

South Central Colorado What's Important to YOU?

Please select your county: Huerfano Las Animas

The Colorado Department of Transportation wants to know what's important to you.



Please complete this survey before December 15, 2013, fold, and mail it back to the address printed at the bottom of the survey or you can take the survey at www.coloradotransportationmatters.com.
Watch for results on that website.

Your input is important – it will help shape the Statewide Transportation Plan.

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1. Why is transportation important to you?

Place an X in the box beside your top two:

- Moves people and goods safely
- Supports existing businesses
- Helps economic development
- Gets me to work and/or vital services
- Helps me live my life the way I want

2. What issues matter most to you in the South Central?

Select your top two:

- Reducing truck traffic
- Improving roadway pavement condition
- Reducing congestion
- Increasing bike/pedestrian options
- Increasing transit options
- Improving economic development
- Increasing bridge safety
- Other (please specify) _____

3. What do you feel makes the South Central region unique?

Select your top three:

- Urban amenities
- Rural living with nearby city amenities
- Innovation and creativity
- Agriculture
- Freight/shipping industry
- Sense of community
- Tourism
- Energy industry
- Economic base
- Water access/supply
- Other(s) (please specify) _____

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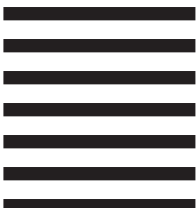
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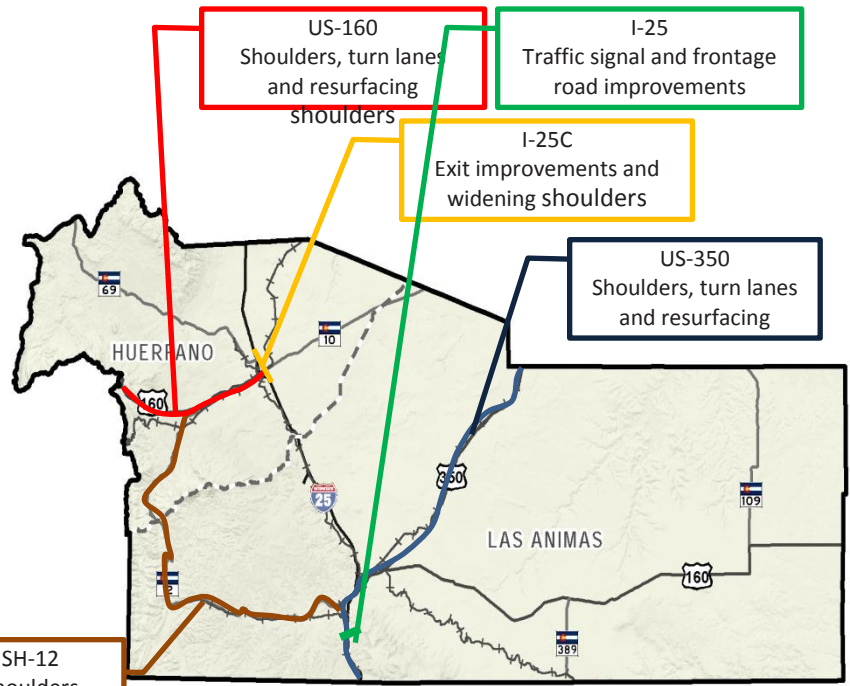
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4. In your opinion, do these represent your priorities within the South Central TPR? Please circle one.

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Strongly Disagree Somewhat Disagree Neutral Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree

4a. If you disagree, why? (Please explain) _____

5. Are there additional regional priorities on state highways that should be included? If so, which ones?

6. Are there regional priorities above that should be removed? If so, which ones?

7. Are there other regional priorities, transportation concerns or issues you would like to share as we move forward in the transportation planning process (e.g., transit, bike & pedestrian improvements, safety or other)?

8. In light of today's limited funds for transportation, what should be the focus of CDOT's efforts? (choose 2)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain the existing transportation system | <input type="checkbox"/> Make safety improvements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Offer more choices for travel (transit, bike/pedestrians) | <input type="checkbox"/> Add shoulders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expand highways by adding lanes | <input type="checkbox"/> Manage congestion through managed lanes |

Thank you for taking time to complete this survey!

Región Sur Central de Colorado

¿Qué es lo más importante para USTED?



Seleccione su Condado: Huerfano Las Animas

El Departamento de Transporte de Colorado desea saber qué es lo más importante para usted.



