

It's ABOUT CONTEXT...

For a corridor as dynamic as I-70, context is even more essential. The adjacent communities have unique needs. The corridor is home to some of the world's most awe-inspiring natural features. The historic assets go well beyond imagination. Add to that the sheer economic importance of the corridor and you quickly see why a CSS approach is required.

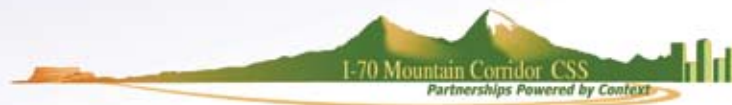
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CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS



Progress through Partnerships



THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION DEFINES CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS AS:

Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) is a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves all stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility. CSS is an approach that considers the total context within which a transportation improvement project will exist. CSS principles include the employment of early, continuous and meaningful involvement of the public and all stakeholders throughout the project development process.



IT'S ABOUT COMMUNITIES...

I-70 threads through the heart of our state and ties together a unique variety of communities. In order to develop successful, context-driven plans for the corridor, it's important for all stakeholders to stay involved. Past participation has been great. To date, a diverse array of stakeholders — from truck drivers to tourists, business owners to snowboarders, and environmental champions to history buffs — have contributed to shaping the future of the corridor. With new processes beginning and projects ongoing, CDOT has created a way to bring communities to the table and ensure all stakeholders continue to have a voice.



IT'S ABOUT THE FUTURE...

Few topics in Colorado have been debated as much as the I-70 Mountain Corridor. Why? Because it's the lifeline that connects the most valued resources in the state. Since it was completed, it has served us well; for that to continue changes need to start now. By incorporating 21st Century multi-modal technology and a unique collaborative approach, together we can enhance the corridor's incredible legacy and make it successful for future generations.



IT'S ABOUT COLLABORATION...

Corridor-wide CSS — This process will coordinate all of the CDOT I-70 Mountain Corridor projects and processes, plus develop Context Guidelines and Core Values that will be the framework for all current and future projects along the corridor.

Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement — The PEIS is charged with developing and analyzing the transportation problems, solutions, impacts and mitigations along the corridor.

Collaborative Effort — This process is part of the PEIS and will facilitate stakeholder discussions about the transportation alternatives for the corridor, with the goal of developing a recommended alternative. CDOT has committed to a 50-year vision that will include a multi-modal solution.

I-70 Coalition Transit Planning Grant — This study will review the land use and zoning regulations of corridor communities to determine their compatibility with transit and related transit development.

Rocky Mountain Rail Authority (RMRA) — The RMRA is a state-wide group investigating the feasibility of rail in several corridors.

Other CDOT Projects — CDOT has several other projects along the corridor. For more information, visit www.i70mtncorridor.com



IT'S LEADERSHIP...

To respect everyone's time, CDOT will lead the coordination of the CSS, PEIS and collaborative effort. This coordination will:

- Organize project schedules to reduce the number of meetings and avoid conflicts
- Facilitate the sharing of stakeholder input between projects to avoid repeating activities
- Use the CSS work to inform all I-70 processes and analyses
- Engage partners throughout the process
- Move I-70 projects forward

Creating common ground and establishing core values will provide the framework for the future of I-70. To effectively establish these values, stakeholder input will be needed. You will have many opportunities to provide your ideas and comments. Watch your mail or visit our website for upcoming public meetings.