Appendix A – Public Involvement

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Regional Transportation Plan Outreach Process

Public participation is a key element to the transportation planning process. The 2035 Statewide Transportation Plan provides an opportunity for anyone and everyone impacted by transportation to provide input and make comments on regional transportation needs and solutions for the next 28 years. In addition to reaching out to citizens, a concerted effort was made to inform and include local elected officials and underserved populations in the planning process through several the opportunities described below.

These meetings covered all issues that were relevant to the development of the Regional Transportation Plan, from the development of Corridor Visions to public outreach to funding issues. The Regional Planning Commission provided a key element to coordinate plan development within their jurisdictions.

Information gathered from these studies and outreach efforts helped guide the development of the plan and are included in this appendix for the 2035 Statewide Transportation Plan.

The regional transportation plan outreach process is intended to provide the public with reasonable opportunity to participate in the development of the plan. Opportunities have been provided to the following groups:

- Citizens
- Affected public agencies
- Representatives of public transportation employees
- Freight shippers
- Private providers of transportation
- Representatives of users of public transportation
- Representatives of users of pedestrian walkways & bicycle transportation facilities
- Representatives of the disabled
- Providers of freight transportation services
- Other interested parties

Four primary events were scheduled to provide this opportunity:

- Pre Forum Meeting gather preliminary information on emerging trends and issues that affect transportation plans
- Regional Transportation Forum review transportation related documentation and other data and discuss how this may affect priorities
- Prioritization Meeting assign priorities to Vision and Constrained plans
- Regional/Statewide Draft Plan Joint Review opportunity to review and comment on both the regional and statewide plans prior to final adoption and publication

Pre Forum Meeting

Purpose

The Pre Forum meeting helped identify changes/trends in the region that might impact the transportation system or the priorities since the last RTP was completed. The primary purposes of the meeting included:

- How to make choices
- Data analysis to inform decisions
- Limited funds = Priority requirements
- Public / RPC Input

Format

The Pre Forum was approximately 2 1/2 hours in length. It featured a presentation about the planning process in general and the need for the update, background on the 2030 Plan, costs of transportation and general funding expectations as expressed in the 2030 Plan. The Pre Forum was a platform used to stimulate conversation about what will be discussed during the Forum meeting. Topics included:

- Changes in Population/Employment
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Schedule

TPR	Date	Location Address		Time
Central Front Range	June 12	Canon City	Fremont County Administration Bldg 602 Macon St.	10 a.m.

Pre Forum Notes

Central Front Range TPR Canon City, CO June 12, 2006

Attendance (12)

General

- Would like to see more Inter-Regional Coordination
- Would like to be able to review drafts of long-range plans online
- Is it possible to absorb El Paso County into the PPACG plan similar to way DRCOG handles Mountains and Plains Element?

Park County

- US 285 widening/construction is continuing in northern Park County
- SH 9
 - o Can SH 9 become a reliever for I-70, especially during weather or traffic events?
 - o Improvements attract VMT and become an incentive for additional travel
- Guanella Pass Safety/minor widening improvements are underway on Federal Lands Highway project

Teller County

In general services are moving uphill (west) with significant commercial development and new residential sites. The following sites were specifically noted:

- US 24 Commercial Development (Woodland Park)
- SH 67 Residential Development north of Woodland Park
- US 24 Divide (Commercial/Residential Development)
- Cripple Creek & Victor Goldmine Expansion
- Residential development on SH 9 south of Hartsel (5,000 potential new units)

Fremont County

- Royal Gorge Ranch (US 50 @ CR3) development depends on water availability
- airport runway expansion plus 30 industrial lots
- Florence High School (new)
- 4 Mile Ranch US 50 east of Canon City new residential and commercial development (north side across from prison) 2500 units
- Canon City bypass Is it real?
- Canon City Roundabout 15th/Main light moves from 16th to US 50; need to synchronize and improve signal/traffic flow
- SH 115 A/D lane Pathfinder Park, Reg. Park = more traffic; = truck traffic/surface
- US 50 west thru canyon Safety issues
- Cotter Mill in Canon City planning to transport uranium out of area via SH 9

El Paso County

- Fort Carson expansion will bring in a possible 30,000 additional people, counting families and support services
- 24/94 Schriever AFB
- Ellicott major new development is under way
- SH 115 Additional military at Ft. Carson will use highway connection to Canon City to take advantage of housing availability

Custer County

- Is development pushing recreation to Custer County?
- SH 96 east need passing lanes
- New high school in town on 96
- Would like to see turn lanes @ SH 96 / SH 69 especially to accommodate turning trucks which cannot make
- Safety Issues general throughout area

Pre Forum Presentation



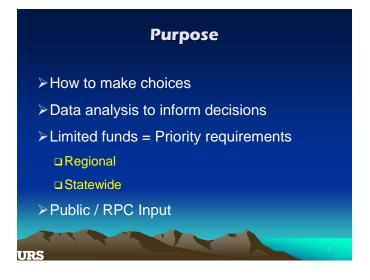






















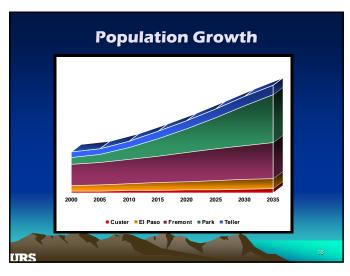


















Press Release

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Thursday, September 7, 2006

Centennial Building - Commissioners' Meeting Room 112 North "A" Street **Cripple Creek**

Transportation Forum: 4:00pm-7:00pm

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Information Letter

July 26, 2006

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Sincerely,

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Regional Transportation Forum

Purpose

The Regional Transportation Forums provided a significant opportunity for dialogue between leaders, planners and residents of the TPR. The format was designed to be interactive, including discussions about the process and exercises to stimulate conversation and allow other direct feedback. This departs from previous "open house" events in which participants were expected to review mounted displays, talk with planners, and leave comments - all on a come and go basis. For this event, participants remained for the entire session.

Information was presented as an electronic slide show. The goal was to provide the minimum background and data to assist in understanding the 2035 Plan and the maximum opportunity for discussion of Key Issues and Emerging Trends. A key outcome was to provide direction to CDOT on how to allocate scarce resources to growing needs.

The primary purposes of the meeting included:

- Review of 2030 priorities
- Discuss emerging regional issues and trends
- Determine audience's preference regarding future priorities and issues
- Discussion of funding issues, needs, and solutions

Schedule

TPR	Date	Location Address		Time
Central Front Range	Sept 7	Cripple Creek	Centennial Building Commissioners' Meeting Room 112 North "A" Street	4pm - 7pm

Format

The Forum was approximately 3 hours in length. The meeting featured a presentation about the planning process in general and the need for the update, background on the 2030 Plan, costs of transportation and general funding expectations as expressed in the 2030 Plan. An innovative audience polling technique was used to electronically solicit preferences and opinions. In addition, an interactive exercise allowed meeting participants to "spend" a set allocation of funds on their preferences. Topics included:

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Notification

Multiple forms of notification were utilized. Several weeks before the meeting, a letter signed by the RPC chair was sent to elected and appointed officials, planning and transportation staff of TPR municipalities, county commissioners, planning commissions and special interest groups, such as chambers of commerce, and other groups focused on transportation issues.

This was followed with a meeting notice and press releases to media outlets describing the purpose of the meeting and requesting attendance. In addition, CDOT, consultant and TPR representatives made numerous phone calls to potential attendees, describing the importance of the meeting and requesting attendance. A major effort was made to reach out to groups and individuals that have not historically participated in the planning process in great numbers, especially businesses and business groups, local and regional planning groups, alternative mode representatives, and elected officials beyond members of the RPC. Approximately 100 information letters were sent out; 111 formal invitations and numerous phones calls were made to personally invite individuals.

