

# The I-70 Mountain Corridor Context and Core Values

The I-70 Mountain Corridor is a magnificent scenic place. Human elements are woven through breathtaking natural features. The integration of these diverse elements has occurred over the course of history. This corridor is a recreational destination for the world and a route for interstate and local commerce.

It is our commitment to seek balance and provide for 21st century uses.

We will continue to lead in fostering and nurturing new ideas to address the challenges we face.

The vision we share for the corridor respects individual communities and the natural environment while providing safe and efficient travel.

Well thought-out choices create a sustainable legacy.

**Sustainability** is an overarching value that creates solutions for today that do not diminish resources for future generations. Ideal solutions generate long term benefits in economic strength, environmental health and community vitality.

Methods for **Decision Making** must be fair, open, equitable and inclusive. Collaboration moves decision making beyond individuals and looks for opportunities that exceed expectations. A better idea will always be considered.

Enhancing **Safety** for all is the priority.

**Environmental** health requires taking responsibility and actively seeking to preserve and enhance natural systems.

**History** creates a sense of place. The broad historic context is foundational to the corridor and must be a part of every conversation.

The individuality and viability of **Communities** must be respected. The character of the corridor is realized in the differences and commonalities of its communities.

**Mobility and Accessibility** must address local, regional, and national travel providing reliability, connectivity and efficiency.

**Aesthetics** will be inspired by the natural surroundings and augment the human backdrop.