

Gunnison Valley Colorado

What's Important to YOU?



Please select your county: Delta Gunnison Hinsdale Montrose Ouray San Miguel

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 Gunnison Valley?

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 your Gunnison Valley unique?

Select your top three:

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

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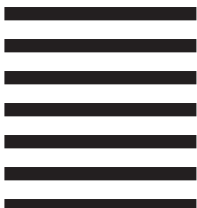
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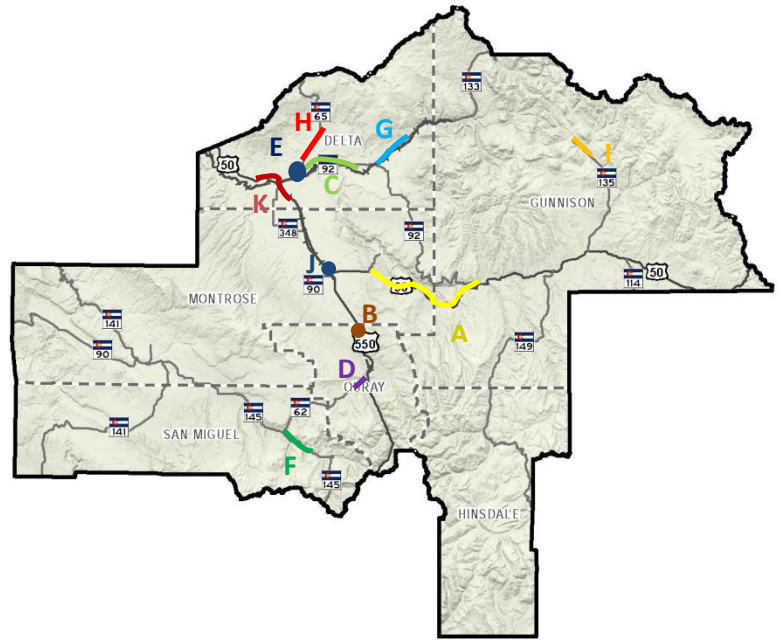
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4. In your opinion, do these represent your priorities within the Gunnison Valley TPR? Please circle one.

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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)

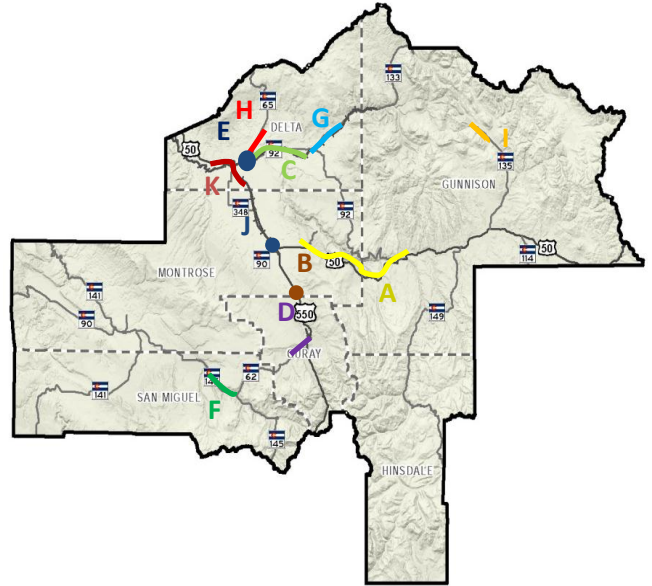
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain the existing transportation system | <input type="checkbox"/> Make safety improvements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Offer more choices for travel (transit, bike/pedestrians) | <input type="checkbox"/> Add shoulders |
| <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!

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 Gunnison Valley han identificado las posibles prioridades de inversión en caso de haber fondos limitados adicionales disponibles.

