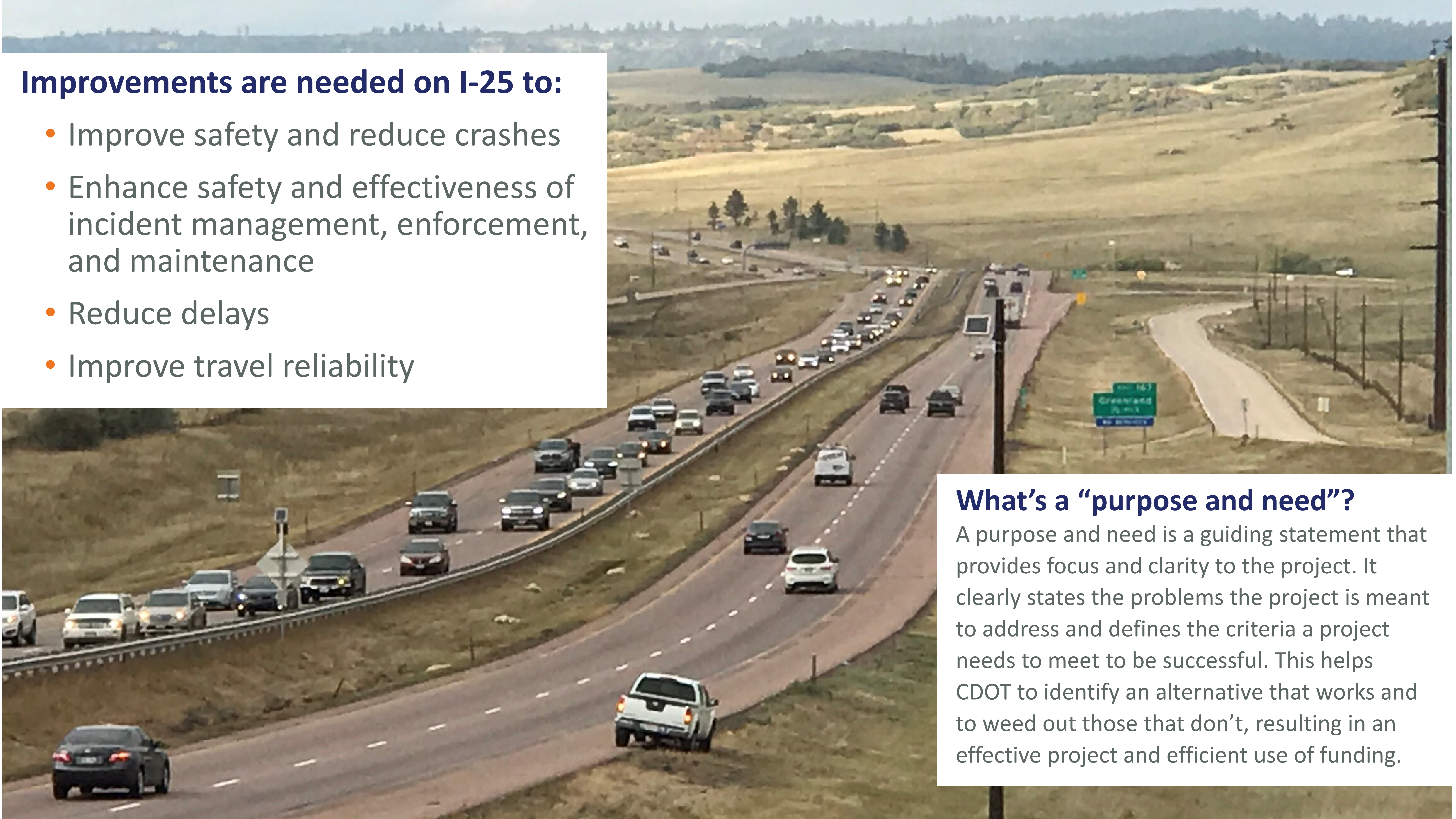


Gap Project Purpose and Need

Enhance safety, reduce delays, and improve reliability for travel on I-25 through the 18-mile, 4-lane bottleneck (the Gap) between Colorado Springs and the Denver South region.

Improvements are needed on I-25 to:

- Improve safety and reduce crashes
- Enhance safety and effectiveness of incident management, enforcement, and maintenance
- Reduce delays
- Improve travel reliability



What's a "purpose and need"?

A purpose and need is a guiding statement that provides focus and clarity to the project. It clearly states the problems the project is meant to address and defines the criteria a project needs to meet to be successful. This helps CDOT to identify an alternative that works and to weed out those that don't, resulting in an effective project and efficient use of funding.