

Southeast Colorado

What's Important to YOU?



Please select your county: Baca Bent Crowley Kiowa Otero Prowers

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 Southeast?

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 Southeast 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) _____



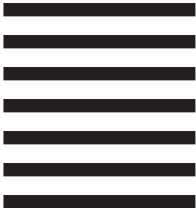
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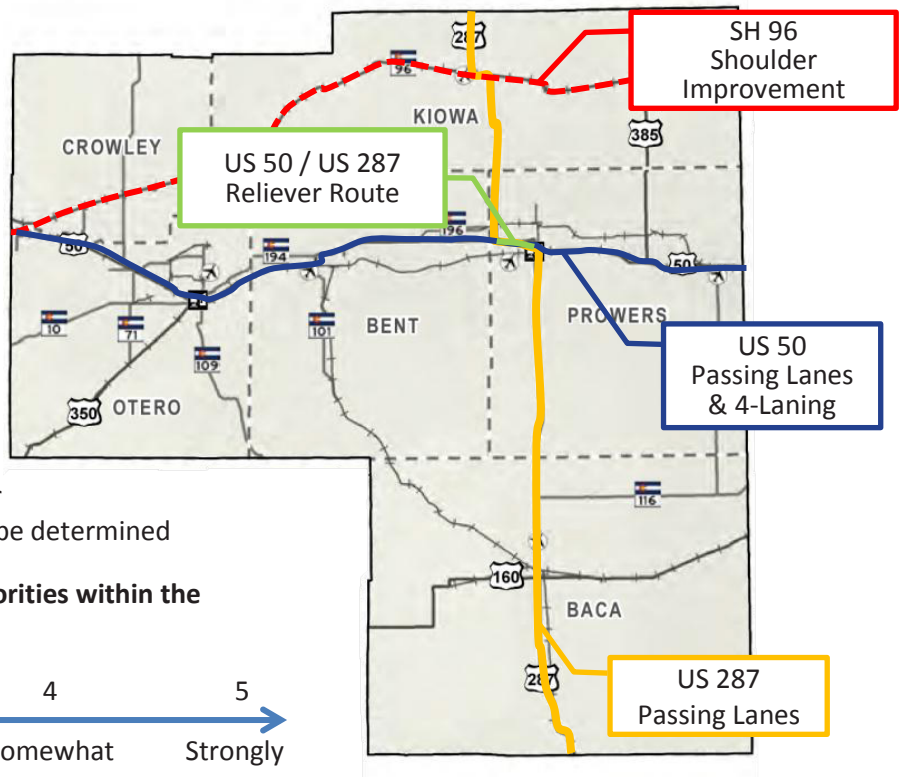
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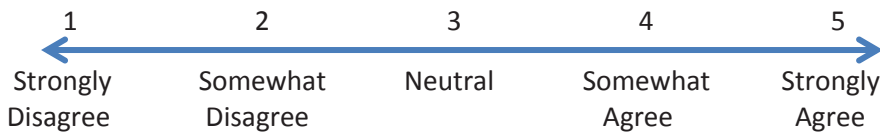
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4. In your opinion, do these represent your priorities within the Southeast-TPR? Please circle one.



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!


Sureste de Colorado

¿Qué es lo más importante para USTED?



Seleccione su Condado: Baca Bent Crowley Kiowa Otero Prowers

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 Sureste?

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) _____

¿Qué cree usted lo hace especial a la Región Sureste?