Favor de completar esta encuesta antes del 15 de diciembre del 2013, doble el papel y envíelo por correo a la dirección impresa en la parte inferior de ésta o puede completarla en el www.coloradotransportationmatters.com.
Esté pendiente de los resultados en el Sitio Web.

Su opinión es importante – Nos ayudará a determinar el Plan de Transporte a Nivel Estatal.

Primer doblado

1. ¿Por qué es importante para usted el transporte?

Escriba una X en la casilla de dos principales opciones:

- Que transporte a las personas y mercancías sin peligro
- Que respalden a las empresas existentes
- Que contribuyan al desarrollo económico
- Que me lleve al trabajo y/o a servicios vitales
- Que me ayude a vivir mi vida como yo quiero

2. ¿Qué temas le son más relevantes en la Región Sur Central?

Seleccione dos principales opciones:

- Reducir el tráfico de camiones
- Mejorar las condiciones de pavimentación vial
- Reducir el congestionamiento
- Incrementar opciones para ciclistas/peatones
- Incrementar opciones de transporte
- Mejorar el desarrollo económico
- Aumentar la seguridad de puentes
- Otro (favor de especificar) _____

3. ¿Qué cree usted lo hace especial a la Región Sur Central?

Seleccione tres principales opciones:

- Comodidades urbanas
- Vida rural con comodidades de la ciudad cercana
- Innovación y creatividad
- Agricultura
- Sector de flete/envíos
- Sentido de comunidad
- Turismo
- Sector de Energía
- Base económica
- Acceso/suministro de agua
- Otro(s) (favor de especificar) _____

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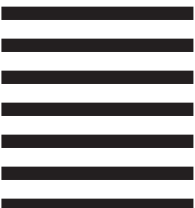
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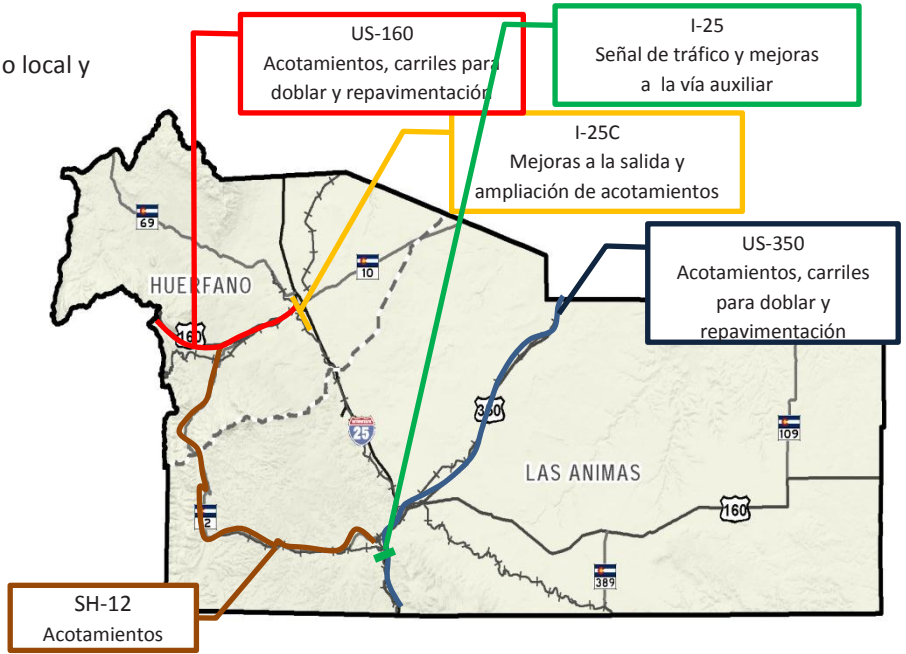
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Priorizando Posibles Inversiones

Los esfuerzos iniciales de planificación del condado local y líderes municipales en coordinación con el personal de CDOT de la Región de Planificación de Transporte (TPR abreviación en inglés) de la Región Sur Central han identificado las posibles prioridades de inversión en caso de haber fondos limitados adicionales disponibles.

