

August 3, 2010

Colorado Department of Transportation
Region 6
2000 South Holly Drive
Denver, CO 80222

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you to point out a dangerous stretch of road at night. This road is US 36, between the cross streets of Federal Blvd. and Foothills Parkway, in Boulder. I drive this section of road often at night and I find the glare of oncoming traffic in the opposite lane is blinding.

After Federal Blvd, this section is poorly lit with overhead ambient lighting. Along this stretch of highway, the volume of traffic is high and the curvature of the roadway is both horizontal and vertical, also contributing to the glare of oncoming headlights. During rainy weather, the glare of the headlights is intensified to the point that driving becomes dangerous.



This is a picture I took showing how low the center concrete barrier is along this stretch of highway. The low height allows drivers to easily see the headlights of oncoming traffic at night.

Please consider adding plastic vanes to the top of the concrete barriers, similar to the ones in the picture below. In areas I have driven when these are used, I am not blinded by the glare of oncoming headlights, thus making it easier to see the center barrier and the lane of traffic I am driving in.



Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Michael Hotka
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