

# Northwest Colorado

## What's Important to YOU?



Please select your county:  Grand  Jackson  Moffat  Rio Blanco  Routt

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](http://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 Northwest?

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 Northwest 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
- Ski industry
- Energy industry
- Economic base
- Water access/supply
- Other(s) (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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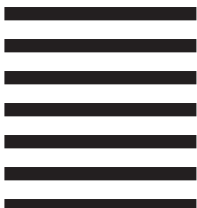
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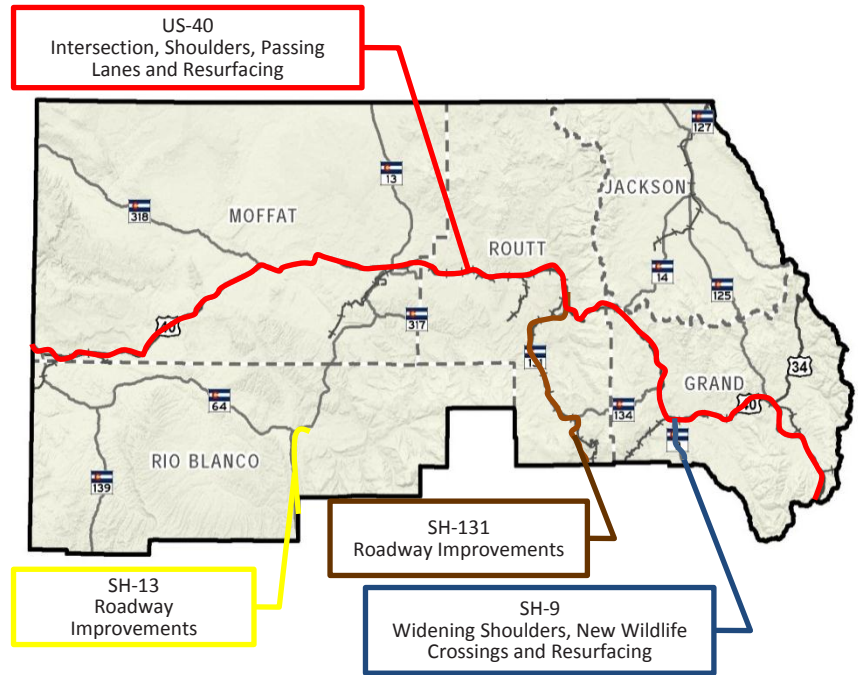
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## Prioritizing Potential Investments

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- SH-9 – Location to be determined, widening shoulders, building wildlife crossings and improving pavement
- US-40 - Location to be determined, adding shoulders and passing lanes and improving pavement
- US-40 - Steamboat Springs: Elk River Rd and Downhill Drive, improve intersection
- SH-131 - North and South of Oak Creek, improve roadway
- SH-13 - South of Meeker, improve roadway



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



Strongly Disagree      Somewhat Disagree      Neutral      Somewhat Agree      Strongly Agree

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

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

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

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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)?

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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!


# Noroeste de Colorado

## ¿Qué es lo más importante para USTED?



Seleccione su Condado:  Grand  Jackson  Moffat  Rio Blanco  Routt

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](http://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 Noroeste?

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 la Región Noroeste?

