Sensitivity Mitigation</b>	
i5-a	<b>Construction Mitigation</b> It is important to mitigate impacts on the environment during construction, including impacts on water quality through chemical and sand runoff, and impacts on wildlife. Mitigation should include the installation of permanent BMPs and a commitment to pollution control measures. Mitigation plans should be disclosed at this stage in the study. This is an opportunity to enhance environmental conditions throughout the Corridor.
i5-b	<b>Inadequacies of Draft PEIS</b> The Draft PEIS does not adequately address mitigation of environmental impacts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It is unclear how CDOT/FHWA will make a decision without detailed mitigation policies.</li><li>• The SWEEP and ALIVE programs were prematurely given up.</li><li>• Strategies to address growth impacts can be discussed on a programmatic level.</li><li>• There is no detailed information on integrating wildlife crossings and other structures designed to alleviate some of the issues with land management options.</li></ul>
i5-c	<b>Mitigation of Existing Impacts</b> Prior to construction, CDOT should mitigate areas of the Interstate currently exceeding environmental standards.