I-70 Mountain Corridor Decision Process

Life Cycle Phases

1. **Corridor Planning**
   - **Step 1**: Define Desired Outcomes and Actions
   - County Wide Coordination Meetings
   - Public Meetings

2. **Project Development**
   - **Step 2**: Endorse the Process
   - County Wide Coordination Meetings
   - Project Leadership Team
   - Project Public Meetings

3. **Project Design**
   - **Step 3**: Establish Criteria
   - County Wide Coordination Meetings
   - Project Leadership Team
   - Technical Team
   - Issue Task Forces

4. **Project Construction**
   - **Step 4**: Develop Alternatives or Options
   - County Wide Coordination Meetings
   - Project Leadership Team
   - Project Staff
   - Project Public Meetings

5. **Corridor Operations, Maintenance, and Monitoring**
   - **Step 5**: Evaluate, Select, and Refine Alternative or Option
   - County Wide Coordination Meetings
   - Project Leadership Team
   - Project Staff
   - Project Public Meetings

6. **Finalize Documentation and Evaluate Process**
   - County Wide Coordination Meetings
   - Issue Task Forces

6-Step Process

**Step 1**: Define Desired Outcomes and Actions

- Using the I-70 Mountain Corridor CSS Guidance and other relevant materials, establish goals and actions, define terms to be used, and identify decisions to be made. Using established parameters and an existing framework – goals, actions, and decisions to be made – develop the specific process to be used during decision making, including teams, team roles, and interactions during the process.

**Step 2**: Endorse the Process

- For each team: Establish participants, their roles and responsibilities, and commitments and accountability. Endorse the process by discussing, possibly modifying, and then finalizing with all teams the desired outcomes and actions to be taken. Clarify terms and expectations for use in the process.

**Step 3**: Establish Criteria

- Review Corridor Context Statement, Core Values, and CSS Criteria Guidance. Work with team participants to establish the specific vision, goals, and criteria; a good criterion is measurable, is relevant to the project decision, and distinguishes between alternatives or options.

**Step 4**: Develop Alternatives or Options

- Identify alternatives or options relevant to the desired outcomes, specific vision, and goals.

**Step 5**: Evaluate, Select, and Refine Alternative or Option

- Analyze all alternatives and options by applying the criteria, then refine the final alternative or option.

**Step 6**: Finalize Documentation and Evaluate Process

- Documentation should be continuous throughout the process. This step finalizes the documentation and serves as a de-facto record of which to evaluate the process. Final documentation will include the process evaluations.

Teams

Ongoing Collaboration and Communication

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will partner with counties in convening County-Wide Coordination Meetings, which will include county, city, and town representatives who will meet on an agreed-upon schedule in order to discuss upcoming projects, ongoing projects, and maintenance activities.

CDOT will organize Public Meetings that will be open to all stakeholders when their input is needed or when information is available for discussion.

Optional Teams

- Technical Teams (TTs) will be multidisciplinary teams that include experts in all of the Core Values. Projects with multiple issues and stakeholders may require TTs. The PS may act as the TT for smaller projects or projects that address a single issue, such as rock fall mitigation or pavement overlays.

- Issue Task Forces (ITFs) will be multidisciplinary teams that include stakeholders and experts in the Core Values surrounding a single issue. When a single or focused issue arises during a project, the project may require an ITF. That ITF will report its recommendations to the PLT or the PS, after which the ITF will be dissolved. The PS may be the ITF for a project addressing a single issue, such as updating an Incident Management Plan.