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) \_\_\_\_\_

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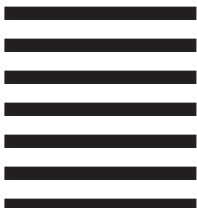
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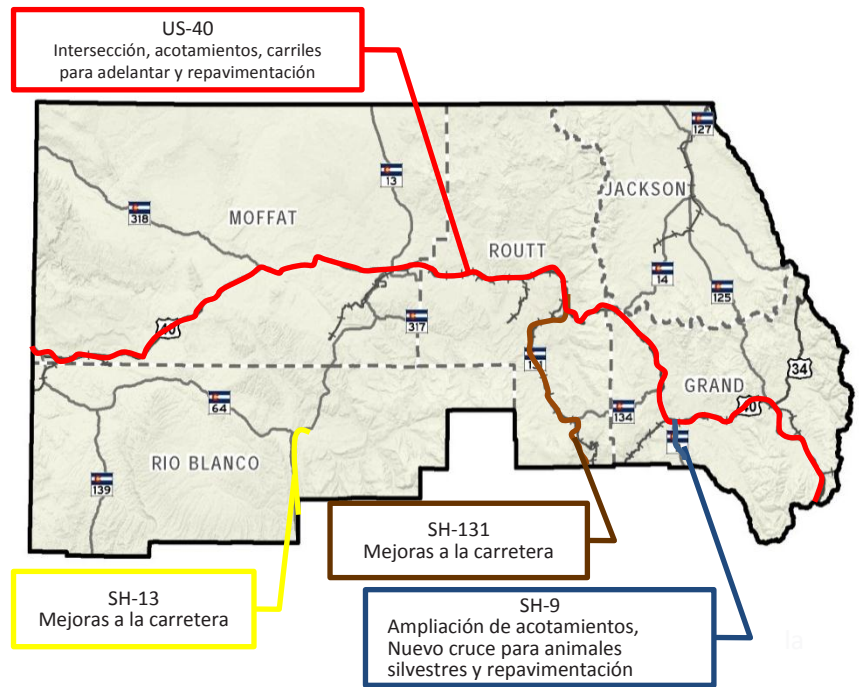
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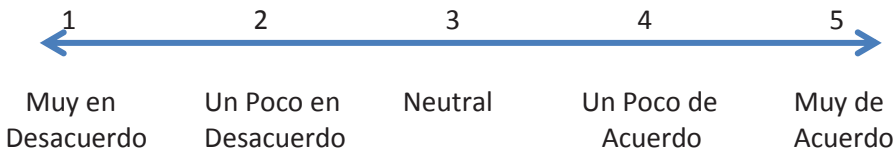
## Priorizando Posibles Inversiones

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

- SH-9 – Ubicación por determinar, ampliar el acotamiento, construir cruces para los animales silverstres y mejoras de pavimentación
- US-40 – Ubicación a determinar, añadir acotamientos y carriles para adelantar, así como mejoras de pavimentación
- US-40 - Steamboat Springs: Elk River Rd y Downhill Drive, Mejoras a la intersección
- SH-131 – Al sur y norte de Oak Creek, mejoras a la carretera
- SH-13 – Al sur de Meeker, mejoras a la carretera



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



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

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

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

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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)?

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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 5, Northwest**  
**Total Surveys received: 44**

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

Selected Response	Number	Percent
Moves people and goods safely	29	67%
Gets me to work and/or vital services	17	40%
Helps economic development	16	37%
Helps me live my life the way I want	13	30%
Supports existing businesses	6	14%

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 roadway pavement condition	27	61%
Improving economic development	17	39%
Increasing bike/pedestrian options	12	27%
Increasing transit options	10	23%
Increasing bridge safety	8	18%
Reducing congestion	5	11%
Other (please specify)	5	11%
Reducing truck traffic	2	5%

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	23	62%
Add shoulders	16	43%
Make safety improvements	15	41%
Offer more choices for travel (transit, bike/ped)	8	22%
Expand highways by adding lanes	4	11%
Manage congestion through managed lanes	2	5%

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

Selected Response	Number	Percent
Rural living with nearby city amenities	22	50%
Sense of community	20	45%
Tourism	20	45%
Agriculture	15	34%
Ski industry	11	25%
Energy industry	11	25%
Water access/supply	10	23%
Economic Base	3	7%
Other (please specify)	3	7%
Innovation and creativity	1	2%
Freight/shipping industry	1	2%
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
Strongly agree	17	46%
Somewhat agree	10	27%
Neutral	5	14%
Somewhat disagree	4	11%
Strongly disagree	1	3%

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

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

No.	Responses
1	Scenic Byway improvements and informational stops
2	Passing lanes on 40 and shoulders
3	Paved shoulders
4	Shoulders on roads
5	More shoulders are needed in this region.

