

# Why are improvements needed?

## SAFETY

A high number of crashes occur on the corridor – averaging more than one each day. Crashes have consistently increased over the past five years, and CDOT’s analysis of safety suggests the entire length of the Gap has the potential for safety to be improved. Fatalities in the corridor have also consistently increased, which is a substantial concern for both CDOT and the public. Higher than expected crashes occur due to weather, wildlife conflicts, and darkness.



## RELIABILITY

Travel times in the corridor are highly variable. While travel times are often communicated as averages, travelers through the Gap area experience and remember something different because travel times vary greatly from a free flow of about 20 minutes to several hours.



## REDUCE DELAYS

Unexpected and unreasonably long traffic delays are increasingly common, and delays are getting worse, particularly on weekends. With no reasonable alternate routes or other reliable travel options, drivers have little option but to be stuck in traffic in congested conditions.



## INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

Emergency response, maintenance, and law enforcement in the Gap is challenging because the narrow shoulders do not provide adequate room to stage operations safely, recovery space for disabled vehicles, or shelter from severe weather. This means that highway workers are at risk, the traveling public is inconvenienced by lane closures. Further, the lack of emergency detours makes it difficult to provide or communicate reliable information travelers.

### Public Input Consistent with Identified Needs

What are your top three concerns with travel in the corridor?

