



## Office of the City Auditor

Date: August 11, 2008

To: Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority – Board of Directors  
Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority – Citizens Advisory Committee

Re: August 8<sup>th</sup> Letter from City of Colorado Springs Public Works Director on Potential PPRTA Cost Savings

We have reviewed selected areas of the above referenced letter with the intent of rendering an opinion on the reasonableness of the financial data used to project the cost savings potential.

The areas we reviewed related to the methodology, facts, and assumptions used in the calculation of the following annual potential savings numbers:

Capital Projects	\$ 695,251
Maintenance Programs	529,213
Traffic Engineering	28,744

Our review included interviewing City staff to gain an understanding of the methodologies used in each of the calculations. We compared the projected salaries for the proposed employees to the approved salary classification tables. We also reviewed the consultant contracts, change orders, and invoices to verify the reasonableness of estimated annual hours worked and associated costs for each contracted employee.

In our opinion, the methodologies used in each of the three calculations were logical, the facts accurate, and the assumptions reasonable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Jeff Litchfield".

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City Auditor

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