In addition, global invitations indicating the time and location of Forums at all ten TPRs were sent to:

- U.S. Congressmen (7), U.S. Senators (2)
- State Senators and State Representatives
 – chairmen and members of House and Senate Transportation Committees (18)
- Federal and State Agencies Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Railroad Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Colorado Department of Local Affairs, U.S. Forest Service, and Colorado Forest Service (11)
- Colorado Transportation Commissioners (11)

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Invitation

2035 Central Front Range Regional Transportation Forum

Lime for Teamwork

Please join your colleagues in discussing key issues and emerging trends that you believe are important considerations in developing a safe, efficient and effective transportation system for the Central Front Range Transportation Planning Region.

- ✓ Take an interactive poll about regional issues
- ✓ How does commercial & residential development affect our transportation region?
- What are the costs of transportation?
- Are some people underserved by transportation?
- ✓ What are your priorities for transportation improvements?

Hosted by your Regional Transportation Planning Commission

When: September 7, 2006

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Location: Centennial Building

Commissioners' Meeting

Room

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Refreshments will be served.

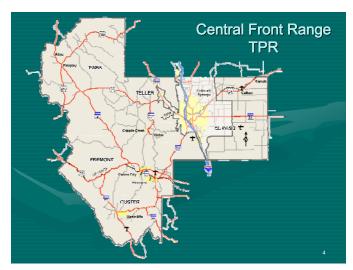
Forum Presentation

September 7, 2006



Today's Forum Planning Process Overview Revisiting 2006 Telephone Survey (Audience Response) 2030 Plan Overview Current Transportation System Break Trends & Issues (Audience Response) Allocating Limited Funds Next Steps





Why Update Now? Respond to future funding scenarios Focus on regional trends Develop near term Implementation Strategy Meet federal requirements for 2009 STIP

Schedule				
	Pre-Forum / Data Collection	Summer 06		
	Regional Transportation Forum	Sept 06		
	Forum Output / TPR Meeting	Nov 06		
	Draft Regional & Statewide Plan	May 07		
	Final Regional Plan	Oct 07		
	Final Statewide Plan	Jan 08		

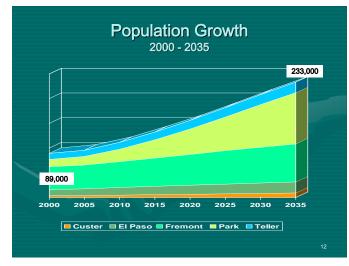
Revisiting the 2006 Statewide Telephone Survey

2030 Plan Overview Top Issues Recreational Travel US 50 - major east/west corridor (recreation) US 24 (west) - Front Range to I-70 (alternative) SH 9 - Hoosier Pass Growth (pop growth leads to congestion) US 285 - (Park County) major commute route US 24 - east and west major commute route Freight US 24 (east) - trucking connector from I-70 to Colo Spgs Transit Expand - local and regional transit options













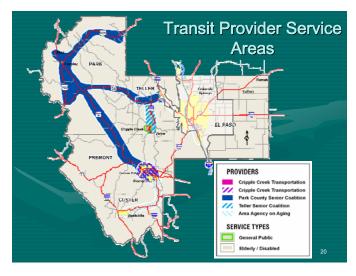






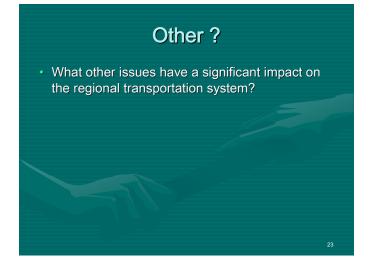


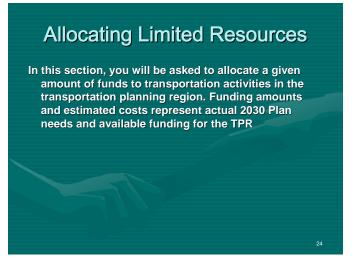


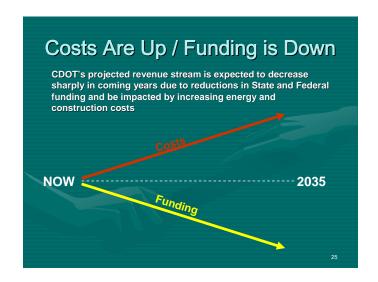


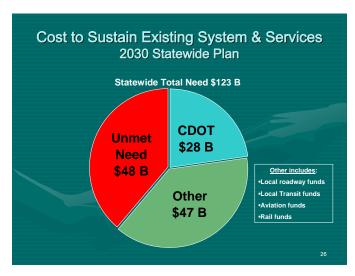












System Performance 2030 Statewide Plan Performance Level Sustaining Level \$123 B Performance Level Current Investment Category \$75 B Pavement 32% Good/Fair Bridge 80% Good/Fair Maintenance B - Scale of A to F F - Scale of A to F Congestion 10% - Congested Miles 25% - Congested Miles 1.47+ - Fatalities/MVMT Safety * Million Vehicle Miles Traveled

Central Front Range - Background

- 488 miles of state highway 40% are in Poor condition
- 4,577 miles of local roads
- 10 bridges need replacement (on-system)
- 10 local transit agencies providing human services transportation
- · Limited intercity bus
- Limited rail freight service
- 4 General Aviation Airports (2 Public/2 Private)
- No Commercial Service Airport

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Central Front Range - Background

- Population will grow from 100,000 to 232,000
- Jobs are expected to double from 37,000 to 74,000
- Daily VMT will grow from 1.7 million to 3.1 million
- 5% of households have no vehicle available
- 8% of the population is below the poverty level

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Allocating Limited Resources

Here is the problem: The TPR has a total need of \$1.2 B.* You have an estimated 30-year transportation budget of \$300 M for the TPR. Where are your priorities?

• 2030 Plan

Program Area	Needs *	Allocation
Congestion	\$ 506 M	\$?
Safety	\$ 123 M	\$?
Existing System Highway Reconstruction / Bridge Repair / Resurfacing	\$ 480 M	\$?
Alternative Modes	\$ 123 M	\$?
Total	\$1. 2 B	\$300 M

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Costs of Transportation

- Today it costs about:
 - \$2.5 M to reconstruct a mile of two-lane highway with shoulders
 - 20 miles = \$50 M (30 yrs)
 - \$650,000 to maintain a mile of highway in Good Surface Condition
 - 25 miles = \$50 M (30 yrs)
 - \$150,000 to purchase a bus plus \$100,000 annually to maintain and operate
 - 4 Buses = \$12.5 M (30 yrs)

Allocation Exercise

- Place your "TransBucks" on the issues and areas of your greatest concerns
- More than one sticker may be placed at a location
- Maps
 - Congestion
 - Safety
 - Road Surface Condition
 - Transit Service Providers
 - Alternative Modes (Shoulders / Bike / Airports / Railroads)

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Next Steps

- Report to Regional Planning Commission -November
- Determine how emerging issues affect priorities
 Nov March
- Statewide Transportation Forum Jan 16, 07
- Draft Plan / Review May 07
- Final Regional Plan Oct 07
- Final Statewide Plan Jan 08

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Forum Notes

The 2035 Central Front Range Regional Transportation Forum was conducted on September 7, 2006 in Cripple Creek. Eleven people attended from the public along with three representatives from CDOT, one from FHWA, and five consultants.

The meeting format was a presentation along with interactive voting on questions embedded within the presentation. Refreshments were also provided. CDOT recently acquired electronic polling equipment that allowed the consultant to ask attendees to vote on several questions pertaining to the issues and trends of the Central Front Range Transportation Planning Region (CFRTPR). Five boards were also on display showing the 2035 estimated traffic congestion, alternative modes of transportation, transit, state highway surface conditions, and safety information.