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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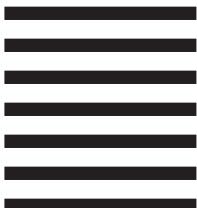
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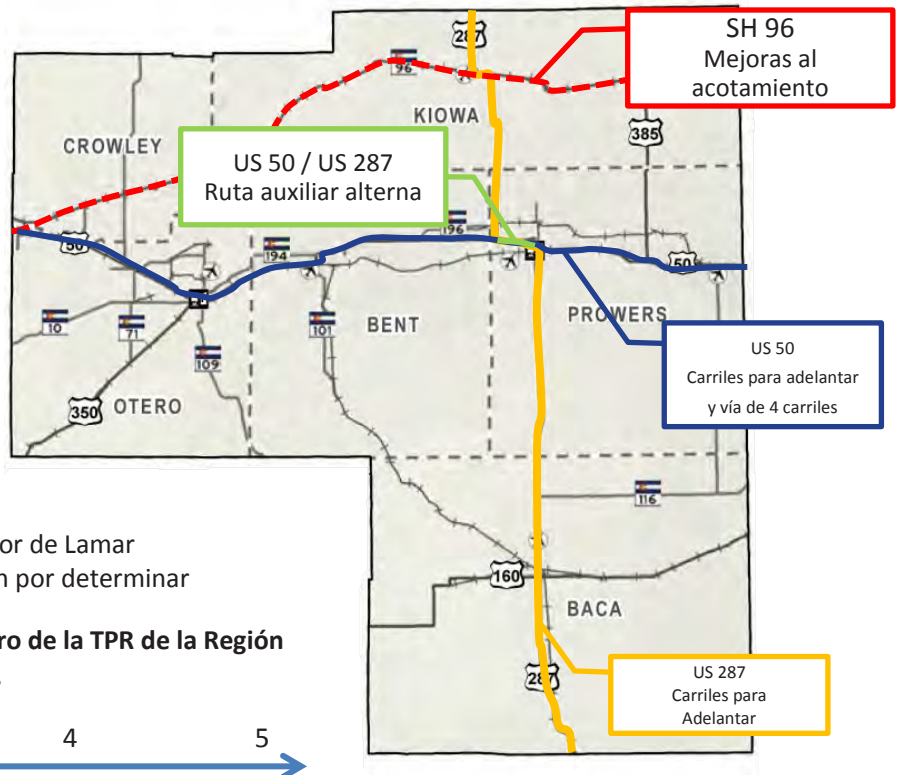
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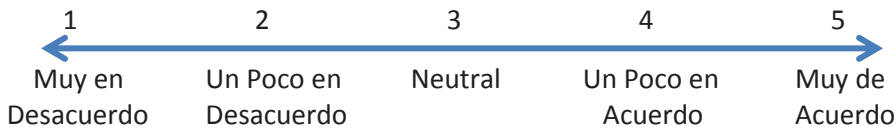
Priorizando Posibles Inversiones

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) del Sureste han identificado las posibles prioridades de inversión en caso de haber fondos limitados adicionales disponibles.

- **US-287** – Carriles para adelantar, límite fronterizo estatal de Oklahoma a Kit Carson
- **US-50** – Carriles para adelantar y vía de 4-carriles, ubicaciones estratégicas de Pueblo con el límite fronterizo estatal de Kansas
- **US-50/US-287** – Ruta auxiliar alterna, alrededor de Lamar
- **SH-96** – Mejoras a los acotamientos, ubicación por determinar



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



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 8, Southeast
Total Surveys received: 146

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

Selected Response	Number	Percent
Moves people and goods safely	79	56%
Helps economic development	74	52%
Gets me to work and/or vital services	51	36%
Supports existing businesses	38	27%
Helps me live my life the way I want	19	13%

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	73	52%
Improving roadway pavement condition	68	48%
Reducing truck traffic	35	25%
Increasing transit options	29	21%
Increasing bike/pedestrian options	26	18%
Reducing congestion	19	13%
Other (please specify)	11	8%
Increasing bridge safety	5	4%

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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
Expand highways by adding lanes	71	50%
Make safety improvements	61	43%
Maintain the existing transportation system	58	41%
Offer more choices for travel (transit, bike/ped)	24	17%
Manage congestion through managed lanes	17	12%
Add shoulders	16	11%

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

Selected Response	Number	Percent
Agriculture	104	72%
Sense of community	86	60%
Rural living with nearby city amenities	81	56%
Tourism	17	12%
Innovation and creativity	16	11%
Freight/shipping industry	13	9%
Water access/supply	12	8%
Energy industry	5	3%
Economic Base	5	3%
Other (please specify)	5	3%
Urban amenities	4	3%

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
Strongly agree	57	42%
Somewhat agree	50	37%
Strongly disagree	11	8%
Somewhat disagree	9	7%
Neutral	8	6%

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

No.	Responses
1	Saving Amtrak route thru La Junta
2	4-lane Hwy 50 Manzanola to PAD
3	Safer Roadways
4	Finishing Ports to Plains
5	Finishing the by-pass
6	Safely moving truck traffic for economic development
7	Bi-pass
8	More passing lanes/4 lanes
9	Timely mowing of roadsides/barrow ditches.
10	Hwy 50 4 lanes all the way to Kansas border
11	4-lane Hwy 50

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

No.	Responses
1	Alternative energy possibilities
2	Lower cost of living
3	Cycling/running areas
4	Low taxes
5	Away from big cities!

