The Consensus Recommendation provides a multimodal vision for the I-70 Mountain Corridor. It includes both transit and highway improvements based on proven needs. These improvements are aimed at enhancing the Corridor, its environment, and its communities. It also allows flexibility in determining the order in which improvements are to be made and the ability to assess impacts of improvements as time goes on before new improvements are implemented.





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Where Have We Been?

The Colorado Department of Transportation

(CDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have been analyzing the Interstate 70 (I-70) Mountain Corridor for more than 10 years. The agencies used a Tier 1 approach to broadly identify transportation alternatives for the Corridor. A Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS) for I-70 was released in late 2004. That original document identified general transportation alignments and modes for consideration to meet the purpose and need of the project. During the extended public comment period, more than 2,000 concerns were identified. Most stakeholders commented about the lack of a long-term corridor vision and the \$4 billion funding threshold placed on future improvements. Additional comments raised questions on other aspects of the DPEIS.

CDOT responded to stakeholder comments by committing to a long-term vision and evaluating how best to move forward with the study. In November 2007, CDOT initiated the Collaborative Effort (CE), a 27-member group representing various corridor interests, to reach consensus on a recommended transportation solution for the I-70 Corridor. CDOT and FHWA were active participants and both agencies committed to adopting the CE's Consensus Recommendation in the PEIS. CDOT also agreed to remove the \$4 billion threshold for the preferred alternative. The CE adopted their Consensus Recommendation in June 2008.

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Where Are We Going?

CDOT has initiated a Revised DPEIS to address the Consensus Recommendation. The Revised DPEIS provides a comparative analysis of alternatives, examining the project's ability to meet purpose and need while minimizing impacts on the surrounding communities. The document examines each natural and manmade resource to determine whether the identified impact(s) on that particular resource have changed since 2004 – either over time or due to other factors.

By revising the DPEIS to account for activities that occurred since 2004, CDOT and FHWA provide a complete document that guides agency actions, communicates Tier 1 decisions, and benefits the Corridor and its stakeholders. The Revised DPEIS explains how proposed projects will be implemented at Tier 2, which allows for more focused discussions and site-specific analysis.

We Need Your Input!

The Revised DPEIS will be issued in September 2010 for a 60-day public review and comment period. Public hearings will take place in October 2010. The Final PEIS will be completed December 2010, with a Record of Decision anticipated by spring 2011.

SAVE THE DATE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Summit County

October 5, 2010 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Silverthorne Pavilions 400 Blue River Parkway Silverthorne, CO 80498

Clear Creek County

October 6, 2010 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Clear Creek High School 185 Beaver Brook Canyon Road Evergreen, CO 80439

Eagle County

October 7, 2010 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Eagle County Fairgrounds 0426 Fairgrounds Road Eagle, CO 81631

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Agenda for all Public Hearings

5:00 PM to 6:00 PM: Open House & Written Comments

6:00 PM to 6:30 PM: Presentation

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM: Verbal Comment Submission, Closing Open House & Comments

