# Appendix J Truck Freight Model Findings 

# COLORADO HIGHWAY 71 (Limon north to Colorado/ Nebraska state line) TRUCK FREIGHT DIVERSION FEASIBILITY STUDY 

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## SH-71 M ulti-Unit Truck Model Findings

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Assumptions

## Assumptions

- M ulti-Unit Trucks (MUTs) alone are modeled.
- 2018 base year was validated to recent M UT counts:
- Over 130 CDOT counts
- 10-15 Wyoming and Nebraskal-80 counts
- Custom counts in the SH-71 study corridor
- CDOT's Colorado Statewide M odel zone system and network adapted. Base year CDOT statewide network used throughout.
- Daily (24-hour) model; Denver area tolls are not used.
- SH-71 is the focus with I-25 also tabulated to capture diversion effects.
- Segment geography established for reporting purposes.
- Shortest path using time is used for assignment. Starting point was posted speeds from the National Highway Planning Network (NHPN)(1), expanded into Colorado.
- Demand tables extracted from the most recent Freight Analysis Framework (V4.3) truck commodity flow data.

1. https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/processes/tools/nhpn/

## Definition of M ulti-Unit Trucks



## SH-71 Zone System (National)



- County level outside of Colorado
- CDOT STM zones within Colorado
- Some extra detail added in the SH-71 corridor


## SH-71 Zone System (Colorado)



Source: Colorado DOT, 2017

## SH-71 Network (National)



Source: NHPN \& Colorado DOT Statewide M odel, 2017

## SH-71 Network (Colorado)



Source: NHPN \& Colorado DOT Statewide M odel, 2017

## Segment Geography added for Clarity



## SH-71 Scenarios

- 2018 Base Year
- Establishes a validation year
- Captures existing conditions
- 2040 Future Base
- Consistent with CDOT future year
- Reports on growth in trucks 2018-2040
- 2040_s1 - speed increase on SH-71 (70 mph)
- 2040_s2 - speed increase on SH-71 (75 mph)
- 2040_s3 - speed increase on SH-71 (80 mph)
- 2040_x1 - speeds reduced by $7 \%$ in the Front Range
- 2040_x2 - speeds reduced by $10 \%$ in the Front Range
- 2040_s1x1 - speed increase on SH-71 (70 mph) and speeds reduced by $7 \%$ in the Front Range
- 2040_s2x1 - speed increase on SH-71 (75 mph) and speeds reduced by $7 \%$ in the Front Range
- 2040_s3x1 - speed increase on SH-71 (80 mph) and speeds reduced by 7\% in the Front Range
- 2040_s1x2 - speed increase on SH-71 (70 mph) and speeds reduced by $10 \%$ in the Front Range
- 2040_s2x2 - speed increase on SH-71 (75 mph) and speeds reduced by 10\% in the Front Range
- 2040_s3x2 - speed increase on SH-71 (80 mph) and speeds reduced by $10 \%$ in the Front Range


## Results

| Scenario | Description with status of SH-71 segments | Front Range speed | Average MUT on SH-71 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2018 | 2018 Existing Conditions | 2018 base conditions | 208 |
| 2040 Future Base | 2040 Base Conditions with SH-71 speed set to 65 mph | 2040 base conditions | 313 |
| 2040_s1 | 2040 with SH-71 speed set to 70 mph | No change from base | 642 |
| 2040_s2 | 2040 with SH-71 speed set to 75 mph | No change from base | 801 |
| 2040_s3 | 2040 with SH-71 speed set to 80 mph | No change from base | 835 |
| 2040_x1 | 2040 with SH-71 speed set to 65 mph | reduced by 7\% | 476 |
| 2040_s1_x1 | 2040 with SH-71 speed set to 70 mph | reduced by 7\% | 835 |
| 2040_s2_x1 | 2040 with SH-71 speed set to 75 mph | reduced by 7\% | 1,039 |
| 2040_s3_x1 | 2040 with SH-71 speed set to 80 mph | reduced by 7\% | 1,082 |
| 2040_x2 | 2040 with SH-71 speed set to 65 mph | reduced by 10\% | 518 |
| 2040_s1_x2 | 2040 with SH-71 speed set to 70 mph | reduced by 10\% | 891 |
| 2040_s2_x2 | 2040 with SH-71 speed set to 75 mph | reduced by 10\% | 1,110 |
| 2040_s4_x2 | 2040 with SH-71 speed set to 80 mph | reduced by 10\% | 1,156 |