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

No.	Responses
1	Priority should be on making Highway 50 a 4 lane.
2	Need more passing lanes
3	How much money for what?? Is spending money on SH-96 worth it? No
4	The cost to build the Reliever Route is so much greater than improving Main Street. I feel that the trucks would honor a request to travel on the inside lane, thus Main Street could be safer while maintaining Main St. parking.
5	Need a bi-pass around our city. Trucks are ruining our city roads.
6	Highway 96 is crumbling and all you want to do is improve shoulders for bikes.
7	Reliever route bypasses Lamar
8	We do not feel that SH-96 is a priority. US-287 should be #1 and US-50, #2, as you have listed.
9	We do not need the reliever route around Lamar
10	N/A
11	Roads especially shoulder piles of dirt and flat tires unsafe for cyclists - riders have to ride closer to lane of traffic to avoid hazards.
12	No
13	No
14	US-50/US-587 - Reliever route, around Lamar is my highest priority. We are experiencing elevated parked vehicle damages and moving vehicle collisions in the City of Lamar due to truck traffic. This was designed as a shipment corridor. Lamar is a bottleneck to that corridor.
15	Hwy 50 needs 4 lane from Fowler to Pueblo, all the way.
16	Passing lanes and 4-laning need to be done further west from Fowler west. there is heavy truck, private, farmer traffic in this area , 2 lane road with only 1 passing lane to Pueblo

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

No.	Responses
1	Repair/replace pavement Hwy 96
2	PRIMARY is the up grading of the Amtrak rail through Southeast Colorado to Trinidad and into New Mexico.
3	Saving Amtrak's Route in SE Colorado.
4	Creating a bypass for I-25 from Trinidad to Fort Collins using state highways 10, 71 and 34
5	Access route between US 50 and CO-194 between La Junta and Las Animas (direct access to Bent's Old Fort)
6	Hwy 50 should be 4 lanes Pueblo to Lamar, not just in strategic locations
7	Remodel/Redesign/Repave Lamar's downtown Main Street.
8	The Main Street section through Lamar is now terribly congested, particularly with truck traffic utilizing the Ports to Plains Travel Corridor. If a reliever route is not a reality then something else needs to be done to the Main Street area. The street is very rough and the heavy truck traffic often times occupies both lanes in one direction. This congests the traffic flows through Lamar and makes it much more difficult for emergency vehicles to move quickly from one end of Lamar to the other.
9	Improvement of the existing roads by re-paving.
10	The addition of passing lanes has improved some problems areas on Highway 50 as well as Highway 287, but I believe there are more that need to be put in. 287 south of Lamar between Lamar and Springfield still has several places where we have had serious accidents due to motorists not being able to pass for several miles.
11	No
12	Rumble Strips would be greatly appreciated. Down the middle of the Highway's to help wake drowse drivers.
13	Remove those center islands from downtown Lamar.
14	Main Street Lamar needs revamped
15	The reliever route around Lamar is in the wrong side of Lamar. It should go to the west straight to the Wiley Junction
16	Many roads are in poor pavement condition. In my opinion addressing these issues trumps adding lanes to existing roads.
17	4 lanes on Hwy 50 KS to Pueblo
18	The side streets in the city limits of Lamar are badly cracked around residential areas where the semi-trucks try to avoid the place they have to weigh in. Need more sidewalks for pedestrians.
19	Bicycle/pedestrian awareness on all these state highways.
20	Economic renewal in Southeastern Colorado by utilizing Hwy 287 traffic
21	Four lane from Oklahoma to Limon and Kansas to pueblo. I know money is always a concern but would help save lives...I'm a funeral director so I notice that probably the most.
22	4 lane 287; Bring back full snow plow hours on 160/116
23	Turn lane on US HWY 287 3 miles north of Eads
24	I feel Southeast Colorado is always left out on having road work done property. The patching is just that patching not improving and the pot hole is right back in the streets especially when these big semi's drive down Main Street.
25	Main St in Lamar. Pavement is rough and parking is dangerously close to traffic.
26	Lamar's Main street is in need of repair. Removing the median would allow traffic to have the width needed to have the traffic flow smoothly through Lamar
27	Make the truck stops extremely user friendly possibly with free efficient transportation into town if requested
28	With or without an alternate truck route at Lamar - the state highways though Lamar MUST be improved for safety, congestion and economic development
29	Main Street in Lamar needs attention both from a safety standpoint and from a maintenance standpoint. Asphalt surface is in terrible shape. Pedestrian safety lacking because of heavy truck traffic.
30	Not in favor of reliever route around Lamar this will kill down town
31	No rest areas on these routes. Roads are in poor condition.
32	Hwy 50 between Manzanola and Pueblo
33	Yes Hwy Hwy and Hwy 385
34	Either re-implement or eliminate the train tracks that parallel and cross SH 96
35	No
36	Up-grade pavement on SH-71.
37	Improvement of pavement on Hwy 71.
38	Bridges checked.
39	Through towns making it easier for parking and pedestrians with all the truck traffic.

