Social and Economic Values

Types of Impacts

- Congested travel conditions associated with the No Action and Minimal Action will suppress economic activity in the long-term.

- Improved travel conditions and transportation options will induce population and employment growth in some Corridor communities.

    - Induced growth is projected to occur primarily in Eagle, Summit, and Garfield counties.

    - Clear Creek County not expected to experience induced growth.

    - Transit alternatives likely to induce higher-density urban growth.

    - Highway capacity improvements likely to induce dispersed rural growth similar to current development patterns.

    - Combination alternatives likely to induce growth in urban and rural areas.

- Emergency service operations would likely improve in the long-term with safety improvements to the I-70 highway.

- Construction of Action Alternatives will suppress economic activity in the short-term, causing congestion and delay and restricting visitor access to businesses and tourist destinations.

Mitigation Strategies

- Tier 2 processes will follow Context Sensitive Solutions. The decision making process encourages collaborative involvement of stakeholders.

- The lead agencies will support Corridorwide coordination, state involvement and support, and localized efforts to control growth to help Corridor communities to maintain and protect social and economic values.

- The lead agencies have identified a number of construction mitigation strategies, such as:

    - Providing public information on construction activities

        » Public meetings
        » Variable message signs
        » Real-time web cameras
        » Construction project website
        » Telephone hotline

    - Identifying community representatives to work with CDOT to develop construction traffic control program and provide feedback to traffic control team

    - Avoiding lane closures in peak direction during peak travel periods

    - Maintaining community and business access to highest degree possible and using highly visible signs and other information technologies to provide safe, efficient access.