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TO: Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of High Plains Boulevard

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SUBJECT: Access Control Plan for High Plains Boulevard

The following spacing standards and turn lane requirements were discussed during the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings for this project. This information is intended to provide guidance to municipalities as new accesses are discussed/approved.

Intersection Spacing

- Roundabout/Signalized intersections (full-movement) - spaced no closer than ½ mile apart.
- Unsignalized intersections (full-movement) – one every ¼ mile, between signalized intersections
- Unsignalized intersections (partial movement) – minimum of 660 feet from any other intersection/access point
 - This spacing applies to driveways, intersections, and corner clearance between driveways/alleys and street intersections.

Access Spacing

No private direct access shall be allowed on High Plains Boulevard (a major arterial roadway) unless one of the following are met:

- 1) the parcel in question has no other reasonable access to the general street system and appropriate auxiliary turn lanes are provided, or
- 2) the alternative direct access to another roadway would cause unacceptable traffic operation and safety problems to the overall traffic flow of the general street system.

When private accesses must be provided, the following shall be considered:

- a) Whenever possible and feasible, shared access shall be provided to serve two or more adjacent properties,
- b) Such access shall continue only until such time that some other reasonable access to a lower functional category street is available and permitted,
- c) No more than one access shall be provided to an individual parcel or to contiguous parcels under the same ownership unless it can be shown that:

- a. Allowing only one access conflicts with safety regulations (i.e. fire access), or
- b. Additional access would significantly benefit safety and operation of the highway or street and is necessary to provide safe and efficient use of the property.
- d) The access shall be limited to right turns only, unless:
 - a. The access has the potential for signalization, in accordance with the spacing requirements listed above,
 - b. Left turns would not create unreasonable congestion or safety problems and not lower the level of service, and
 - c. Alternatives to the left turns would not cause unacceptable traffic operation and safety problems to the general street system.
- e) The private access must be included as part of an access management plan if required by the local entity.

Turn Lane Requirements

At each intersection/access, the local municipality that is responsible for maintenance of that portion of High Plains Boulevard, is responsible for identifying when turn lanes are required. Tables 1 and 2, below, outline the required turn bay and taper lengths for the numbered, signalized intersections when a turn lane is required.

Table 1 – Turn bay and taper lengths for High Plains Boulevard at major intersections

No.	Intersection	Northbound (NIPA)				Southbound (NIPA)			
		Left Turn		Right Turn		Left Turn		Right Turn	
		Storage Plus Decel (ft)	Taper (ft)	Storage Plus Decel (ft)	Taper (ft)	Storage Plus Decel (ft)	Taper (ft)	Storage Plus Decel (ft)	Taper (ft)
2	High Plains Blvd @ Ronald Reagan Blvd	473	162	373	162	473	162	573	162
4	High Plains Blvd @ LCR 18	418	222	678	222	373	162	373	162
5	High Plains Blvd @ LCR 16	313	162	373	162	578	222	403	222
6	High Plains Blvd @ LCR 14/WCR 50	373	162	573	162	313	162	473	162
7	High Plains Blvd @ SH 60	578	222	478	222	323	162	573	162
8	High Plains Blvd @ WCR 46	373	162	373	162	403	222	578	222
9	High Plains Blvd @ WCR 44	573	162	323	162	323	162	373	162
10	High Plains Blvd @ WCR 38	678	222	428	222	403	222	678	222
11	High Plains Blvd @ WCR 34	573	162	473	162	323	162	473	162

Table 2 – Turn bay and taper lengths for major side streets intersecting High Plains Boulevard

No.	Intersection	Eastbound				Westbound			
		Left Turn		Right Turn		Left Turn		Right Turn	
		Storage Plus Decel (ft)	Taper (ft)	Storage Plus Decel (ft)	Taper (ft)	Storage Plus Decel (ft)	Taper (ft)	Storage Plus Decel (ft)	Taper (ft)
2	High Plains Blvd @ Ronald Reagan Blvd	490	120	390	120	290	120	390	120
4	High Plains Blvd @ LCR 18	478	222	478	222	678	222	478	222
5	High Plains Blvd @ LCR 16	428	222	418	222	478	222	578	222
6	High Plains Blvd @ LCR 14/WCR 50	373	162	373	162	573	162	323	162
7	High Plains Blvd @ SH 60	678	222	578	222	578	222	428	222
8	High Plains Blvd @ WCR 46	578	222	478	222	478	222	403	222
9	High Plains Blvd @ WCR 44	373	162	573	162	373	162	313	162
10	High Plains Blvd @ WCR 38	526	144	426	144	276	144	251	144
11	High Plains Blvd @ WCR 34	326	144	526	144	326	144	276	144

The length of turn lanes and taper lengths for all other intersection/access points connecting to High Plains Boulevard shall be based on the latest standards in CDOT's Highway Access Code. The latest version as of March 2020 is shown below:

Acceleration and Deceleration Lengths (Includes Taper Length)

Posted Speed Limit in MPH	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
Deceleration Length in feet	180	250	310	370	435	500	600	700	800	900
Acceleration Length in feet	N/A	190	270	380	550	760	960	1170	1380	1590
Transition Taper Ratio	7.5:1	8:1	10:1	12:1	13.5:1	15:1	18.5:1	25:1	25:1	25:1

Storage Lengths

Turning Vehicles Per Peak Hour	below 30	30	60	100	200	300
Required Lane Length in Feet	25	40	50	100	200	300