## Results

## 2040 Average Weekday MUT Traffic on SH-71

| No Speed Factor |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Segment | Miles | 65 mph | 70 mph | 75 mph | 80 mph |
| SH-71 Seg 1 | 27 | 377 | 460 | 597 | 623 |
| SH-71 Seg 2 | 29 | 259 | 389 | 551 | 577 |
| SH-71 Seg 3 | 74 | 311 | 809 | 974 | 1,013 |
| All Segs | 131 | 313 | 642 | 801 | 835 |
| VMT Change in the Front Range |  | $-1.3 \%$ | $-2.4 \%$ | $-2.8 \%$ |  |


| Speeds reduced by 7\% in the Front Range |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Segment | Miles | 65 mph | 70 mph | 75 mph | 80 mph |
| SH-71 Seg 1 | 27 | 384 | 534 | 693 | 723 |
| SH-71 Seg 2 | 29 | 266 | 479 | 679 | 711 |
| SH-71 Seg 3 | 74 | 593 | 1,085 | 1,307 | 1,360 |
| All SegS | 131 | 476 | 835 | 1,039 | 1,082 |
| VMT Change in the Front Range | $-4.8 \%$ | $-6.2 \%$ | $-6.5 \%$ |  |  |


| Speeds reduced by 10\% in the Front Range |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Segment | Miles | 65 mph | 70 mph | 75 mph | 80 mph |  |  |  |  |  |
| SH-71 Seg 1 | 27 | 397 | 596 | 773 | 807 |  |  |  |  |  |
| SH-71 Seg 2 | 29 | 280 | 518 | 734 | 769 |  |  |  |  |  |
| SH-71 Seg 3 | 74 | 655 | 1,146 | 1,381 | 1,436 |  |  |  |  |  |
| All Segs | 131 | 518 | 891 | 1,110 | 1,156 |  |  |  |  |  |
| VMT Change in the Front Range |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $-6.9 \%$ | $-8.9 \%$ | $-9.7 \%$ |




| Speeds reduced by $7 \%$ in the Front Range | Diff in MUT | 65-70 mph | 70-75 mph | 75-80 mph | Speeds reduced by $10 \%$ in the Front Range | Diff in MUT | 65-70 mph | 70-75 mph | $75-80 \mathrm{mph}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | SH-71 Seg 1 | 150 | 159 | 30 |  | SH-71 Seg 1 | 199 | 178 | 34 |
|  | SH-71 Seg 2 | 213 | 200 | 32 |  | SH-71 Seg 2 | 238 | 216 | 35 |
|  | SH-71 Seg 3 | 492 | 222 | 52 |  | SH-71 Seg 3 | 491 | 235 | 55 |
|  | All Segs | 358 | 204 | 43 |  | All Segs | 374 | 219 | 46 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | \% Diff in MUT | 65-70 mph | 70-75 mph | 75-80 mph |  | \% Diff in MUT | 65-70 mph | 70-75 mph | $75-80 \mathrm{mph}$ |
|  | SH-71 Seg 1 | 39\% | 30\% | 4\% |  | SH-71 Seg 1 | 50\% | 30\% | 4\% |
|  | SH-71 Seg 2 | 80\% | 42\% | 5\% |  | SH-71 Seg 2 | 85\% | 42\% | 5\% |
|  | SH-71 Seg 3 | 83\% | 20\% | 4\% |  | SH-71 Seg 3 | 75\% | 20\% | 4\% |
|  | All Segs | 75\% | 24\% | 4\% |  | All Segs | 72\% | 25\% | 4\% |

