

## Draft Purpose & Need

### Purpose of the Project

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

### Need for the Project

The existing design and configuration of the interchange no longer accommodates travel demands. Kipling Street is an important transportation corridor supporting mobility and economic activity in Wheat Ridge, Arvada, and Jefferson County. 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