- A. **US-50** –A través Blue Canyon, proyectos de seguridad y preservación
- B. **US-550** - Entre Ridgeway y Colona, añadir/ampliar acotamientos y atenuantes para la vida silvestre
- C. **SH-92** - Rogers Mesa, mejoras de seguridad
- D. **SH-62** – A través de Ridgeway, ampliar a tres carriles
- E. **SH-65/SH-92** – Intersección/control de acceso; mejoras que incluyen cambios a las intersecciones adyacentes
- F. **SH-145** – Al sur de Sawpit, acotamientos y carriles para adelantar, resolver el problema de la caída de rocas
- G. **SH-133** – de Hotchkiss a Paonia, añadir carriles para adelantar y acotamientos, resolver el problema de la caída de rocas
- H. **SH-65** – Desde el indicador de Millaje 0 al Indicador de millaje 14, mejoras al control de acceso
- I. **SH-135** - Red Lady Road, añadir carriles para voltear **(Sistema de apagado)**
- J. **SH-90** - West Main y Chipeta Dr., Montrose, mejoras a la intersección
- K. **US-50** – A través de Delta, mejoras a la calle principal junto con un periférico



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



Muy en Desacuerdo Un Poco en Desacuerdo Neutral Un Poco de Acuerdo Muy de Acuerdo

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!


Gunnison Valley de Colorado

¿Qué es lo más importante para USTED?



Seleccione su Condado: Delta Gunnison Hinsdale Montrose Ouray San Miguel

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 Gunnison Valley?

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
- Otros (favor de especificar) _____

3. ¿Qué cree usted lo hace especial a Gunnison Valley?

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 del esquí
- Sector de Energía
- Base económica
- Acceso/suministro de agua
- Otro(s) (favor de especificar) _____

FAVOR DE VOLTEAR LA HOJA - Vea el mapa de Gunnison Valley al reverso

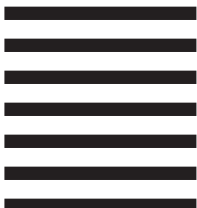
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Colorado Regional Survey Results (November 18 to December 31, 2013)

Region: TPR 3, Gunnison Valley
Total Surveys received: 69

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

Selected Response	Number	Percent
Moves people and goods safely	45	65%
Helps me live my life the way I want	24	35%
Helps economic development	21	30%
Gets me to work and/or vital services	21	30%
Supports existing businesses	12	17%

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
Increasing bike/pedestrian options	37	55%
Improving roadway pavement condition	22	33%
Improving economic development	22	33%
Increasing transit options	19	28%
Reducing congestion	11	16%
Reducing truck traffic	6	9%
Other (please specify)	4	6%
Increasing bridge safety	2	3%

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

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	26	41%
Make safety improvements	26	41%
Offer more choices for travel (transit, bike/ped)	23	36%
Add shoulders	17	27%
Expand highways by adding lanes	8	13%
Manage congestion through managed lanes	8	13%

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

Selected Response	Number	Percent
Rural living with nearby city amenities	41	60%
Sense of community	39	57%
Tourism	22	32%
Agriculture	19	28%
Innovation and creativity	15	22%
Ski industry	10	15%
Other (please specify)	8	12%
Water access/supply	7	10%
Energy industry	2	3%
Economic Base	2	3%
Urban amenities	0	0%
Freight/shipping industry	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	22	34%
Strongly agree	19	30%
Neutral	15	23%
Strongly disagree	4	6%
Somewhat disagree	4	6%

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

No.	Responses
1	Slowing traffic on 62 through our little town
2	Wider shoulders
3	Natural resources and wildlife
4	Wildlife passage

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

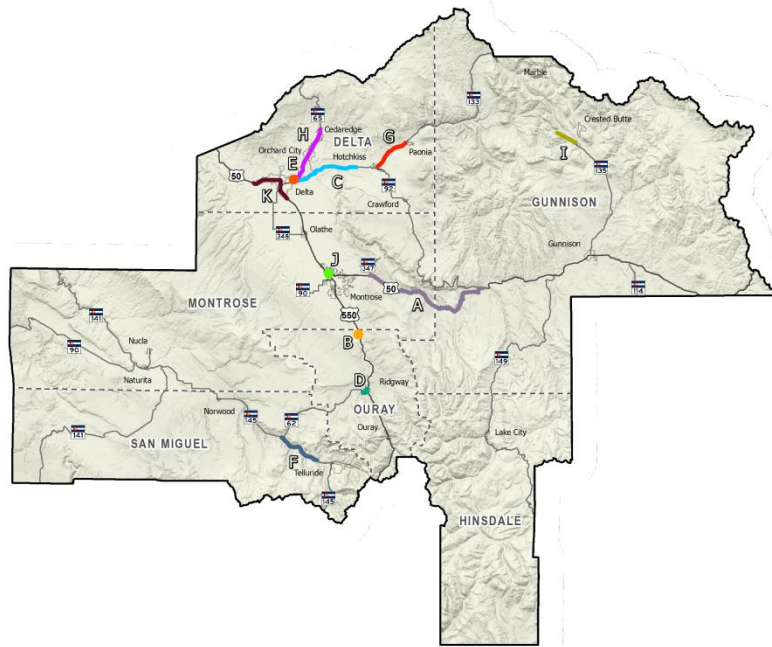
No.	Responses
1	Recreational opportunities
2	Peace and quiet
3	Wilderness/open space
4	Clean air
5	Geography of Region
6	Environment
7	Abundant wildlife habitat
8	Wildlife

