

MEMORANDUM

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RE: SEMA Letter of Reference

To whom it may concern,

I would like to take this opportunity to commend and thank SEMA Construction for their efforts in completing the SH 16 at I-25 interchange improvements. The "East Gate" to Ft Carson project was the Pikes Peak Region's number one priority based on military expansion at Fort Carson and heavy congestion from Security/Fountain commuter traffic. SEMA's work ethic led to a well constructed project fully opened to traffic one year ahead of schedule.

SEMA Construction was always responsive and communicated well with the CDOT team and project stakeholders. The benefits of this working relationship were evident by the project's interaction with Ft Carson and the Fountain Valley Authority as we relocated FVA's 33" water line and removed a land fill containing friable asbestos. This effort was certainly critical path and required dealing with several competing issues including: unexploded ordinance, quantity over runs, disposal of hazardous materials, limits on down time for the water line and multiple agency oversight all while all keeping traffic moving in & out of Fort Carson.

Also, SEMA found ways to advance the schedule by modifying the project's phasing plan. SEMA was able to move traffic onto SH 16's phase II detour. However the bridge over Fountain Creek could not be removed as originally planned. We worked through various contract/permit requirements involving CDOT's environmental section, the US Army Corp of Engineers and the Colorado Division of Wildlife. SEMA addressed all contractual and permit requirement by listening to CDOT personnel and approaching the bridge removal with revised methods. SEMA advanced the project schedule while satisfying all contractual requirements.

The SH 16/I-25 Interchange project, a \$27 million improvement, was completed one year ahead of schedule. Both Ft Carson and the traveling public are among the benefactors to this well constructed set of improvements. As a Resident Engineer this was my first project with SEMA Construction. I look forward to a subsequent work with SEMA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Watt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dave Watt, PE
Resident Engineer