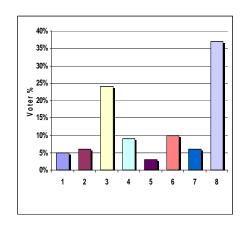
The presentation began with a welcome from CDOT representative Kathy Engleson and attendees introducing themselves. Kathy then explained that the purpose of the meeting was to solicit information from attendees regarding their issues and concerns along with priorities for transportation in the CFRTPR. A map of the CFRTPR was presented and a description of the TPRs throughout Colorado. Kathy then provided an overview of the forum agenda. Kathy wrapped up her presentation explaining that the update process is in response to future funding scenarios (which are expected to be substantially limited), focus on regional trends, develop a near term implementation strategy and meet federal requirements for the 2009 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

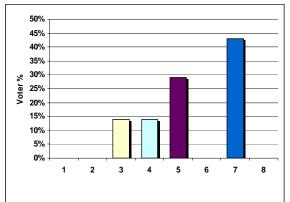
Next, audience electronic polling devices were distributed with a description of their use. A test question was asked to familiarize attendees with the polling technology. This section of the program revisited some of the results of the CDOT Statewide Telephone Survey, conducted in January 2006. Attendees were asked to select responses to survey questions that were then compared to the responses of the original phone survey. Because attendees were not a randomly selected sample of respondents, it was explained that the results of the questions at the Forum, while not statistically valid for the larger population, would be taken into consideration during the planning process.

The first round of polling included three questions repeated from the telephone survey.

What is the most important problem or issue facing the state of Colorado?

- 1. Budget/taxes
- 2. Economy
- 3. Education
- 4. Growth
- 5. Illegal Immigration
- 6. Transportation
- 7. Water
- 8. Other



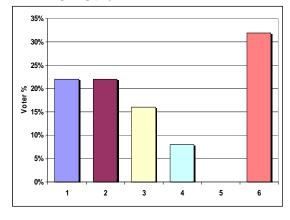


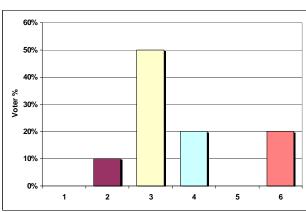
Phone Survey Results

Forum Audience Results

Which of these is the most important transportation problem facing Colorado?

- 1. Traffic congestion
- 2. Public transportation
- 3. Road maintenance and repair
- 4. Fuel costs
- 5. Construction delays
- 6. Other



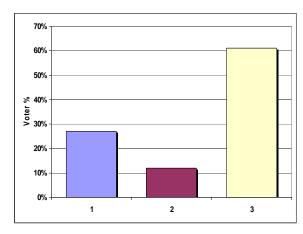


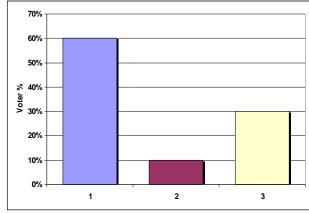
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Which of these transportation needs should get the highest priority?

- 1. Maintain and repair the transportation system
- 2. Improve safety
- 3. Provide travel options that relieve congestion





Phone Survey Results

Forum Audience Results

Next an overview of the 2030 Plan and existing conditions of the CFRTPR was presented including:

- 2030 Plan corridor priorities
- Accomplishments in the TPR major CDOT projects completed or underway between 2005 and 2009.
- Population growth estimates for 2035
- Estimated congestion for 2035
- Existing significant truck traffic
- Roadway surface condition good, fair, poor
- Safety accidents per mile
- Shoulder width (bicycle accommodations)
- Bridge condition sufficiency rating of 50 or less

Kyle Kosman of LSC, (transit consultant) then provided an overview of transit provider service for the TPR. He described SAFETEA-LU changes that will now require human service providers and transit providers to coordinate within this planning process to be eligible for funding.

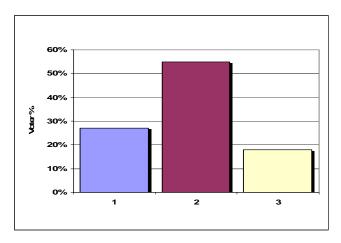
The polling of attendees about their perceptions of trends and issues within the TPR was then continued. Comments and other discussion raised during this phase of the polling process are listed under the questions associated with specific issues, followed by the polling results.

Should US 24/SH 9 corridor serve as a reliever or alternate route for I-70?

- 1. Yes, it should be encouraged
- 2. No, it should not
- 3. Not a major issue

Audience Discussion:

- General feedback indicated that this route already serves as an alternate route for I-70, especially during weather or congestion problems on I-70.
- Hoosier Pass is very narrow and curves are extremely sharp. It would take major (and unwanted) work on the pass to accommodate additional traffic.



Forum Audience Results

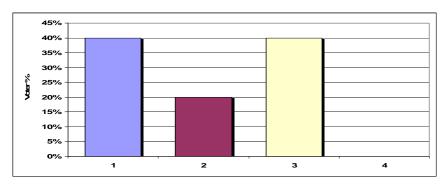
What improvements, if any, are needed to support growing residential and commercial areas east of Canon City on US50?

- 1. Additional lanes
- 2. Intersection improvements (signals/turn lanes)
- 3. Transit
- 4. Current conditions are adequate

Audience Discussion:

- Canon City already has A LOT of signals, these signals need to be synchronized.
- There is a GREAT need to synchronize lights on US 50 in Canon City. Businesses should support this issue with funding; it would improve business access.
- US 50 through Canon City is congested and needs additional lanes.
- Better funded transit services could reduce congestion (less people in cars, more people on bus).
- Transit needs to serve seniors more, although Golden Age Center does support some of the elderly.

 A bypass has been considered in the past. Even if a bypass were feasible, the county would not support it.



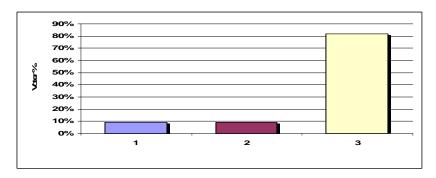
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Should safety issues or resurfacing be a priority on US50 between Canon City and Salida?

- 1. Safety
- 2. Resurfacing
- 3. Both equally important

Audience Discussion:

Most everyone agreed that safety and resurfacing were both equally important.



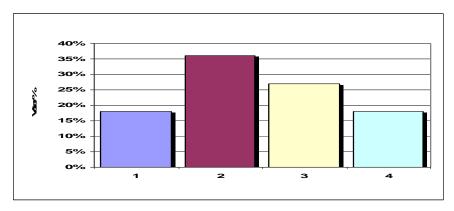
Forum Audience Results

Significant commercial and residential development is occurring on US 24 west of Woodland Park. What type, if any, of improvements are needed?

- 1. More turn lanes
- 2. Better access control
- 3. Intersection improvements
- 4. Other

Audience Discussion:

- Most of the audience indicated that 'ALL OF THE ABOVE' was the appropriate answer to this question, stating that more turn lanes, better access control and intersection improvements were ALL important.
- The need for more conservative, controlled access to the highway was also expressed.
- Stricter access control may put more of a burden on County Roads.



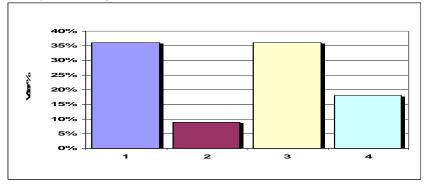
Forum Audience Results

State Highway 67 from Divide to Cripple Creek carries a variety of commuting, commercial, tourist and other recreational traffic. Where should the focus for improvements be over the short term?

- 1. Safety
- 2. Resurfacing
- 3. Capacity
- 4. Transit

Audience Discussion:

 Most agreed that major mobility improvements in this area would be very expensive, both safety and congestion must be addressed.



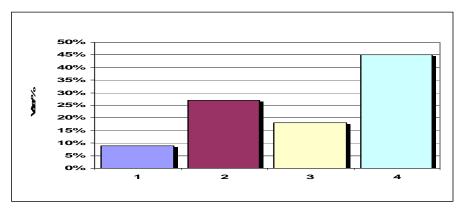
Forum Audience Results

Military expansion at Fort Carson and other El Paso County bases may bring in an additional 30,000 people counting troops, families and support services. How should transportation for this growth be addressed?