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

No.	Responses
1	These don't affect Gunnison Valley TPR at all.
2	We've heard rumors of road widening through Blue Canyon. Surely not! This can't possibly be the highest priority. It is such a short stretch. Passing lanes on either side (including one recently improved on the west side) are sufficient.
3	I don't want to see 62 widened if it means people will blow through town and not stop and/or it negatively impacts our per and bike-friendly community.
4	F (SH-145) should be higher priority!
5	Don't widen roads, add lanes, straighten an existing road, or add passing lanes. All it does is increase speeds, noise, risk to wildlife, and what's the hurry? Maintain what we have and reduce speeds to 55 mph.
6	These options move to make traffic move faster through wildlife corridors. "Wildlife Mitigation" is generally putting up fences to minimize car damage. True wildlife mitigation should create migration and movement corridors across roadways to maintain wildlife populations.

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

No.	Responses
7	While Projects D, E, H, J and K are all nice projects, they are not necessarily necessary. What is necessary is something I have never seen proposed - building an all-weather road from Montrose to Naturita/Nucla. Going all the way down to Ridgway, over Dallas Divide and back up that awful cliff to Norwood is a waste of time and energy, a very dangerous and crowded trek, and devalues the entire West End as an economic part of Montrose County. If there was a good road, tourists and hunters, hikers and businesses could all add this part of the County to their activities. However, if this road proposal is not put in NOW, all of our grandchildren will be dead before it gets accomplished.
8	Unsure if SH-135 - Red Lady Road - we call it Gothic Road in Mt. Crested Butte is truly on your radar - we desperately need to complete our Recreation path from Marcellina Lane to Winterset Road in Mt Crested Butte

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

No.	Responses
1	Improved bike lanes!
2	Better snow removal on Hwy 50 in Delta county.
3	Guardrails and downhill passing on Monarch pass.
4	adding bike lanes
5	Please spell Ridgway correctly in "B" ;-)
6	Additional lanes on 550, Colona to Montrose
7	Between Ridgway and Ouray, add/widen shoulders
8	Include bike lanes or wide bike-friendly shoulders.
9	SH-65 mile 0 to 11 might have a series of passing lanes to facilitate movement and increase safety. Elderly local population driving slow leads to dangerous passing daily. Heavily travelled section of hi way.
10	Hwy 92 from Hotchkiss to Crawford is in poor shape. Shoulders need to be expanded and pavement is deteriorating. Pavement on Hwy 92 through Hotchkiss is failing.
11	Bike lanes
12	More turning lanes and larger shoulders on the two lane highways
13	Hwy 65 s/b just s/o Cory - would like to see guard rail installed. It's very dangerous as there is a straight drop off adjacent to the roadway. Cars going over the side would result in fatalities.
14	Improve all shoulders to increase bicycle safety. Wider shoulders help to decrease road rage that causes motorists to hate bicyclists. Wider shoulders save bicyclists lives! Improve signage to indicate that it is a state law that slower traffic must drive in the right lane. Do not have slow speed limits in areas that tax payers have made safer with turn lanes and wide shoulders.
15	West End of Montrose County, people still live there.
16	Rock fall mitigation from Placerville to Telluride.
17	Regarding the Taylor Canyon project just completed. There is not one share the road sign with bicyclist, this is a very popular place for local bikers to frequent. You raised the speed limit by 5 mph. Reduce it to what it was.
18	Maybe widening 114
19	multi modal transportation including bike and transit
20	Install and improve wildlife overpasses, underpasses, and outlets in known wildlife movement corridors for human and wildlife safety.
21	Maintaining wildlife movement corridors.
22	Under/overpasses for wildlife corridors should be added. Thank You
23	Bike and ped access options for health, tourism, reduce congestion and lifestyle reasons and wildlife passage
24	To repeat what I stated above, what is most necessary, in my opinion, is building an all-weather road from Montrose to Naturita/Nucla. Going all the way down to Ridgway, over Dallas Divide and back up that awful cliff to Norwood is a waste of time and energy, a very dangerous and crowded trek, and devalues the entire West End as an economic part of Montrose County. If there was a good road, tourists and hunters, hikers and businesses could all add this part of the County to their activities. However, if this road proposal is not put in NOW, all of our grandchildren will be dead before it gets accomplished.
25	See comment above [Note: "comment above" refers to response #8 to Question "If you disagree, why?"]