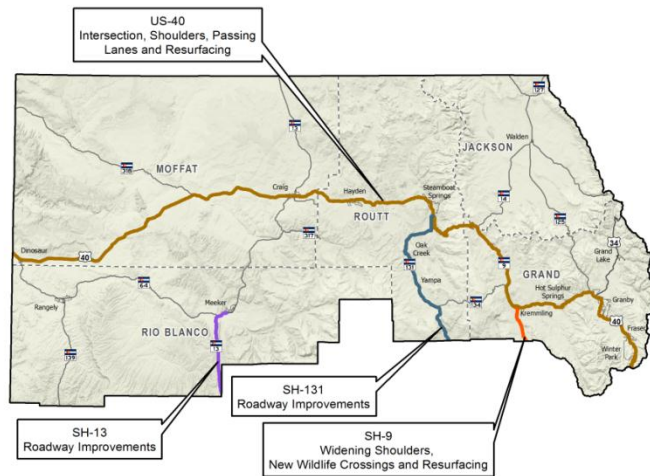
What do you feel makes the Northwest TPR region unique? (Response given was "Other")

No.	Responses
1	Public Land Access
2	Natural resources
3	Hunting Opportunities

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

No.	Responses
1	SH-131 should be a high priority because it connects Vail & Steamboat
2	Need more wildlife crossings and not facilitate larger amounts or faster moving traffic through these rural areas.
3	The Steamboat: Elk River and Down Hill intersections shouldn't be a priority. Not perfect but compared to SH-131's lack of width and shoulders it doesn't deserve to be on the same list.
4	SH-9 investments are not the priority here, but due to personal investments of municipal and private personnel have moved this to a priority. Capitalism?
5	US-40 East of Craig is in good shape.
6	More important to provide bus service in Grand Lake, Winter Park, Fraser, Granby, Hot Sulfur, etc at commuter times for fuller employment.

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

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

No.	Responses
1	Hwy. 40 within Grand County is becoming more traveled for its Scenic Byway designation, access opportunities to Public Lands and the Colorado River. The Scenic Byway, Public Land Access points, and the Scenic Byway should be considered by providing additional pullouts and coordinating with agencies to provide better access opportunities to public lands and the Colorado River.
2	Passing lanes on the SH-9 project. Additional transit (geographic area served/frequency) and additional pedestrian/bike options (lanes, commuter trails, etc.)
3	Traffic calming thru Kremmling on 40
4	Shoulders on SH-131, the recent roadway projects seem to build huge wide roadways that seem expensive and unnecessary - how wide does a safe shoulder need to be? 10-15 ft shoulders seems far too wide!
5	SH-64 needs shoulders, SH-13 north of Craig needs shoulders. SH-13 and SH-131 needs to be re-designed to allow faster speeds. This would include horizontal and vertical curve flattening.
6	Hwy 13N; Hwy 40 4 lane from Winter Park to Granby
7	SH-13 North of Crain still needs lots of work as well.
8	SH-13 between Craig and Meeker; SH-13 North of Craig; SH-64 Meeker to Rangely: Reconstruct with shoulders for large trucks
9	Increased wildlife crossings on Us Hwy 40
10	Hwy 13 MP 25 to Rifle
11	Continue to replace bridges that are falling down.
12	SH-131
13	SH-131 needs to have shoulders added North and South of Yampa! We have a White line and a couple of inches before you are in the ditch. Flat Tire? Forget about it...NO place to get off the road. Anybody crazy enough to ride a bicycle between Yampa and Pburg is taking their lives in their hands along with motorists trying to safely get by. Not many options of avoiding wild life either. Decision makers need to try the road in the winter before they make priorities!
14	Colo 139-widening & resurfacing
15	SH-13 north of Craig
16	Sidewalks in Craig
17	SH-13 north of Craig is so bad it is a safety issue for emergency services and vehicle use. Hwy 40 Between Elk springs and Massadonna is also unsafe and falling apart.
18	Steamboat By Pass for freight and energy trucks
19	Transportation for residents to and from work, doctors, shopping, etc.