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No.	Responses
40	Reliever route is a MUST! (but can only be two lanes to keep cars on Main but makes trucks use the route).
41	US-50 reliever route is a MUST!
42	I do not have any.
43	Hwy 50 to CO-KS state line needs work - Kansas side is now better than Colorado's side.
44	Yes, another big overhanging electronic sign that gives updates between Eads / Kit Carson.
45	SH-109 improvements
46	Make sure the Lamar reliever route is built to promote car traffic to continue through town by having to exit main highway to take reliever route.
47	Resurface on 350 from La Junta to Trinidad.
48	Make US Highway 50 a 4 lane highway from Pueblo to the Eastern Colorado state line.
49	US Hwy 50 has been pushed to the bottom of the list over and over again. This has had a negative impact on our ability to develop our economy. It needs to be the top item!
50	350 between La Junta and Trinidad is getting pretty bad. Not as bad as 71 south of Brush and 76 between Brush and Sterling but poor! 71 south of Limon is getting pretty bad in spots also.
51	Work on Hwy. 350
52	4 lane highway 50 to the Kansas line and beyond with bypasses south of the towns from Pueblo past Las Animas. This would enhance the economic growth of the area and provide better winter weather for the trucking industry. Also, highway 24 should be 4 lanes from Colorado Springs to Limon as El Paso county now has the largest population of any county in Colorado and continues to grow at a faster rate than other cities and counties. The only multi-lane road of any distance is I-25 from north to south.

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

No.	Responses
1	The Four laning of 50 should be moved to number one. If you remove any it would make sense for it to be the shoulders.
2	None
3	Shoulder work on 96
4	None
5	Lamar may not want a by-pass
6	Reliever route around Lamar
7	I believe these are all important projects.
8	The shoulder improvements on SH-96 should be one of the last items to do. Compared to 287/50 in the Lamar area, it is hardly used except for local land owners.
9	No, we need our highways to be repaved more often. We do not have the population of the front range but we have a lot of traffic coming through here, especially truck traffic.
10	Passing lanes on 287 and Hwy 50, shoulder improvements on SH-96 would not be priorities for me. I feel the passing zones on 287 are ample, SH-96 is not used much, Hwy 50 could be improved with 4-lane or passing between Hasty and Lamar, but otherwise very functional as is.
11	reliever route is a waste of money
12	None
13	Forget the 4 laning between La Junta and Las Animas
14	Delete SH 96, delete US 50 and delete US 287
15	SH 96
16	Hwy 96 shoulder improvement.
17	SH-96 shoulder improvements.
18	Finishing Ports to Plains should eliminate adding passing lanes here and there.
19	Shoulder enhancement on secondary roads.
20	US Hwy 50, 4 lanes, not enough truck traffic; 96 shoulder work, 90% rural traffic
21	Provide support for the continuation of Amtrak and improved air service. These modes of transportation need to be maintained, once lost, the cost to re-establish would be too great to revive.
22	Reliever route around Lamar because of lack of economic benefit and shoulder improvements on 96 should include road replacement. 96 is a heavily traveled truck route for agriculture products, pueblo manufacturing, and tourism.