Base 2018

## BASE 2018

SH-71 MULTI_UNIT TRUCK (MUT) REPORT

| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE MIIES | TOTAL SEGMENT DRIVE TIME (MINUTES) | AVERAGE DAILY MUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT TRAFFIC 2018 (sum of two directions)* | MUT VMT | MUT VHT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SH-71 |  | FROM | T0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SH-71 | 1 | CO-NE State Line | SH 14 | 27 | 25 | 65.0 | 239 | 6,539 | 101 |
| SH-71 | 2 | SH 14 | Brush CO | 29 | 27 | 64.8 | 188 | 5,490 | 85 |
| SH-71 | 3 | Brush CO | Limon CO | 74 | 69 | 64.9 | 205 | 15,252 | 236 |
| TOTAL SH-71 |  |  |  | 131 | 121 | 64.8 | 208 | 27,281 | 421 |
| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE MILES | TOTAL SEGMENT DRIVE TIME (MINUTES) | AVERAGE <br> DAILY MUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT TRAFFIC 2018 (sum of two directions)* | MUT VMT | MUT VHT |
| \|-25 |  | FROM | TO |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-25 | 1 | CO-WY State Line | 1-25 at US 36 | 82 | 72 | 68.3 | 2,755 | 452,080 | 6,632 |
| I-25 | 2 | 1-25 at US 36 | 1-25 at 470 (S) | 23 | 21 | 65.0 | 3,778 | 170,630 | 2,625 |
| I-25 | 3 | 1-25 at 470 (S) | 1-25 at US 24 | 52 | 46 | 67.9 | 2,205 | 229,602 | 3,384 |
| TOTALI-25 |  |  |  | 157 | 139 | 67.6 | 2,720 | 852,312 | 12,640 |

*Weighted by Highway Segment Length

| Report | $\mathbf{2 0 1 8}$ | ALT | Diff | \% Diff |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| SH-71 |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VMT | 27,281 | - | $(27,281)$ | $-100 \%$ |
| Truck VHT | 421 | - | $(421)$ | $-100 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{l - 2 5}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VMT | 852,312 | - | $(852,312)$ | $-100 \%$ |
| Truck VHT | 12,640 | - | $(12,640)$ | $-100 \%$ |

## 2018 BASE YEAR TRAFFIC FORECAST (MULTI-UNIT TRUCKS)

Future Base 2040

## FUTURE BASE 2040

SH-71 MULTI_ UNIT TRUCK (MUT) REPORT

| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE MILES | TOTAL SEGMENT DRIVE TIME (MINUTES) | AVERAGE <br> DAILYMUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT TRAFFIC 2040* | MUT VMT | M UT VHT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SH-71 |  | FROM | TO |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SH-71 | 1 | CO-NE State Line | SH 14 | 27 | 25 | 65.0 | 377 | 10,300 | 158 |
| SH-71 | 2 | SH 14 | Brush CO | 29 | 27 | 64.8 | 259 | 7,553 | 117 |
| SH-71 | 3 | Brush CO | Limon CO | 74 | 69 | 64.9 | 311 | 23,130 | 357 |
| TOTALSH-71 |  |  |  | 131 | 121 | 64.8 | 313 | 40,983 | 632 |
| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE <br> MILES | TOTAL SEGMENT DRIVE TIME (MINUTES) | AVERAGE <br> DAILYMUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT <br> TRAFFIC 2040* | MUT VMT | M UT VHT |
| 1-25 |  | FROM | TO |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-25 | 1 | CO-WY State Line | I-25 at US 36 | 82 | 72 | 68.3 | 4,669 | 766,061 | 11,237 |
| 1-25 | 2 | I-25 at US 36 | I-25 at 470 (S) | 23 | 21 | 65.0 | 7,713 | 348,321 | 5,359 |
| 1-25 | 3 | 1-25 at 470 (S) | I-25 at US24 | 52 | 46 | 67.9 | 4,050 | 421,613 | 6,213 |
| TOTALI-25 |  |  |  | 157 | 139 | 67.6 | 4,902 | 1,535,995 | 22,810 |

