

Context Statement

The I-70 Mountain Corridor is a magnificent, scenic place. Human elements are woven through breathtaking natural features. The integration of these diverse elements has occurred over the course of time.

This corridor is a recreational destination for the world, a route for interstate and local commerce, and a unique place to live.

It is our commitment to seek balance and provide for twenty-first-century uses.

We will continue to foster and nurture new ideas to address the challenges we face.

We respect the importance of individual communities, the natural environment, and the need for safe and efficient travel.

Well-thought-out choices create a sustainable legacy.

Core Values

- **Sustainability** is an overarching value that creates solutions for today that do not diminish resources for future generations. Ideal solutions generate long-term benefits to economic strength, scenic integrity, community vitality, environmental health, and ecosystems.
- Methods for **decision making** must be fair, open, equitable, and inclusive. Collaboration moves decision making beyond individual and agency interests. New ideas will always be considered with respect and an open mind.
- Enhancing **safety** for all is paramount in all decisions.
- A **healthy environment** requires taking responsibility to preserve, restore, and enhance natural resources and ecosystems.
- Humankind's past has contributed to the sense of place. The broad **historic context** is foundational to the corridor's character and must be a part of every conversation.
- We must respect the individuality of **communities** in a manner that promotes their viability. The character of the corridor is realized in the differences and commonalities of its communities.
- **Mobility and accessibility** must address local, regional, and national travel by providing reliability, efficiency, and inter-connectivity between systems and communities.
- **Aesthetics** will be inspired by the surroundings, protect scenic integrity, and incorporate the context of place. Timeless design continues the corridor's legacy.