- US-350 – Ubicación por determinar, añadir acotamientos y repavimentación
- US-160 – Del lado este de Trinidad, al lado oeste de Walsenburg, añadir acotamientos y repavimentación, añadir carriles para doblar
- SH-12 – Ubicación por determinar, añadir acotamientos y atenuantes para caída de rocas
- I-25 Salida 11, nueva señal de tráfico, reconstruir parte de la vía auxiliar
- I-25 C – Ruta Comercial 1-25C del puente a Walsenburg /Salida 52, mejoras a la salida y ampliación de acotamientos



4. A su criterio, ¿son estas sus prioridades dentro de la TPR de la Región Sur Central? Cierre con un círculo una respuesta.

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4a. Si está en desacuerdo, ¿por qué? (Favor de explicar) _____

5. ¿Hay otras prioridades regionales en las autopistas del estado que deben incluirse? Si es así, ¿cuáles son?

6. ¿Hay algunas prioridades regionales que mencionamos anteriormente que deben eliminarse? Si es así, ¿cuáles son?

7. ¿Cree que hay otras prioridades regionales, preocupaciones o problemas de transporte que quisiera compartir mientras avanza el proceso de planificación de transporte (p. ej., tránsito, mejoras para ciclistas/peatones, seguridad u otro)?

8. Considerando los fondos limitados actuales para transporte, ¿cuál debería ser la prioridad para el CDOT? (elija 2)
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mantener el sistema de transporte existente | <input type="checkbox"/> Realizar mejoras de seguridad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ofrecer más opciones de viaje (transporte público, ciclistas/peatones) | <input type="checkbox"/> Añadir acotamientos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ampliar las carreteras añadiendo carriles | <input type="checkbox"/> Controlar el congestionamiento mediante carriles administrados |

¡Gracias por llenar esta encuesta!

Colorado Regional Survey Results (November 18 to December 31, 2013)

Region: TPR 7, South Central
Total Surveys received: 61

Why is transportation important to you? (select top two)

Selected Response	Number	Percent
Helps economic development	36	59%
Moves people and goods safely	26	43%
Gets me to work and/or vital services	23	38%
Supports existing businesses	17	28%
Helps me live my life the way I want	11	18%

Percentages add to more than 100% as more than one response allowed.

What issues matter most to you? (select top two)

Selected Response	Number	Percent
Improving economic development	43	70%
Improving roadway pavement condition	24	39%
Increasing transit options	22	36%
Increasing bike/pedestrian options	14	23%
Increasing bridge safety	6	10%
Other (please specify)	4	7%
Reducing congestion	3	5%
Reducing truck traffic	1	2%

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In light of today's limited funds for transportation, what should be the focus of CDOT's efforts? (select top two)

Selected Response	Number	Percent
Maintain the existing transportation system	35	59%
Make safety improvements	31	53%
Offer more choices for travel (transit, bike/ped)	20	34%
Add shoulders	11	19%
Expand highways by adding lanes	4	7%
Manage congestion through managed lanes	4	7%

What do you feel makes your region unique? (select top three)

Selected Response	Number	Percent
Rural living with nearby city amenities	45	75%
Sense of community	32	53%
Tourism	21	35%
Agriculture	18	30%
Innovation and creativity	11	18%
Energy industry	8	13%
Water access/supply	7	12%
Other (please specify)	6	10%
Freight/shipping industry	4	7%
Economic Base	2	3%
Urban amenities	0	0%

Percentages add to more than 100% as more than one response allowed.

In your opinion, do listed projects represent your priorities?

Selected Response	Number	Percent
Somewhat agree	29	50%
Strongly agree	18	31%
Strongly disagree	4	7%
Neutral	4	7%
Somewhat disagree	3	5%

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What issues matter most to you in the South Central TPR? (*Response given was "Other"*)

No.	Responses
1	Preserving Am Track SW Chief line
2	Improving highway safety with plowing and sanding
3	Widening 350 to La Junta
4	Public transportation up and down the I-25 corridor

What do you feel makes the South Central TPR region unique? (*Response given was "Other"*)

