## Why are Improvements Needed on this Corridor?

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## What is the purpose of the project?

The purpose for transportation improvements is to increase capacity, improve accessibility and mobility, and decrease congestion for travel demand, projected to occur in 2035 and 2050, to destinations along the I-70 Mountain Corridor as well as for interstate travel, while providing for and accommodating environmental sensitivity, community values, transportation safety, and ability to implement the proposed solutions for the Corridor. Problem areas for mobility, congestion, and safety are displayed in the map below.







## Who uses the corridor and why?

Commuters, recreationalists, locals, intra- and interstate freight truckers, and others rely on the corridor. Typical trips include:

- Weekday commutes, local non-work trips, and recreational trips.
- Weekend recreational trips, which result in heavier traffic volumes.
- Trucks account for about 10 percent of traffic during both weekdays and weekends.
- Mix of traffic in summer and winter is similar, but volumes are generally higher in the summer.