- 1. Just manage the existing system
- 2. Add lanes to congested roads
- 3. Add passing lanes in unsafe sections
- 4. Increase transit in combination with other minor improvements to existing roads

Audience Discussion:

- Fort Carson is now a regional training area for the National Guard.
- Main congestion is along SH 115, Academy Blvd., and SH 87 in the urban area of Colorado Springs.
- Majority in favor of increasing transit options in combination with other minor improvements to existing roads.
- Fort Carson could also help with the congestion by managing peak hour demand changing or adding more lunch times, implementing different shift start and end times for different people.



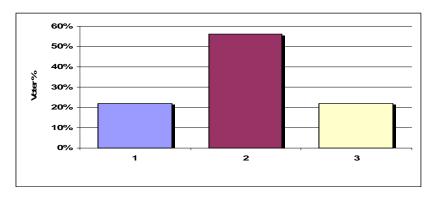
Forum Audience Results

Additional widening and passing lanes on SH 96 east in Custer County would be very expensive due to the mountainous terrain. What priority would you give this?

- 1. High
- 2. Medium
- 3. Low

Audience Discussion:

- SH 96 is a significant route to Pueblo for regional services.
- SH 96 has many tourism and agricultural uses.
- This corridor was characterized as a medium priority in context with other needs.



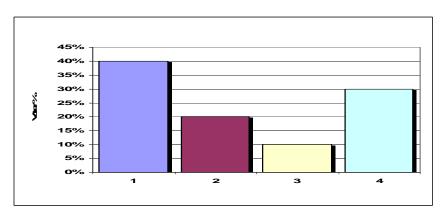
Forum Audience Results

Rapid growth is occurring in northern Park County, with increased commuting into the Denver metro area. How should this increased demand be addressed?

- 1. New lanes to US285
- 2. Climbing lanes in unsafe sections to US 285
- 3. Safety improvements
- 4. Public transit service

Audience Discussion:

- The area around Bailey is very congested.
- Majority indicated new lanes needed on US 285, Park County supports.
- Other suggestions included more car pools, more transit service for the area.
- Major improvements are dependent on the on-going Environmental Assessment.



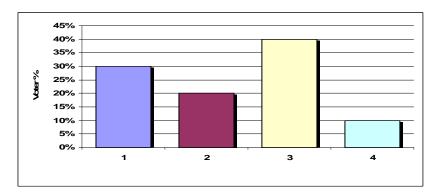
Forum Audience Results

There are gaps in local and/or regional public transportation. Where should the focus be in the near term?

- 1. Elderly/disabled to get to medical, shopping, work
- 2. Regional transit service to Colorado Springs, Denver, Pueblo
- 3. Local transit for general public
- 4. Keep at current level

Audience Discussion:

 Majority indicated that more local transit for general public should be the focus, followed by a focus on the elderly/disabled populations.



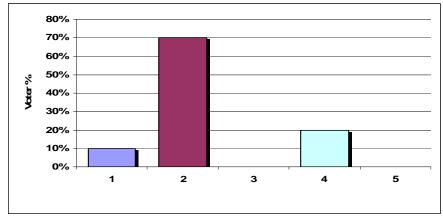
Forum Audience Results

What is the most important regional transportation issue?

- 1. Traffic congestion
- 2. Road maintenance and repair
- 3. Safety
- 4. Public transportation
- 5. Other

Audience Discussion:

• Road maintenance and repair was the most important regional transportation issue.



Forum Audience Results

Transportation Funding

An overview of the 2030 Statewide Plan was presented along with the associated funding shortfalls. Needs identified for the TPR were estimated in the 2030 plan to be about \$1.2 billion while it was estimated that approximately \$300 million might be available to address those needs. Updated funding projections for 2035 will be available by the end of the year, but are expected to be less than expected in the previous plan.

In order to get a better idea of the audience's preferences for future expenditures, an allocation exercise was conducted in which attendees were provided \$300 million in "TransBucks" to distribute among their priorities as represented on five maps displayed throughout the room. Available options included: Safety, Alternative Modes of Transportation (Shoulders, Airports, Railroads), Roadway Surface Condition, Transit Provider Service Areas, Congestion.

Allocation Exercise Results - (\$300 M total available in \$50 M denominations)

- Surface Condition 22%
- Transit 20%
- Alternative Modes 6%
- Safety 20%
- Congestion 32%



Interestingly, this allocation exercise seems to conflict with the previous question in which maintenance and repair were polled as having the higher priority as compared to Congestion (32%) in this exercise. This may be attributed to a perceived mismatch in the costs of maintenance as compared to capacity construction, or possibly to differing opinions as to viable solutions or options to solve congestion issues. Unfortunately, this question was not resolved at this meeting.

Finally, the following question was asked in an effort to stimulate more discussion about the perceived or actual shortfall of funds for transportation:

What do you want to do about the funding gap?

- 1. Prioritize transportation improvements with existing revenue
- Pursue additional funds.

Audience Discussion:

While the majority desire to pursue additional funds, some other funding ideas were presented, including:

- Access lotto or lottery money
- Access gaming funds; remove or raise gambling limits
- New developments should pay a transportation impact fee where the fee increases by sq. ft of development
- Develop Regional Transportation Authorities,
- Additional motor vehicle fees
- Tourism tax

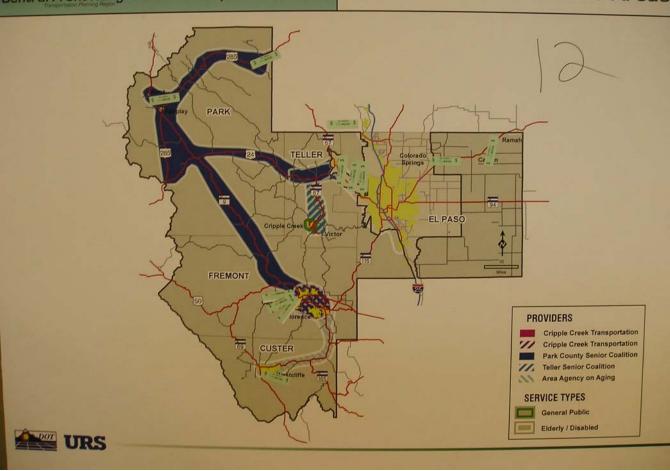
Only hand vote was taken: 30% voted to Prioritize transportation improvements with existing revenue; 70% voted to seek additional funds. Some of the other additional funds voiced by the audience were: Lotto funds; gaming funds; to increase motor vehicle fee and tourism tax; dedicated sales tax to transportation.

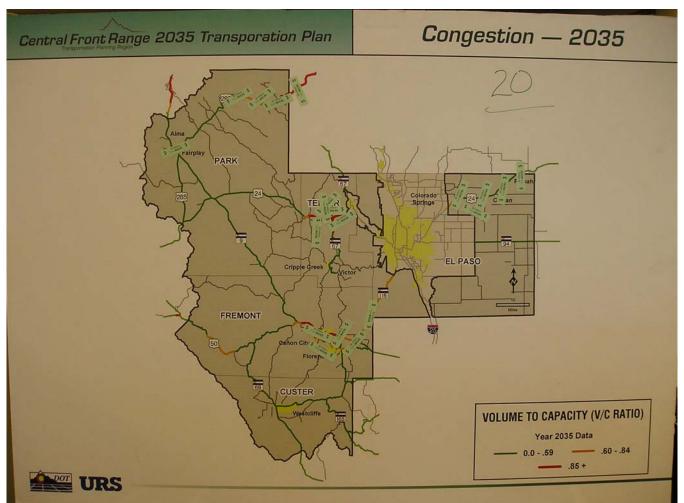
Other Issues Discussed

- Better drainage is needed on roadways
- Weather has a significant impact on transportation in this region
- Some of the rural areas need \$\$, such as Park County
- Traffic is getting heavier, we are not taking care of connecting roads onto main roads
- Every county road intersection should have deceleration/acceleration lanes
- Front Range Tool Road do not want private roads that need state/local bailout
- Park County needs newer vehicles for senior services
- Would like to see developers pay for additional lanes to avoid congestion