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No.	Responses
23	Lamar truck bypass
24	I do not agree with the reliever route around Lamar. Economically, this will hurt Lamar.
25	SH-96 is not a priority.
26	The Lamar Reliever Route
27	none
28	reliever route
29	SH-96 & US-50: 4 laning construction is not cost effective.
30	No
31	Reliever route around Lamar.
32	No
33	Not chip seal shoulders of highways. Avoid covering rumble strips on shoulders. Example west of Hasty, CO
34	Existing plan to re-route US 50 / 287 to the east of Lamar - why not to the west?
35	No
36	NO
37	SH-96
38	287 passing lanes
39	4-laning 50 between Pueblo and Kansas, not really enough traffic to justify. Maybe more passing lanes between Fowler and Pueblo but I just don't see the need for all the way.
40	Hwy 96 does not really have a lot of traffic. A 4 lanes highway 50 would give faster access to the prisons and towns on 96. It is a short distance from 50 to Crowley and Ordway via Manzanolla.
41	US-50/US-587
42	Are you sure you want to re-route traffic around Lamar?

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	Off Highway 50 is the single finest Tourism site in all SE Colorado. There needs to be a short branch off the highway and bridge over the Arkansas so tourists can find Bent's Old Fort. It would be an economic boon for the area.
2	Continue working with Amtrak to keep the route in SE Colorado.
3	Maintaining passenger Amtrak through La Junta is crucial; I would use the train a lot if service could ever be extended to Pueblo, Colorado Springs, or Denver. I think a lot of people would bike from community to community if a bike lane was put in place - from Swink to La Junta, for example.
4	Very important to keep the Amtrak line in SE Colorado.
5	We need a train or light rail connecting the southeast with front range transit systems.
6	Amtrak is an essential part of the la Junta community! It is also essential for highway 50 to stay where it is, for the small communities to thrive!
7	It's extremely important that we keep the Amtrak Southwest Chief service in Colorado. I also support developing a Front Range high speed service.
8	Keep Amtrak's Southwest Chief running through SE Colorado.
9	1. Continuing the Southwest Chief/Amtrak on its current route is a number one priority! 2. A bridge across the river from Hwy 50 to Bent's Old Fort would be great!
10	Bike, pedestrian & safety improvements thru the city of Lamar
11	Lamar Main street is very unsafe and the reviler route is a must for this area.
12	One safety factor would be the "dips" at a few of the intersections in Lamar. It is murder in a private vehicle but even worse when driving a city vehicle that weighs well over 2 1/2 tons.
13	I would like to see the Lamar Reliever Route be a top priority. Downtown Lamar is not a pedestrian friendly area with all the truck traffic and is downright dangerous at times. I believe routing the trucks, who are not going to stop here anyways, around Lamar would allow for our downtown to become more walkable. In turn, that will promote healthier living and would allow the City of Lamar to improve bike and pedestrian areas. Look at what happened in Garden City, KS after they installed a reliever route, it completely changed their city and has allowed them to grow.

