

ID	Criteria	Options Ranking	
		Widen to Creek	Widen to Median
Evaluation Criteria			
1	Addresses safety during PPSL operations	•Not a differentiator	
2	Maintains safety during non-peak times	•Not a differentiator	
3	Improves mobility during peak times	•Not a differentiator	
4	Minimizes the effort required to maintain the option	•More difficult to maintain taller walls along creek	•Easier to maintain shorter walls and access from roadway.
5	Enables the project team to achieve the goal of opening PPSL by 1-Jul-15	•More wall area to design & build increases schedule	•Less wall area to design & build reduces schedule
6	Creates infrastructure investments that are reasonable to construct and provide the best value for their life cycle, function, and purpose.	•More wall area has more impacts, is more expensive, and requires more maintenance	•Less wall area has less impacts, is less expensive, and requires less maintenance
7	Allows for a process to engage and communicate with all the local, regional and national users of the I-70 Mountain Corridor	•Not a differentiator	
8	Creates opportunities to "correct past damage"	•Not a differentiator	
9	Provides access and protects opportunities for enhancements to tourist destinations, community facilities, and interstate commerce.	• More impacts to riparian vegetation affects river recreational experience	• More impacts to the median vegetation
10	Incorporates sustainability by using locally available materials and environmentally-friendly processes	•Not a differentiator	
11	Protects or creates unique features for the area as a gateway	•Not a differentiator	
12	Protects wildlife needs	•More barrier effect impeding highway permeability	•Less barrier effect impeding highway permeability
13	Protects Clear Creek	•More potential for creek encroachment •More visual impact from walls and tree removal •Less space for WQ features to be added •Degrades recreational experience	•Less potential for encroachment into creek •Less visual impact for walls and tree removal •More space for WQ features to be added
14	Protects the defining historical elements of Clear Creek County	•More infrastructure, more visual impact	•Less infrastructure, less visual impact
15	Meets CDOT's and industry standards	•Not a differentiator	
16	Achieves the mountain mineral belt aesthetic guidelines	• More impacts to riparian vegetation	• Minimizes the area of walls
17	Meets the I-70 Mountain Corridor design criteria	• Meets the corridor design criteria by not decreasing median width	• Narrows the median
18	Preserves opportunities for the AGS and the ultimate preferred alternative	•Not a differentiator	
19	Adaptable for future changes/projects	• More infrastructure to remove in future	• Less infrastructure to remove in future
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Issue Specific Criteria			
1	Impacts to creek users	• More visual impacts to creek users	• No visual impacts to creek users
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