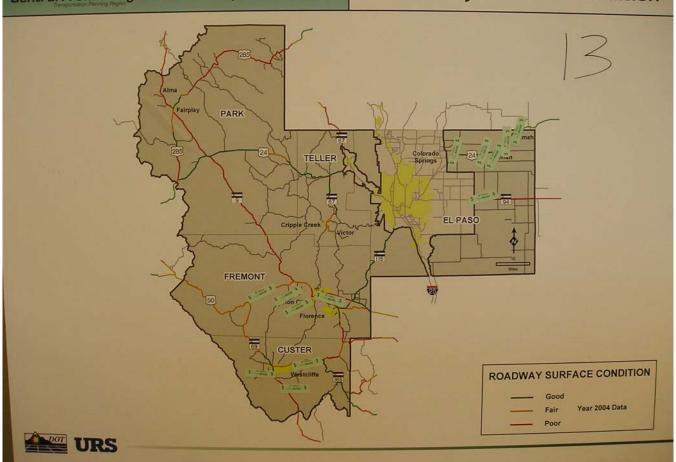
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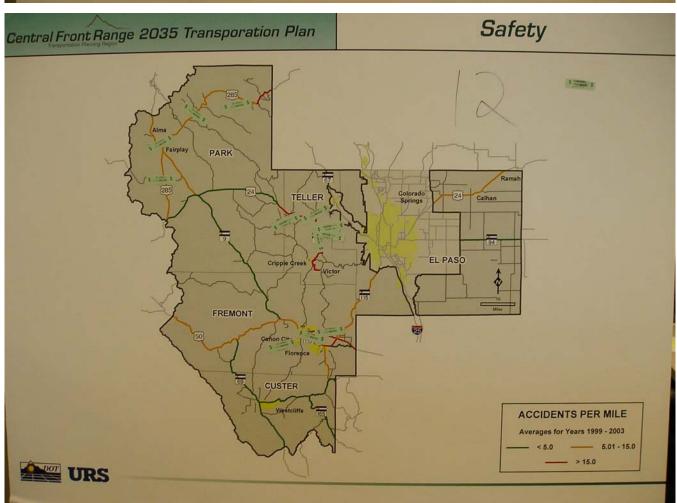
Transit Providers Service Areas





Roadway Surface Condition





Alternative Modes
Shoulders, Airports, Railroads

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Prioritization Meetings

Purpose

The Prioritization Meeting was used to help assign priorities to corridors in the TPR. This input was used by the RPC to help determine what changes to the previous (2030) Plan were necessary. A follow-up meeting was scheduled to prioritize needs for the plan update within the context of available funding. The primary purposes of the meeting included:

- Review of 2030 priorities
- Assigned Primary Investment Category
- Prioritize corridor needs
- Assigned percentage of RPP funds to each corridor
- Prioritize Transit Projects
- Prioritize Aviation Projects

Schedule

TPR	Date	Location	Address	Time
Central Front Range	Feb. 28	Cripple Creek	Centennial Building Commissioners' Meeting Rm 112 North "A" Street	10 a.m12 p.m.

Outcome

The Prioritization Meeting was held in Cripple Creek on February 28, 2007. The primary purpose of this meeting was to examine recommended changes to Corridor Visions and the 2035 Vision Plan (primary components of Technical Report 2 – Visions and Priorities) as a result of analysis of key issues and emerging trends throughout the region. The RPC examined the recommendations of the 2030 RTP, Pre Forum Meeting Notes, Technical Report 1 – Regional Systems, and Technical Report 2 – Vision, Goals and Strategies to update priorities and identify additional needs.

Draft Statewide/Regional Plan Joint Outreach Meeting

The Draft 2035 Plan was released in July 2007, incorporating input from the public and decisions by the RPC. After a period of review, the draft plan was presented at two Joint Regional/Statewide Outreach meetings. The meetings were held jointly with CDOT to enable joint review of the draft Statewide Plan at the same time. This approach was useful so that attendees could see the regional plan in context with other regions and the state as a whole. Comments received at that meeting have been incorporated as appropriate in the final plan prior to its adoption by the RPC.

The first meeting was held in Fairplay on October 16, 2007. Primary issues brought up by the public included:

- Growth, development and traffic along the US 285 corridor in Park County.
- The need to recognize US 24, SH 9 and US 285 as major access routes to recreation areas in central Colorado which also serve as relievers to the often congested or weather-bound Interstate 70.
- General concern about the lack of funding at all levels for transportation improvements, including support for some sort of funding enhancements as being explored by the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (the Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel commissioned to explore and recommend funding options).

The second meeting was held in Cañon City on October 23 with 22 people in attendance. The presentation was broadcast on local public access TV. Primary issues brought up by the public included:

- The possible future need for a Cañon City Bypass to be included in the Vision Plan as a corridor study.
- The need for bridge replacements on SH 120, east of Florence.
- General consensus that US 50 is, and should be, of the highest priority for major improvements due to its truck volumes and interregional connectivity.
- A long-standing need to improve the intersection of SH 69 and SH 96 in Westcliffe.
 The intersection is off-set and difficult for trucks to maneuver.
- The need for a general public transit provider in the Cañon City/Fremont County area still exists. It is hoped that an agency will be able to undertake a program of this sort in the near future.

Invitation



2035 Draft Statewide and Regional Transportation Plans Joint Public Outreach Open House

The Central Front Range Regional Planning Commission is hosting two meetings to present the regional and statewide transportation plans and receive comments. Your input is valued.

 Date:
 October 16th, 2007
 Date:
 October 23rd, 2007

 Place:
 Commissioners Meeting Rm.
 Place:
 Cañon City City Hall

 501 Main Street
 128 Main Street

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Web: http://www.dot.state.co.us/StateWidePlanning/PlansStudies/StatewidePlanning.asp

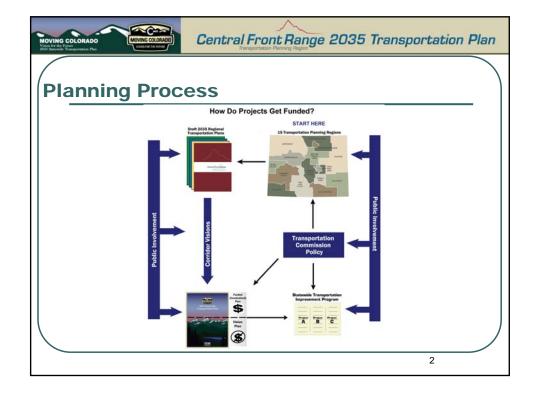
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Presentation







Central Front Range 2035 Transportation Plan

2035 Plan Components

- Key Issues & Emerging Trends
- Vision Plan
 - Corridor Visions
 - Environmental Plans, Resources, Mitigation
- Funded (Constrained) Plan
- Midterm Implementation Strategies

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Central Front Range 2035 Transportation Plan

Public Participation

200

- **Participants**
- Decision Makers: Such as Colorado Transportation Commission, State and Local Elected Officials, and Indian Tribal Governments
- The Public: All citizens of Colorado have an opportunity to review and comment on draft plans
- Stakeholders: Such as transportation providers, private sector interests, advocacy groups and the public interested in transportation

Input

- Provided input to the Transportation Commission Policy, Revenue Projections, and Resource Allocation
- Considered during the development of both Regional and Statewide Transportation Plans

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Central Front Range 2035 Transportation Plan

Public Participation





Outreach Activities

Customer Survey on Transportation Issues

Regional Transportation Forums on Key Issues and Concerns

Statewide Transportation Forum on Tough Choices to Stretch Transportation Dollars or Reduce Services

Environmental Forum to Identify Significant Environmental and Planning Concerns

Security Workshop to Discuss Issues with Agencies Involved in Operational Security Activities

Transportation Commission and Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee* Meetings on Transportation Issues

Joint Public Meetings on Regional and Statewide Transportation Plans to be Held at All Planning Regions