*Weighted by Highway Segment Length
Report

| Report | $\mathbf{2 0 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 4 0}$ | Diff | \% Diff |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| SH-71 |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VMT | 27,281 | 40,983 | 13,702 | $50 \%$ |
| Truck VHT | 421 | 632 | 211 | $50 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{l - 2 5}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VMT | 852,312 | $1,535,995$ | 683,684 | $80 \%$ |
| Truck VHT | 12,640 | 22,810 | 10,169 | $80 \%$ |

2040 FUTURE YEAR TRAFFIC FORECAST (MULTI-UNIT TRUCKS)

## Wrap-up of 2018 and 2040 Base Scenarios

- 2018 MUT traffic at 272 directional locations validated to within plus or minus $5 \%$ of total observed MUT traffic.
- MUTs on SH-71 grow from a weighted average of 208 to 313.
- Truck VM T Change 2016 to 2040
- SH-71 - 50\%
- I-25 - 80\%


## Speed Sensitivity on SH-71

2040_x1 - no speed increase on SH-71 (65 mph) this result is identical to the 2040 Future Base 2040 s1 - speed increase on SH-71 (70 mph) 2040_s2 - speed increase on SH-71 (75 mph) 2040_s3 - speed increase on SH-71 (80 mph)

## FUTURE BASE 2040

SH-71 MULTI_ UNIT TRUCK (MUT) REPORT

| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE MILES | TOTAL SEGMENT DRIVE TIME (MINUTES) | AVERAGE <br> DAILYMUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT TRAFFIC 2040* | MUT VMT | M UT VHT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SH-71 |  | FROM | TO |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SH-71 | 1 | CO-NE State Line | SH 14 | 27 | 25 | 65.0 | 377 | 10,300 | 158 |
| SH-71 | 2 | SH 14 | Brush CO | 29 | 27 | 64.8 | 259 | 7,553 | 117 |
| SH-71 | 3 | Brush CO | Limon CO | 74 | 69 | 64.9 | 311 | 23,130 | 357 |
| TOTALSH-71 |  |  |  | 131 | 121 | 64.8 | 313 | 40,983 | 632 |
| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE <br> MILES | TOTAL SEGMENT DRIVE TIME (MINUTES) | AVERAGE <br> DAILYMUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT <br> TRAFFIC 2040* | MUT VMT | M UT VHT |
| 1-25 |  | FROM | TO |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-25 | 1 | CO-WY State Line | I-25 at US 36 | 82 | 72 | 68.3 | 4,669 | 766,061 | 11,237 |
| 1-25 | 2 | I-25 at US 36 | I-25 at 470 (S) | 23 | 21 | 65.0 | 7,713 | 348,321 | 5,359 |
| 1-25 | 3 | 1-25 at 470 (S) | I-25 at US24 | 52 | 46 | 67.9 | 4,050 | 421,613 | 6,213 |
| TOTALI-25 |  |  |  | 157 | 139 | 67.6 | 4,902 | 1,535,995 | 22,810 |

*Weighted by Highway Segment Length
Report

| Report | $\mathbf{2 0 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 4 0}$ | Diff | \% Diff |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| SH-71 |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VMT | 27,281 | 40,983 | 13,702 | $50 \%$ |
| Truck VHT | 421 | 632 | 211 | $50 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{l - 2 5}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VMT | 852,312 | $1,535,995$ | 683,684 | $80 \%$ |
| Truck VHT | 12,640 | 22,810 | 10,169 | $80 \%$ |

