

Critical Issues



MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY: *System Connections and Effectiveness*

Improve and enhance connections to interstate

Ensure and enhance reliability

Facilitate the movement of people and goods

Enhance mobility to all points along the corridor

Maintain a reasonable person travel time

Minimize inconvenience and delays to the traveling public

MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY: *Intermodal Connectivity and the Respect for the Needs of Special Users*

Provide and strengthen multi-modal connections, including pedestrian and bike connections, to communities off the corridor and across the highway

Provide mobility choices for persons of all abilities

Maintain access to communities

Maintain trans-continental freight corridor

Manage recreational access as population increases

Establish cooperative transportation system planning from urban areas to remote recreation opportunities to develop seamless system

Accommodate people and their recreational equipment

Consider generational and cultural changes in recreation uses into the future

Recognize and respect the draw of the mountains for recreation

Historic Context

Consider and respect broad historic context of communities

Maintain sensitivity toward the existing built environment, historic environment, others

Preserve cultural and historic resources - mining, infrastructure, history, logging, ski industry

Promote heritage tourism - interpret and enhance

Keep existing and historical communities alive

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Communities

Enhance quality of life

Consider land use and how town development affects transportation

Promote future vision of corridor communities and tie it to land use

Celebrate, enhance and protect the individual identities of the communities in the corridor and their differences

Coordinate among communities in the design/construction of I-70, transportation modes, and management of recreation use on public and private lands

Respect physical constraints of communities

Support tourism/economics

Minimize disruption of communities by cut-through traffic

ENVIRONMENTAL: *Environmental Objectives*

Promote a clean environment

Avoid impacts (minimize and mitigate effects)

Promote and support restoration

Minimize construction impacts

Consider past environmental impacts (cumulative effects)

Support environmental justice (avoid disproportionate effects)

Develop transportation solutions that fit within context of surrounding environment

ENVIRONMENTAL: *Specific Environmental Issues*

Support and preserve habitat corridors and linkages

Protect threatened and endangered species

Protect wildlife and wilderness areas and enhance wildlife movement by supporting wildlife mitigation and habitat corridor and linkages

Preserve land forms, plant materials and wildlife

Protect community water supplies and watersheds

Improve spill response and prevention to support environmental safety

Improve energy of the corridor and communities it passes through

Maintain quiet in wilderness areas

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Sustainability

Move towards sustainability throughout process

Change behavior to support economic and ecological sustainability

Conduct life cycle analysis of alternatives. Include indirect costs

Promote global, regional and local ecological sustainability

Preserve and enhance the surroundings by utilizing environmental impact measures in the decision making process

Enable sustainable solutions through maintenance and operations

Promote infrastructure maintenance

Enhance what already exists

Improve conditions for current and future residents: noise, dust, sense of community, connection/pedestrian, construction, transit

Integrate and balance transportation alternatives with growth and land use

Minimize carbon impacts and depletion of natural resources

Aesthetics

Preserve and enhance natural and cultural beauty of corridor surroundings

Promote transportation network changes that are a scenic/aesthetic component of landscape, not an afterthought or distraction

Protect views and aesthetics and ensure the ability to enjoy the beauty of the corridor's resources

Respect that I-70 exists because of the mountains and environment, and enjoy the corridor environment

Safety

Accommodate safe hazardous materials transport

Enhance safety for first responders, motor carriers, transportation workers and people who live on the corridor

Maintain and improve emergency response times

Minimize animal/vehicle collisions

Provide for safety-rock slides, sink holes, perception of safety

Promote public safety

Encourage responsible driving

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DECISION MAKING: Balancing Various Decision Making Considerations

Consider and balance impacts and benefits

Strive to balance all interests

Balance mobility and quality of life

Balance time, quality and money

Balance air, water, and land in sustainable manner

Maintain and enhance quality of land, water, air

Engage different communities and involve them in decision making process

Do not transfer costs to future generations unless the benefits exceed the costs

Promote cost effectiveness in all four seasons

DECISION MAKING: Overall Objectives of the Decision Making Process

Embrace and promote Context Sensitive Solutions

Develop partnerships

Enhance value to the user

Promote foresight

Exceed perceived limitations and expectations

Develop good design alternatives

Promote accountability and financial responsibility

Facilitate affordable and effective solutions

Promote economic diversity and economic equity

Enhance and support long-term statewide transportation planning

Promote long-term solutions that work well

Promote timeless design

Build it to last for the future and develop lasting value

Respect local control of transportation planning and funding

Make it a positive experience; use information, marketing, website and story-tellers