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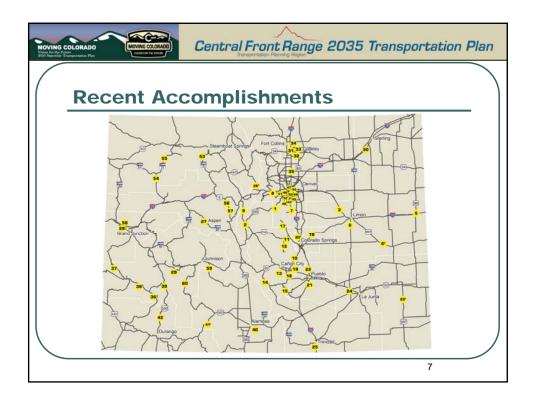


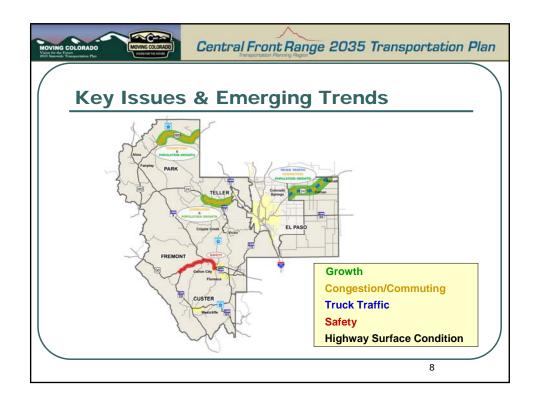
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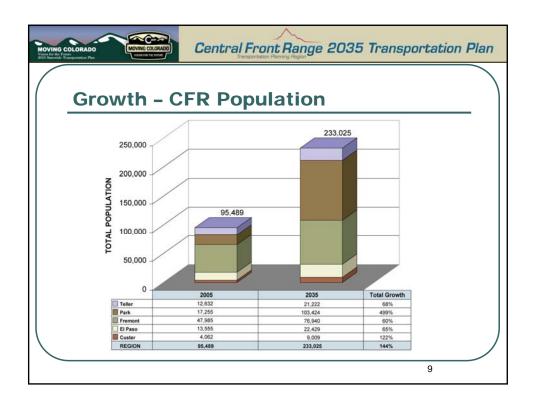
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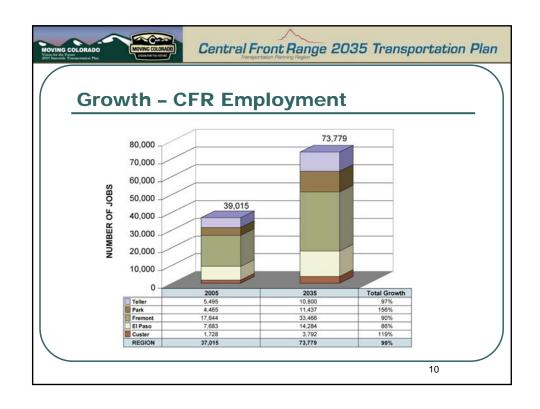
- Aug 20 Draft Regional Plan Released
- Sept 20 Draft Statewide Plan Released
- Nov 16 Comments on Regional Plan Due
- Jan 4 Comments on Statewide Plan Due
- January Regional Plan Adoption
- February Statewide Plan Adoption