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

No.	Responses
1	K; Main Street is fine.
2	No
3	Blue Canyon improvements. Expensive, not advisable and certainly not worth the minimal gain.
4	I – SH-135 - why is this there?
5	D) SH-62 delete. Not enough traffic. J) SH-90 delete
6	SH-135, SH-90
7	D. (SH-62) - heavy traffic in Ridgway is only certain times of the day.
8	No
9	No. They are all important.
10	No.
11	No
12	I'm not sure about I and I'm not too keen on having three lanes through Ridgway (D)
13	Remove Blue Canyon. It is beautiful just the way it is. Just maintain it, reduce speeds, motorist have adequate warning of hazards and there is absolutely no reason to redo it. ie, straighten, widen, increase speeds all are negative factors.
14	No
15	It is so difficult to be put on as a priority, I would hate to see anyone fall completely off. But if I had to choose, Projects D, E, H, J and K, as stated above, would be my choices.
16	Not much seems to hit Gunnison County

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	Bicycle System from Orchard City to Mesa over Highway 65.
2	More transit options
3	Intersection of Main and Tomichi in Gunnison is dangerous. It is only a matter of time until someone is hit here as a pedestrian crossing from the south to the north. Another need is bike lanes in ALL of Gunnison County. Paving of the Gunnison side of Cottonwood Pass also needs to happen. Need for passing lane on W. Hwy 50 near Blue Mesa
4	Commercial bus service enhancements - while I see that this survey is primarily about roadways, I assume that CDOT is concerned with more than that. New bus service Gunnison-Denver and Gunnison-Pueblo is wonderful. It would be excellent to all add bus service to Montrose airport (a huge and often-articulated need here) that could then meet up with another bus to Grand Junction-Durango...or a single bus Gunnison-Montrose-Grand Junction. Similarly, enhance AMTRAK. My priority is reducing vehicular traffic by providing reliable alternatives. Current Black Hills Stage bus is exactly what I mean and I congratulate CDOT for participating in this.
5	Extend bicycle lane from Carbondale to Marble via Redstone.
6	Bikes/ pedestrian improvements ... YES! Montrose is on the route for bikers to travel from east to west ... lots of them and no shoulders.
7	No
8	Bike improvements on Hwy 50 would be excellent.
9	Bike lanes, pedestrian sidewalks and crosswalks, public transportation
10	Right now the speed limit goes to 60 right by the condos on the north end of Ridgway on 550. With Vista Terrace, the Land Use office, the landfill, and traffic turning in to both Dennis Weaver park and onto CR-10, I think the speed limit should go from 45 or 50 and not to 60 until you're past CR-10.
11	Improving shoulders on US 50 between Montrose and Red Mountain Pass would provide important safety margins for both autos/trucks and bikes.
12	I would like to see more work at expanding any alternative mode of transportation: bike, walking, etc.
13	Improved ped crossing for school children on HWY 62 and Amelia St. near elementary school and at 62 and Lena near Mountain Market.
14	Widen shoulders for bikes, especially along 550 between Montrose and Ouray.