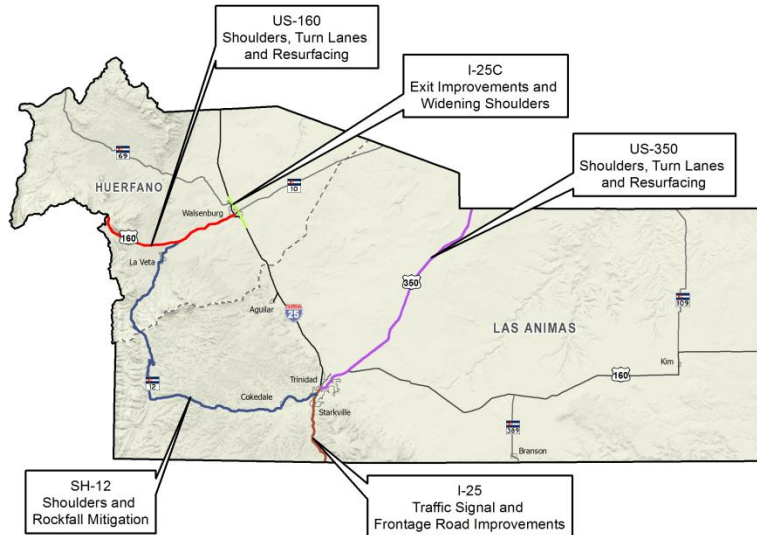
No.	Responses
1	We are off the radar
2	Natural beauty
3	Gate way to Colorado from south, east and west
4	Views
5	Wildlife
6	Cost of living

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In your opinion, do these represent your priorities within the South Central TPR? If you disagree, why? (Please explain)

No.	Responses
1	I 25 from Trinidad to Raton needs rock fall mitigation.
2	Nothing for US Hwy 10? Shoulders on 12 should be #1 for tourism.
3	While all are necessary future improvements, they do not directly improve the economic situation NOW.

Are there additional regional priorities on state highways that should be included? If so, which ones?

No.	Responses
1	Rail line from Trinidad to Denver
2	Sanding I-25 south of Trinidad onto Raton Pass. The only time this area is sanded is after an accident and then it is sanded only near the accident location.
3	Too many accidents at I-25 exit 6 - somehow make that safer or spend the money to sand that area when icy. Hwy 12 sure needs improvements.
4	How about widening Hwy 85/87 going up the hill into Walsenburg...lots of traffic and single side road entries directly into 55 mph traffic.
5	Accl and Decel lanes at exits and entrances to I-25
6	Regional are needed to bring new energy to the communities. A La Veta to Trinidad on highway 12 would add to the offerings we need to attract tourist
7	Add shoulders on Highway 69 as there have been a number of fatalities on that road.
8	Hwy 160 on the west side of Walsenburg (w 7th Street) needs to be more attractive to tourist.
9	12 is very narrow, 69 is still narrow and dangerous.
10	Highway 69 needs widening and shoulder work as a corridor north and south

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No.	Responses
11	More bike paths. Shoulders on Highway 12
12	Solid double lines at entrance to I-25 Hwy at Exit 6 north and south. Many drivers and trucks cross the single solid line w/ merging traffic coming onto the Hwy at that Exit. A serious accident waiting to happen.
13	Safety for pedestrians and bikers on Hwy 85/87 south into city of Walsenburg
14	No
15	Better lights at exits in Aguilar. No lights at exit 34. The old Amato Truck Stop.
16	Hwy 69 safety, guardrails and reflectors
17	Location of intermodal in Walsenburg allowing for bus traffic with routes north and south on I-25
18	No.
19	No

Are there regional priorities above that should be removed? If so, which ones?

No.	Responses
1	Signal at exit 11 is good, not too sure what needs reconstructing with frontage road.
2	I-25C...rather see resurface work done
3	I-25 exit 11 signal
4	Improving traffic and pedestrian opportunities on state highway that bisect city centers.
5	No
6	US-350
7	Not really.
8	No
9	No
10	None
11	No. I like that list.
12	New traffic signals and turn lane are more of a traffic impediment and create unsafe congestion leading to road rage

Are there other regional priorities, transportation concerns or issues you would like to share as we move forward in the transportation planning process (e.g., transit, bike & pedestrian improvements, safety or other)?

No.	Responses
1	Bike & pedestrian improvements desperately needed. Signage north & south on I-25 announcing Colorado Creative District. Getting people off the Interstate is the only way to improve economic development. Mirror on I-25 Exit 13/Main Street. Approaching traffic cannot be seen until you are within the intersection.
2	Make the proper investments and take initiatives to retain the Am Track SW Chief line running on its current track.
3	Widen the radial curve at Exit 30 along I-25.
4	Again exit 6 safety improvements for slick conditions.
5	Tourism is a strong component of our economy and trails, trail improvements and signage would be helpful
6	Bike paths and additional tourism adventures
7	Public transit along the I-25 corridor. Completion of the pedestrian path from town to Lathrop.
8	Bike and pedestrian route from Exit 52 into Walsenburg would be greatly appreciated and dramatically increase safety.
9	Widen 160
10	I-25 south of Exit 11 is poorly maintained in the winter. More attn should be paid to plowing and laying sand in the winter.
11	Certainly there is a need to improve the I-25 - 160 intersection without damaging the downtown.
12	Connecting Light Rail and/or passenger trains from Trinidad to Denver. Not only for convenience to population but the potential to decrease traffic on I-25
13	Bike/ped safety and access
14	Bike and peds should always be given priority
15	Better pedestrian access on North Walsen bridge between LDS church and Farm Bureau Ins. Light at school crossing on Walsen