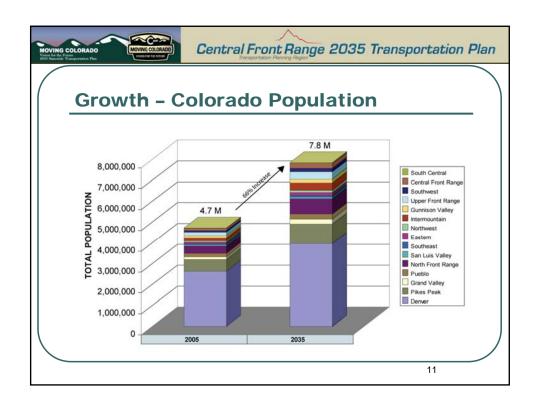


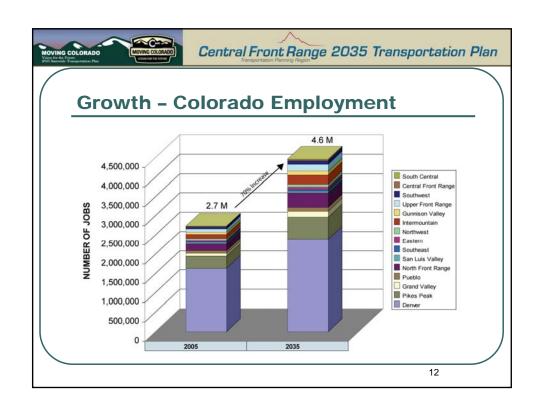


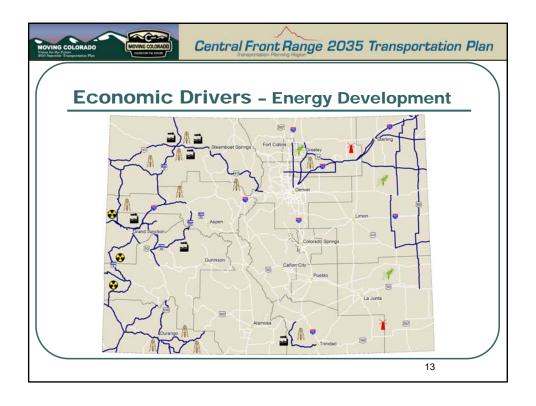


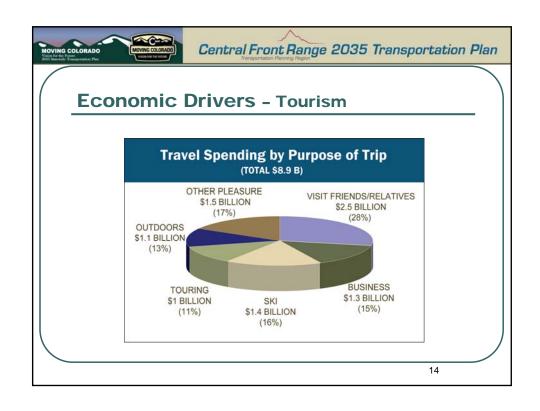


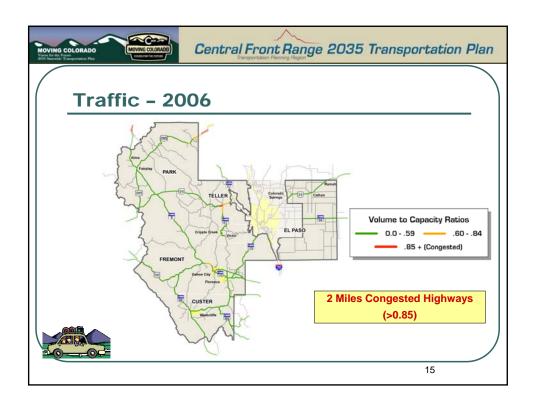


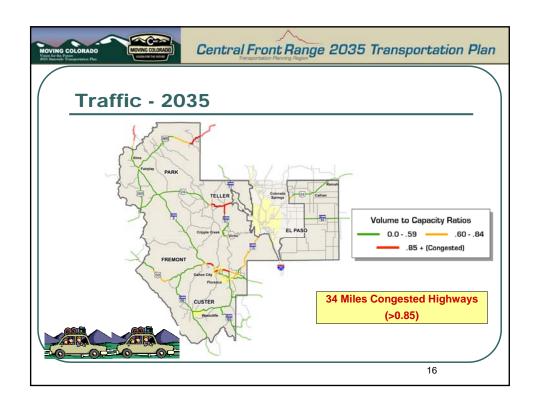


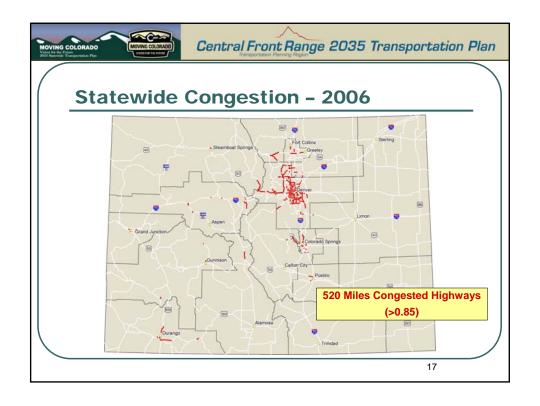


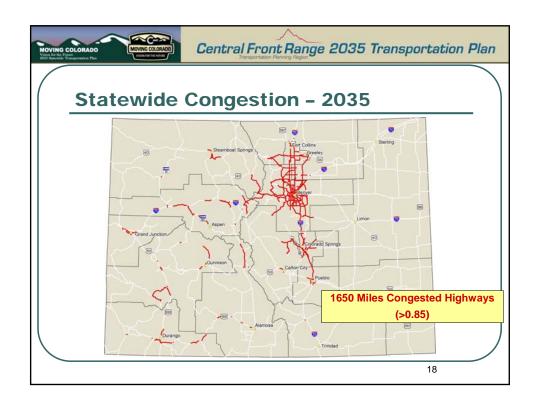


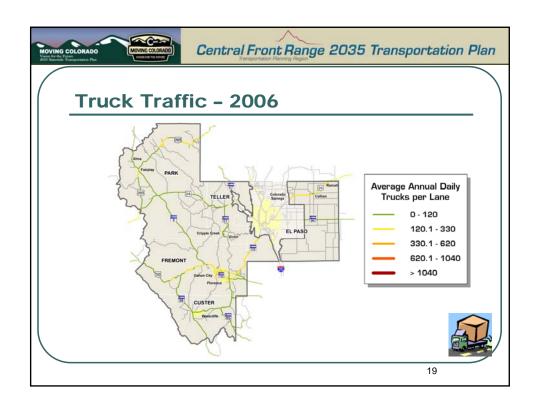


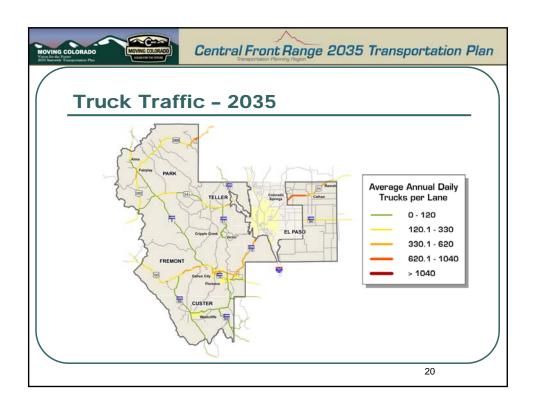


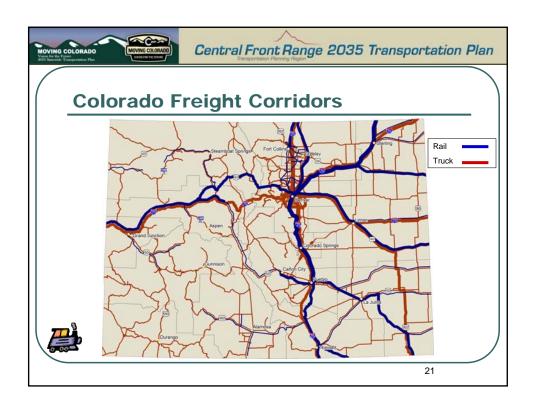


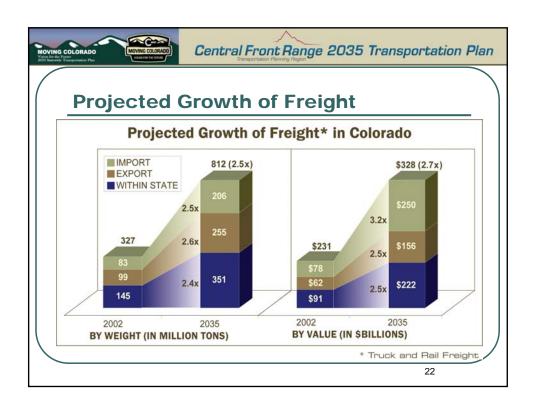






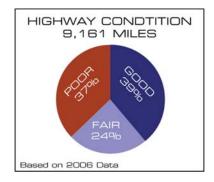


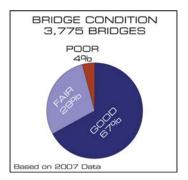






Current Service Conditions - Statewide





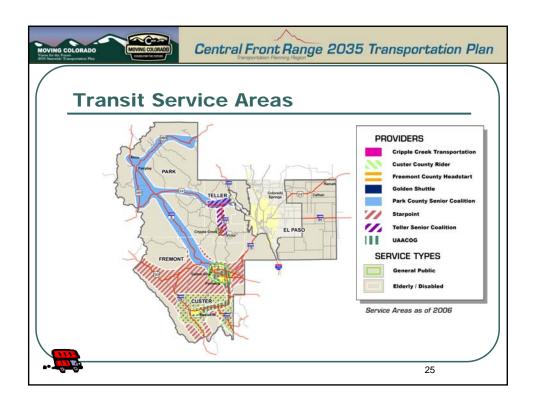


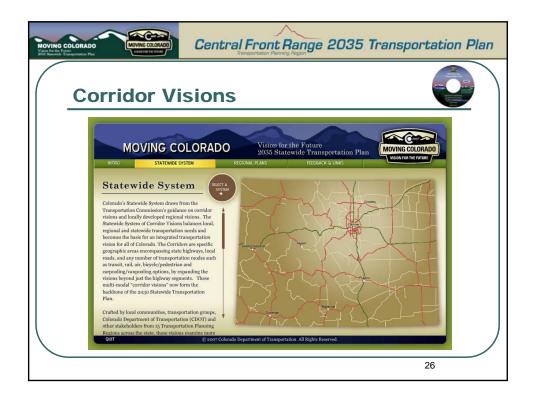
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Transit Service Providers

Provider	Type Service	Fleet (2006)	Annual Ridership (2006)	Annual Budget (2006)
Cripple Creek Transportation	Demand-Response Fixed Route (Trolley)	3 vans, 1 trolley	47,000	\$185,000
Wet Mtn. Valley Community Service Corp.	Demand-Response	Demand-Response	1,520	\$9,475
Fremont County Headstart	Fixed-Route (Program-Related)	5 small buses	61,000	\$132,000
Golden Shuttle	Demand-Response	2 vans	Unavailable	Unavailable
Park County Senior Coalition	Demand-Response	4 vans, 2 are wheelchair lift-equipped	1,800	\$106,000
Starpoint	Demand-Response	32 vehicles	Unavailable	\$250,000
Teller Senior Coalition	Demand-Response	1 small bus and 2 passenger cars	49,000	\$64,000
UAACOG	Paratransit (Contracted)	None	Unavailable	\$12,000

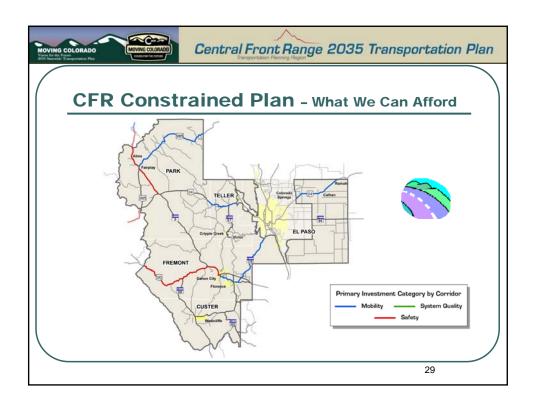
Fixed Route - Service provided along a designated route on set schedule
Paretransit - Any form of transit other than fixed route service
Demand-Response - A paretransit service in response to specific request; typically curb-to-curb.

