



FACT SHEET

Cottonwood Pass Concept Design (Eagle and Garfield Counties)

Project Overview

Safety improvements are needed on county roads that traverse Cottonwood Pass between Gypsum in Eagle County and Colorado Highway (CO) 82 in Garfield County. The county roads have been used as a local detour route during I-70 closures through Glenwood Canyon, leading to increased traffic volumes and incidents during I-70 closure events. Eagle and Garfield counties identified 14 areas that need improvement to make the county roads safer and more functional as a vital travel connection between the local communities. The expected site improvements include curve softening, improved sight distance, and increased road width in areas to accommodate two vehicles in passing.

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is supporting Eagle and Garfield counties with conceptual designs at the 14 specific locations along Cottonwood Pass shown below to more safely accommodate traffic.

The scope of the project includes concept design (approximately 10% design level) and:

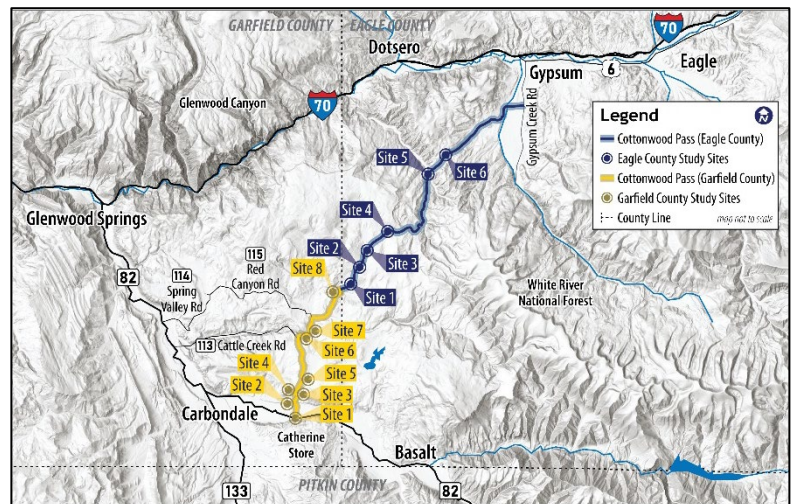
- ◆ survey of road right-of-way limits
- ◆ assessment of geotechnical and environmental conditions
- ◆ development and evaluation of safety improvement options
- ◆ estimates of conceptual costs

Public and stakeholder coordination will occur throughout the process.

With the information provided by this project, Eagle and Garfield counties will determine next steps for implementing improvements. **Further design and construction funds have not been identified and there is no schedule for construction.**

Key Schedule Milestones

- ◆ Summer 2022: Conduct right-of-way survey and field data collection
- ◆ July 2022: Hold first public open houses in Eagle and Garfield counties
- ◆ Late summer 2022: Conduct first small-group outreach meetings
- ◆ Late summer/fall 2022: Develop and evaluate safety improvement options and conduct additional small-group outreach meetings
- ◆ Late 2022/early 2023: Refine design concepts
- ◆ Early 2023: Hold second public open houses in Eagle and Garfield counties
- ◆ Early 2023: Finalize concept design report



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