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

No.	Responses
1	Improving US40 west of Craig seems unnecessary
2	Hwy 9
3	SH13 between Craig and WY border.
4	HWY 9 is already funded?
5	No
6	SH 131 North and South of Oak Creek. US 40 Steamboat Springs: Elk River Road and Downhill Drive, improve intersection
7	US-40 - Location to be determined, adding shoulders and passing lanes
8	No they are all important to our area.
9	No regional parties on the above should be removed they are all need it
10	None
11	Why SH-13? Isn't it one of the more improved in the region?
12	SH-9 Shouldn't be has high a priority as others on the list. Maybe not removed. People just need to slow down for wildlife. The cost of the project has got to be a deterrent compared to other projects that would do the public more good.
13	US 40 East of Craig
14	SH-9 Improvements

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

**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	Adding shoulders for safety of bikes and hikers while improving access to public lands and providing additional pullover locations along the Scenic Byway.
2	Transit is critical, as is constructing bike/ped improvements as alternates to HW 40 in and in the areas just outside of communities.
3	When roads/highways are re done, work should be coordinated so utilities and internet infrastructure can be put in at the same time, so the road is only torn up once. CDOT should do a better job of coordinating locally. Keep some funding for communities that are NOT on the front range, not everybody lives there.
4	Airports
5	CDOT should more actively improve bike and ped improvements in areas with significant activity - designs should consider bike and peds and retrofit of areas without accommodation should be included in the scope of improvements
6	Countywide transit
7	Increase transit from Steamboat to Craig. Not just Craig to Steamboat.
8	Bike paths to connect towns
9	Bridge work and Bike lanes.
10	SH-64 and CR-5 Intersection with Bridge over White River replaced
11	A passenger train in the center of I-70 needs to be seriously reconsidered as an option to reduce congestion on I-70 and even on I-25, to connect surrounding communities for city commuters and as an option for out of area tourists.
12	Muddy Pass resurface
13	court records pleated to the base of rabbit ears pass
14	Safety
15	Provide safe bike lanes.
16	Shoulders on SH-131!
17	Northwest Colorado residents are highly dependent on a well-functioning I-70 from Denver to Silverthorne &/or Wolcott, and any investment in this corridor directly benefits Northwest Colorado.
18	More mass transit options are needed. Safer ways to get around by bike is needed due to no mass transit.
19	SH-64, SH-13, SH-131 and some of US 40 need shoulders.
20	Pedestrian improvements are needed in Craig, CO. Sidewalks along 40 through Craig from Columbine Apartments clear to the Steamboat Transit Stop on the east side of town are needed.
21	Spend less gas tax dollars on transit

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## ***Public Input on Northwest TPR Priorities – Survey Comments Relating to High Priority Corridors***

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

#### SH 9 – Kremmling to I-70

- Passing lanes, additional transit, and bicycle/pedestrian options on the SH 9 project.
- SH 9 project shouldn't be a high priority – too costly.

#### SH 13 – Rifle to WY State Line

- SH 13 north of Craig needs shoulders for safety.

#### US 40 – West of Craig to Empire / I-70

- US 40 within Grand County is becoming more travelled as a Scenic Byway, requiring additional pullouts and better access to public lands.
- Increase transit from Steamboat to Craig and vice versa.
- Pedestrian improvements are needed in Craig.

#### SH 64 – Dinosaur to Meeker

- Needs shoulders.

#### SH 131 – Wolcott to Steamboat Springs

- Needs shoulders both north and south of Yampa – only a few inches separate traffic from a ditch.
- SH 131 should be a high priority because it connects Vail & Steamboat Springs.

#### SH 139 – Loma to Ridgway

- Widening and resurfacing are needed.

#### General Comments (Corridors Unidentified)

- Need transportation for residents to and from work, medical care, shopping, etc.
- Important to provide bus service at commuter times in Grand Lake, Winter Park, Fraser, Granby, and Hot Sulphur Springs.
- Transit and bike paths to connect towns in the region.
- CDOT should coordinate projects so that utilities and internet infrastructure can be put in at the same time so that roadways are only torn up once.
- Safety is a top priority.
- Northwest Colorado residents are dependent on a well-functioning I-70 from Denver to Silverthorne/Wolcott – investment in I-70 directly benefits the region.