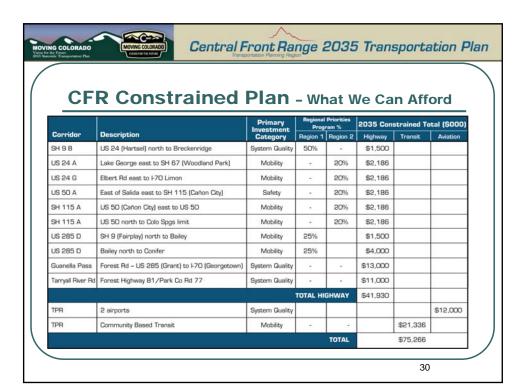


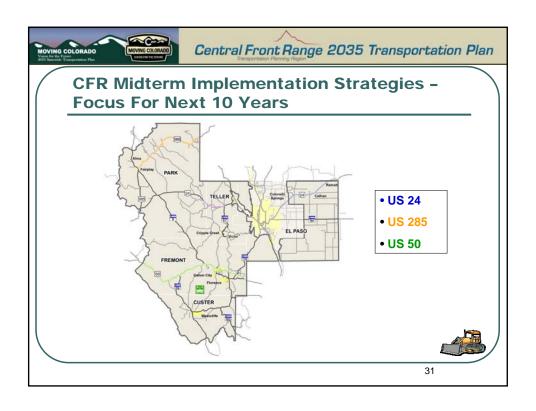


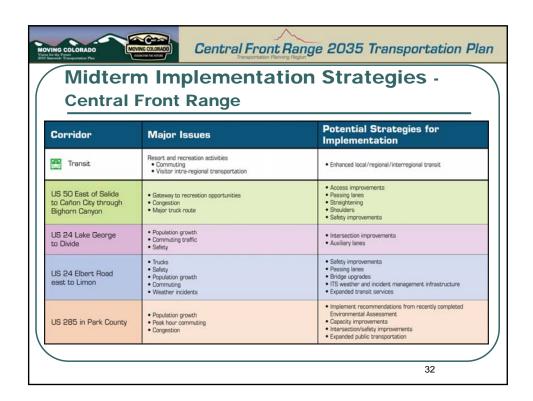


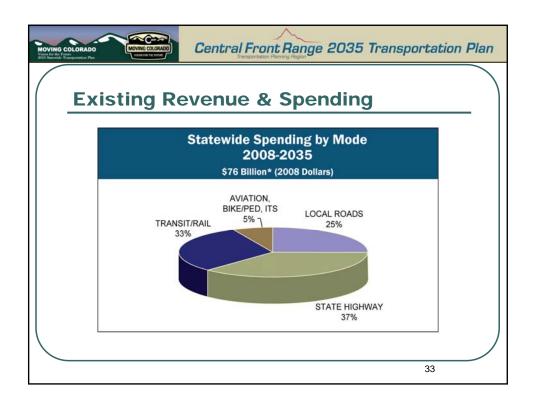


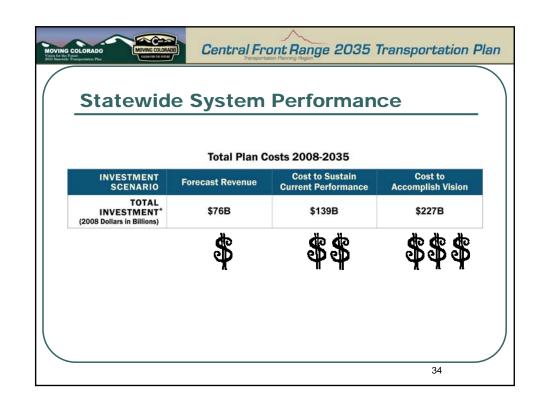


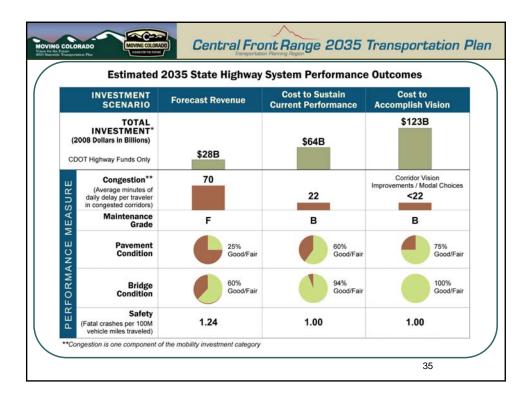


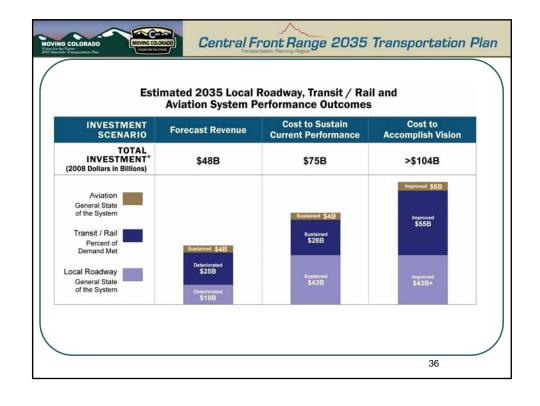


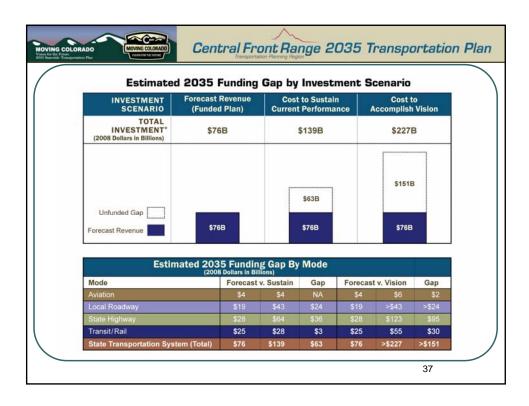


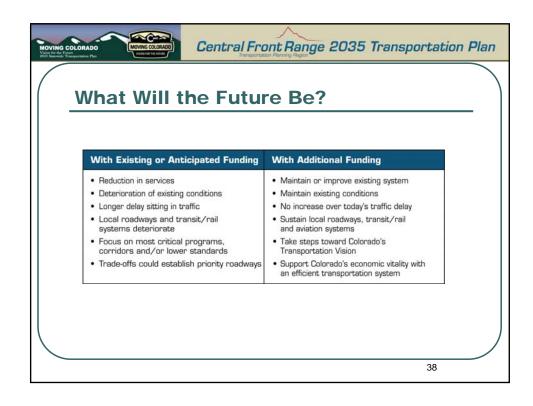














Current Revenue Projections \$76 Billion

- General decline in all performance measures
 - Travel Delay
 - Congestion
 - Highway Surface Condition
 - Bridge Condition
 - Overall Maintenance
 - Transit Service

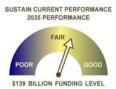


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Sustain Current Performance \$139 Billion

 Maintains current levels of performance, even with projected growth in population and travel demand

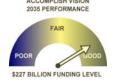




Accomplish the Vision

\$227 Billion

- Implements priorities in Vision Plan
 - Improved maintenance levels
 - Shoulders
 - Intersection improvements
 - Adding capacity to highways
 - Better transit service



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Questions and Discussion

- Comment forms on table
 - Regional Plan by Nov 16
 - Statewide Plan by Jan 4
- 2035 Plan on Interactive CD
- RPC to Adopt Regional Plan by Jan. 31
- Email: 2035TransportationPlan@urscorp.com
- Statewide & Regional Plan online:

http://www.dot.state.co.us/StateWidePlanning/PlansStudies/2035Plan.asp

Public Comments

Written public comments were received encouraging inclusion of the following issues into the CFR Regional Transportation Plan:

- SH96/SH69 intersection
- SH69 offset in Westcliffe
- SH115 between Florence and Canon City
- future transit funding in Fremont County

Response letters were sent to each commenter that directed them to the specific section of the RTP where each of these issues is indeed addressed.