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No.	Responses
16	I strongly disagree with replacing the Ryus street bridge in La Veta. CDOT's few funds should not be spent on a project with such a low priority or necessity.
17	Bus transportation to Pueblo & Springs.
18	More focus on transit, bike and pedestrian improvements.
19	On I-25 C there needs to be a wider shoulder for pedestrian use in the area between the "hogback" I-25C (Walsen Avenue/Hwy 85/87) north of Maple Street down to the area of 1079 Hwy 85/87. There is some pedestrian traffic in that area from the trailer park as well as residents going to and from recreation/work in the area of 455 Hwy 85/87. There is no safe shoulder for them to walk on, resulting in hazards to both pedestrians and motorists, especially at night. I realize this is not a huge # of people impacted, but it would be prudent to work it into the plans if improving the area, to prevent fatalities. I was told there was a pedestrian fatality there before I lived here.
20	Bike paths connecting areas throughout Huerfano County that are not a part of the Highway or Interstate roadways.
21	Commercial airport
22	Remove all bike lanes until they (bicyclists) start paying their share of the road tax

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Public Input on South Central TPR Priorities – Survey Comments Relating to High Priority Corridors

The identification of High Priority Corridors for the South Central TPR took place over the course of several regional meetings between June of 2013 and January of 2014 as part of the development of the Regional Transportation Plan. A variety of input was considered in the process, including potential project lists, multimodal and economic characteristics, priority level from the 2035 plan, input from the public, and more. During the two most recent TPR meetings, members combined this information with ongoing discussion to select High Priority Corridors for their region. These corridors will receive an additional focus in the Regional Transportation Plan and will help to guide future investment in the transportation system.

Each of these high priority corridors is presented below with a list of public comments, gathered via the South Central TPR transportation survey, that directly relate to the corridor, its character, and its needs. This survey was available between November and December of 2013 and survey participants were asked if they agreed with the list of TPR priority projects (A/B lists developed during summer meetings), wanted any removed from the list, or had any other concerns to add. These comments compiled below are the text responses only. See the attached South Central TPR survey for more details on the survey questions and responses options provided to survey participants.

Also included at the end of this document are general comments made without reference to a specific corridor and grouped loosely by topic. These are meant to provide overall context and indicate respondents' more general priorities for their regional transportation system.

This document is meant as a companion to the regional corridor worksheets used by TPR members to identify their high priority corridors over the course of the two most recent TPR meetings. The information is provided to assist TPR members in assessing how closely their selection of high priority corridors matches the priorities of the public and to provide them with insight into the concerns of their constituents.

In reviewing the South Central TPR survey responses, the comments below are representative of public sentiment around the priorities for a given transportation corridor. Complete survey results for the South Central TPR are available upon request.

SH 12 – US 160 in La Veta to I-25 in Trinidad

- SH 12 is very narrow and needs shoulders.

I-25 – Business Loop in Walsenburg

- Need to improve I-25 / US 160 intersection without damaging the downtown.
- Should locate an intermodal center in Walsenburg for bus routes north and south on I-25.
- Shoulder improvements are necessary to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.

US 160 – Business Loop in Walsenburg

- Need to improve I-25 / US 160 intersection without damaging the downtown.

US 160 – I-25 in Trinidad to Baca County Line

- Widen for safety.

SH 350 – US 160 at Beshoar Junction to Otero County Line

- US 350 is not a priority.

SH 389 – NM State Line to US 160

- *No comments received.*

General Comments (Corridors Unidentified)

- Transit service to Pueblo, Colorado Springs, and Denver would benefit the community.
- Bike paths that are not along the highway but connecting areas throughout Huerfano County.
- Trails, trail improvement, and signage would support tourism.
- Several exits along I-25 (#6, #11, #13, #30, #52) pose safety risks that should be addressed.
- Maintain AMTRAK Southwest Chief service in the region.