



The following is a list of critical issues identified by stakeholders in the I-70 Mountain Corridor CSS workshops. These issues provided the foundation for the Core Values and guided the development of Alternative Evaluation Criteria. The list recognizes the significant contribution of past efforts in identifying the many and varied issues along the corridor. While not exhaustive, it should be used as a starting point to refine project scope and develop evaluation criteria. The list should be used in the Public Scoping and Critical Issues Exercise provided in the CSS Guidance to identify critical issues at a project-specific level.

Critical Issue	Core Value							
	Sustainability	Decision Making	Safety	Healthy Environment	Historic Context	Communities	Mobility and Accessibility	Aesthetics
Accommodate people and their recreational equipment	Success Tracking				Criteria		Criteria	
Accommodate safe haz-mat transport			Criteria					
Preserve and enhance the surroundings by utilizing environmental impact measures and mitigation measures in the decision-making process	Success Tracking	6-Step Process		Criteria	Criteria	Criteria		Criteria
Avoid impacts	Refinements		Engineering Criteria	Criteria	Criteria	Criteria	Engineering Criteria	Engineering Criteria
Consider and balance impacts and benefits	Criteria	6-Step Process	Criteria	Criteria	Criteria	Criteria	Criteria	Criteria
Balance air, water, land in sustainable manner	Criteria	6-Step Process		Criteria				
Balance mobility and quality of life	Success Tracking	6-Step Process		Criteria		Criteria	Criteria	
Balance time, quality, and money	Criteria	6-Step Process					Criteria	
Build it to last for the future and develop lasting value	Success Tracking							
Celebrate, enhance, and protect the individual identities of the communities in the corridor and their differences	Success Tracking				Criteria	Criteria		Criteria
Change behavior to support economic and ecological sustainability	Criteria Success Tracking Refinements			Criteria				
Conduct life cycle analysis of alternatives. Include indirect costs.	Criteria							
Consider and respect broad historic context of communities	Success Tracking				Criteria Historic Context			
Consider generational and cultural changes in recreation uses into the future	Success Tracking							
Consider land use and how town development affects transportation	Success Tracking					Criteria		
Coordinate among communities in the design/construction of I-70, transportation modes, and management of recreation use on public and private lands	Success Tracking	6-Step Process						
Develop partnerships	Success Tracking	6-Step Process						
Develop good design alternatives	Refinements	6-Step Process	Engineering Criteria				Engineering Criteria	Engineering Criteria
Develop transportation solutions that fit within context of surrounding environment		6-Step Process		Criteria	Criteria	Criteria		Aesthetic Plan
Do not transfer costs to future generations unless the benefits exceed the costs	Criteria							
Embrace and promote Context Sensitive Solutions		6-Step Process						
Enable sustainable solutions through maintenance and operations	Criteria Success Tracking							
Encourage responsible driving							Engineering Criteria	Engineering Criteria
Enhance and support long-term statewide transportation planning	Success Tracking							
Enhance mobility to all points along the corridor							Criteria	
Enhance quality of life	Success Tracking							



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Enhance safety for first responders, motor carriers, transportation workers, and people who live on the corridor	Success Tracking		Engineering Criteria Chain Station Plan Incident Management Plans					
Enhance value to the user	Success Tracking							
Enhance what already exists				Criteria	Historic Context	Criteria		Aesthetic Plan
Ensure and enhance reliability	Success Tracking						Criteria	
Establish cooperative transportation system planning from urban areas to remote recreation opportunities to develop seamless system	Success Tracking	6-Step Process						
Exceed perceived limitations and expectations	Success Tracking	6-Step Process						
Facilitate affordable and effective solutions	Criteria Success Tracking							
Facilitate the movement of people and goods	Success Tracking						Criteria	
Improve conditions for current and future residents: noise, dust, sense of community, connection/pedestrian, construction, transit	Success Tracking			Criteria				
Improve and enhance connections to interstate							Criteria	
Improve spill response and prevention to support environmental safety			Incident Management Plans					
Improve synergy of the corridor and communities it passes through		6-Step Process			Historic Context	Criteria		Aesthetic Plan
Integrate and balance transportation alternatives with growth and land use	Success Tracking							
Engage different communities and involve them in decision making process		6-Step Process						
Keep existing and historical communities alive	Success Tracking				Historic Context			
Maintain a reasonable person trip travel time	Success Tracking						Criteria	
Maintain access to communities	Success Tracking					Criteria	Criteria	
Maintain and enhance quality of land, water, air	Success Tracking			Criteria				
Maintain and improve emergency response	Success Tracking						Incident Management Plans	
Maintain quiet in wilderness areas	Success Tracking			Criteria				
Maintain sensitivity toward the existing built environment, historic environment, others	Success Tracking				Historic Context	Criteria		Aesthetic Plan
Maintain trans-continental freight corridor							Criteria	
Make it a positive experience. Use information, marketing, Web site and storytellers	Success Tracking						ITS	Aesthetic Plan
Manage recreational access as population increases	Success Tracking							
Minimize animal/vehicle collisions	Success Tracking		Criteria ALIVE MOU					



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Minimize construction impacts		6-Step Process						
Minimize carbon impacts and depletion of natural resources	Criteria Success Tracking			Air Quality Policy				
Minimize disruption of communities by cut-through traffic							Criteria	
Minimize inconvenience and delays to the traveling public	Success Tracking						Criteria	
Consider past environmental impacts		6-Step Process						
Move toward sustainability throughout process	Success Tracking							
Preserve and enhance natural and cultural beauty of corridor surroundings								Aesthetic Plan
Promote public safety			Criteria				Engineering Criteria Criteria	
Preserve cultural and historic resources – mining, infrastructure, history, logging, ski industry					Historic Context Criteria			
Support and preserve habitat corridors and linkages				ALIVE MOU Criteria				
Preserve land forms, plant materials, and wildlife				ALIVE MOU Criteria				Aesthetic Plan
Promote a clean environment				Criteria				
Promote accountability and financial responsibility	Success Tracking							
Promote cost effectiveness in all four seasons	Success Tracking							
Promote economic diversity and economic equity	Success Tracking							
Promote foresight		6-Step Process						
Promote future vision of corridor communities and tie it to land use	Success Tracking	6-Step Process						
Promote global, regional, and local ecological sustainability	Success Tracking							
Promote heritage tourism – interpret and enhance					Historic Context			
Promote infrastructure maintenance	Criteria Success Tracking							
Promote long-term solutions that work well	Success Tracking	6-Step Process						
Promote and support restoration	Success Tracking				Historic Context			
Promote timeless design		6-Step Process					Engineering Criteria	Aesthetic Plan
Promote transportation network changes that are a scenic/aesthetic component of landscape, not an afterthought or distraction								Aesthetic Plan
Protect views and aesthetics and ensure the ability to enjoy the beauty of the corridor's resources								Aesthetic Plan
Protect community water supplies and watersheds				SWEEP MOU Criteria				
Protect threatened and endangered species				SWEEP MOU				