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No.	Responses
15	Many rural paved roads have no shoulders. Increasing shoulders would make many roads safer at minimal cost to DOT.
16	Bike lanes between Colona and Ridgway.
17	Bike riders don't ride on bike paths anyway. Don't fund ANY bike paths.
18	Expansion/creation of trail system for non-motorized use.
19	Bike lanes
20	Encouraging more bike lanes would be helpful for the future.
21	Consideration of a traffic light at the intersection of state Hwy. 65 and Independence Ave. It has become quite busy and dangerous especially when school begins and when they end. Both the middle school and the high school access this intersection as well as residents and people using the golf course.
22	Would like to see improved pedestrian and bike ways along Hwy. 550 through Ridgway.
23	bike and pedestrian safety improvements
24	Traffic congestion
25	Bike and Ped path between Cement Creek and Crested Butte adjacent to 135.
26	Reduce the speed limit coming into Gunnison traveling South on 135. Start at Ohio Creek Rd. turnoff and reduce 135 speed to 45 mph at approx. the 3 mile marker. There must be in excess of 50 intersecting roads, i.e. trailer parks, residential, loading area for rafters at Gunni River bridge, cyclist, multiple school bus stops am and pm on and off 135. Then again reduce to 25 mph before Spencer street intersection [going south]. It is 40 mph now from Spencer to Denver, then 30 mph for a few blocks and finally 25 for the last 4 blocks of Main street [also 135]. From Spencer on south is a business district, Walmart, City Market etc. etc. etc., there is no easy way for a pedestrian or cyclist to get across 135 safely. Motorists speed 5-10 mph over.
27	Bus service to and from the Front Range are important to me.
28	No
29	I agree A-D are the top priorities, but would reverse B and D.
30	I emphasize need to wildlife passages.
31	Increase in overpasses or under passes for wildlife movement.
32	Bikes and ped access and wildlife passage
33	Yes - Since they took the Western Slope off the national bus routes, I'd like to see the railroad step in and run passenger commuters from Montrose to Grand Junction. It's tragic that they tore out the tracks to Ouray. If the RR is a dream, we still need some sort of shuttle from Delta through Olathe to Montrose that runs at least late enough at night for people to go out for dinner and a show and get home safely.
34	Please continue to keep Airports and Trains in the mix.
35	I would like to see bike infrastructure included with every bit of road work. If the road gets improved bike lanes, medians should be improved as well.

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

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

US 50 – Montrose to Coaldale

- Blue Canyon improvements would be unnecessary and expensive – better to maintain the road and reduce speeds.
- Bicycle and pedestrian improvements needed on US 50, especially through Montrose.
- Improve shoulders on US 50 between Montrose and Red Mountain Pass to boost safety.

SH 62 – Placerville to Ridgway

- Widening the road through Ridgway is unnecessary – not enough traffic to justify it and may negatively impact the existing bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly community.

SH 65 – SH 92 over the Grand Mesa to I-70

- Passing lanes needed to facilitate movement and improve safety on SH 65.
- Guard rail needed on SH 65 southbound just south of Cory to address the dangerous drop-off adjacent to the roadway.

SH 92 – Delta to Hotchkiss

- *No comments received*

SH 145 – US 160 through Telluride to SH 141

- SH 145 should be a higher priority.
- Rock fall mitigation from Placerville to Telluride.

US 550 – Durango to Montrose

- Add and widen shoulders for bicycles along US 550 between Montrose and Ouray, especially through Ridgway

General Comments (Corridor Non-Specific)

- Wildlife mitigation should create migration and movement corridors across roadways, via under/overpasses, not just fences to minimize car damage.
- Adding and improving bike infrastructure should be included with all future road work.
- Don't fund any bicycle improvements – cyclists don't use them anyway.
- More transit options are needed, particularly to and from the Front Range.
- Maintaining the existing system is more important than expanding and making improvements.
- Many rural paved roads have no shoulders – increasing them would greatly improve safety at very little cost.
- Multimodal transportation is important, including airports and trains.
- The western end of Montrose County needs more attention.
- An all-weather road from Montrose to Naturita/Nucla would allow tourists, hunters, hikers, and businesses to access this part of the county.