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No.	Responses
14	Taking truck traffic out of downtown Lamar would be my choice of 1st priorities. I don't even like to stop downtown to go to stores, etc. because of the traffic from big trucks.
15	No
16	Main Street in Lamar needs improvements. Semi-trucks use both lanes and block traffic. Cars are parked on the street and the sidewalks are small considering the traffic.
17	Can't think of any at this time.
18	Other than what I mentioned. The state of Colorado needs to leave Lamar alone.
19	For Prowers County concerns, please keep the relief route around Lamar high on the list. We have had heavy truck thru-traffic for years. So the truck companies know what amenities are here in town. Because of this fact, I really don't see Lamar merchants losing much income--if they need our services they know we're here; if they just need to get through town, the bypass helps them as much as it helps those living in Lamar. With the heavy truck traffic out of town, our schools and public services on Main street will be more safe than ever before.
20	Resurfacing needed in many of these rural areas.
21	I wish we had more greyhound buses coming through Lamar and also the train to go from Lamar to Denver.
22	Light rail would be a huge boon to the region.
23	Improving road conditions - e.g. wider shoulders, better pavement
24	Continue Amtrak!!!
25	Main streets have been overrun by State Highways, making them pedestrian unfriendly and unsafe. Thus deteriorating on the use of Main Street for its intended purposes "Main Street". CDOT should make an effort to revitalize / revive Main Streets
26	***Southwest Chief upgrade rails for Amtrak and adding Pueblo to the schedule*** If not a reliever route around Lamar, total reconstruction of 287 through Lamar.
27	Main Street improvements and better parking for our elderly. Heavy trucks blast through our community at alarming speeds.
28	With the large amount of traffic from bicycles on 96 it is a miracle that no one has been killed with narrow potholes lanes and small shoulders.
29	Bike and pedestrian improvements in Lamar would be a great idea for safety of us exercising outside.
30	We need to encourage healthy living in the southeast corner of the state, since obesity has been determined to be an issue, so improving bike/pedestrian travel on these highways should be a major consideration.
31	We need to keep the Amtrak Southwest Chief line available and invest in freight rail infrastructure for economic development opportunities.
32	See what can be done to keep our Amtrak Train coming through Southeast Colorado
33	Pedestrian cross walk laws enforced (stop if someone is in the cross walk). Inspect in town roads because Lamar town roads are horribly engineered please inspect. Some have no intersection signage at all (i.e. stop, caution, yield etc.). There are very deep "dips" at many intersections not drivable without scraping / damaging passenger vehicles.
34	Through Lamar the highways must provide for safe pedestrian crossing, bicycle lanes, and pedestrian/shopper enhancements (streetscapes).
35	Would like to see all of the above. Our downtown tends to suffer from heavy traffic and narrow lanes. One must fold mirrors in or lose them. Taking brick medians out and widening may help.
36	increase and improve both bike and pedestrian options
37	A city transit system is becoming quite a need in La Junta. Getting to and from work for those without a vehicle is quite dangerous around the bridge near the KOA. No intended pedestrian access and NO Handicapped access.
38	Safety when money is an issue
39	Hwy 50 and Hwy 385
40	Make better use of the train tracks that are present along US 50 and SH 96
41	control cost of transportation; transportation from rural/frontier to metro areas esp. for medical services; better marketing for bus/train/community transportation--seniors could benefit if availability was better known
42	Improvement of US-287 / 385 through downtown Lamar - widen lanes and safer pedestrian crossing areas.
43	Funds must be available to repair secondary roads - Hwy 96, Hwy 71, etc. - some can't get to the cities without them.
44	Safety for bike & pedestrians.
45	More bike paths.
46	Improve bike & pedestrian lanes.

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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
47	Bike lanes separate from existing highways to follow Santa Fe Trail by new Bent's Fort location, Kit Carson's house, etc.
48	Lamar desperately needs a truck bypass. Semis passing through downtown is an issue.
49	funding for Amtrak southwestern chief
50	We need to keep our passenger train services in SE Colorado as well as expand the train transit services to better connect us with the cities.
51	See above. Traffic between Calhan and Colorado Springs is very heavy going west in the AM and east in pm on both 24 and Woodmen rd. The recent announcement for new developments in downtown Colorado Springs must be considered to provide safe movement of auto's and people.
52	Transportation for Seniors for everyday needs, Shopping, Doctor visits etc. to help them stay in their homes longer

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

The identification of High Priority Corridors for the Southeast 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 Southeast 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 Southeast 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 Southeast TPR survey responses, the comments below are representative of public sentiment around the priorities for a given transportation corridor. Complete survey results for the Southeast TPR are available upon request.

US 287 – OK State Line to Kiowa / Cheyenne County Line

- Need a reliever route around Lamar.
- Lack of passing lanes is dangerous.
- Traffic on US 287 can drive economic renewal in Southeast Colorado.

US 50 – I-25 in Pueblo to KS State Line

- Should have 4 lanes all the way from Pueblo to the border with Kansas.
- Need a reliever route around Lamar.

SH 96 – Pueblo / Crowley County Line to KS State Line

- Shoulder improvements on SH 96 are a lower priority.
- Repair/replace pavement on SH 96.

General Comments (Corridors Unidentified)

- Improve existing roads by repaving them.
- It is crucial to maintain Amtrak passenger service in the region.
- Safety concerns related to truck traffic in downtown areas.
- A rail or transit connection to Pueblo and the Front Range is needed.