



## Project Background

### 1973: Vail Pass Environmental Impact Statement

- Original environmental document for the design and construction of I-70 over Vail Pass
- Goals were established to help develop alternatives:
  - » Locate the roadway in favorable geologic conditions
  - » Minimize scarring of the terrain
  - » Reduce or eliminate stream impacts
  - » Better fit the roadway into the landscape
  - » Avoid the necessity of long, expensive structures
  - » Avoid necessity of acquiring private property

*“Diligent efforts will be made to minimize any harmful environmental impacts. Therefore, the importance of an extremely sensitive design, carefully reviewed by an interdisciplinary review team cannot be overemphasized.”*

**1973 Final Environmental Impact Statement**

### 2000-2011: I-70 Mountain Corridor Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision

- Extended from C-470 to Glenwood Springs
- High-level analysis of alternatives included careful consideration of all identified social, economic, and environmental impacts and input received from agencies, organizations and the public
- Selected the Preferred Alternative, a long-term 2050 vision for the Corridor that includes:
  - » Non-infrastructure components,
  - » an Advanced Guideway System (train),
  - » and highway improvements, including eastbound and westbound auxiliary lanes from mileposts 180-190

### 2007: West Vail Pass Environmental Assessment

- Started in 2006
- Intended to analyze the addition of auxiliary lanes from MP 180-190
- Began environmental existing conditions analysis
- Halted in 2007 pending completion of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

## Current Project — I-70 West Vail Pass Auxiliary Lanes

- Started in 2017
- Intended to analyze the addition of auxiliary lanes and other safety and operational improvements from mileposts 180-190
- Preparing an Environmental Assessment for the project
  - » Final design and construction will follow as funding becomes available