

NEPA and Preliminary Design Project

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the project is to reduce congestion, optimize operations, improve safety, and accommodate multimodal connections at the I-70 and Kipling Street interchange.

## NEED

Improvements are needed to:

- Meet current and future traffic demands
- Improve operational efficiency of the interchange
- Improve traveler safety through the interchange
- Accommodate multimodal connections

This project Purpose and Need statement was developed using public and agency input during the I-70/Kipling Interchange Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study.

The Purpose and Need is intended to clarify the expected outcome of the proposed action and to justify the project with the transportation problem. It is used to evaluate alternatives and guides the decision-making process.