2040 FUTURE YEAR TRAFFIC FORECAST (MULTI-UNIT TRUCKS)

## Speed Sensitivity on SH-71

## 2040 x1 - no speed increase on SH-71 (65 mph) 2040_s1 - speed increase on SH-71 (70 mph) 2040_s2 - speed increase on SH-71 (75 mph) 2040_s3 - speed increase on SH-71 (80 mph)

## 2040_s1

SH-71 MULTI_UNIT TRUCK (MUT) REPORT

| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE MILES | TOTAL SEGMENT DRIVE TIME (M INUTES) | AVERAGE <br> DAILYMUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT TRAFFIC 2040* | M UT VMT | M UT VHT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SH-71 |  | FROM | TO |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SH-71 | 1 | CO-NE State Line | SH 14 | 27 | 23 | 70.0 | 460 | 12,568 | 180 |
| SH-71 | 2 | SH 14 | Brush CO | 29 | 25 | 69.8 | 389 | 11,344 | 163 |
| SH-71 | 3 | Brush CO | Limon CO | 74 | 64 | 69.8 | 809 | 60,167 | 863 |
| TOTALSH-71 |  |  |  | 131 | 113 | 69.7 | 642 | 84,079 | 1,206 |
| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE <br> MILES | TOTAL SEGMENT DRIVE TIM E (M INUTES) | AVERAGE <br> DAILYMUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT TRAFFIC 2040* | M UT VMT | M UT VHT |
| \|-25 |  | FROM | T0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-25 | 1 | CO-WY State Line | I-25 at US 36 | 82 | 72 | 68.3 | 4,661 | 764,731 | 11,218 |
| 1-25 | 2 | I-25 at US 36 | I-25 at 470 (S) | 23 | 21 | 65.0 | 7,625 | 344,354 | 5,298 |
| I-25 | 3 | 1-25 at 470 (S) | I-25 at US24 | 52 | 46 | 67.9 | 3,940 | 410,249 | 6,046 |
| TOTALI-25 |  |  |  | 157 | 139 | 67.6 | 4,849 | 1,519,333 | 22,562 |

*Weighted by Highway Segment Length
Report

|  | 2040 BASE | ALT | Diff | \% Diff |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| SH-71 |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VMT | 40,983 | 84,079 | 43,096 | $105 \%$ |
| Truck VHT | 632 | 1,206 | 574 | $91 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{1 - 2 5}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VMT | $1,535,995$ | $1,519,333$ | $(16,662)$ | $-1 \%$ |
| Truck VHT | 22,810 | 22,562 | $(248)$ | $-1 \%$ |

## 2040 TRAFFIC FORECAST (MULTI-UNIT TRUCKS) SH-71@ 70 mph

## Assignment Differences 2040_s1 and 2040 Base (1)



- MUTtrips to/from Colorado Springs and points south use US-24 and SH-71 instead of I-76.
- SH-71 Limon to Brush performs best of the three segments.


## Assignment Differences 2040_s1 and 2040 Base (2)



- Big picture: I-70 loses MUTs in Kansas while I-76 and I-80 gain them in Colorado and Nebraska as the trucks travel to and from points east.


## Speed Sensitivity on SH-71

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2040_x1 - no speed increase on SH-71 (65 mph)
2040 s1 - speed increase on SH-71 (70 mph)
2040_s2 - speed increase on SH-71 (75 mph)
2040_s3 - speed increase on SH-71 (80 mph)
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## 2040_s2

SH-71 MULTI_UNIT TRUCK (MUT) REPORT

| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE MILES | TOTAL <br> SEGMENT <br> DRIVE TIME <br> (MINUTES) | AVERAGE DAILY MUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT TRAFFIC 2040* | M UT VMT | M UTVHT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SH-71 |  | FROM | TO |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SH-71 | 1 | CO-NE State Line | SH 14 | 27 | 22 | 75.0 | 597 | 16,311 | 217 |
| SH-71 | 2 | SH 14 | Brush CO | 29 | 23 | 74.7 | 551 | 16,068 | 216 |
| SH-71 | 3 | Brush CO | Limon CO | 74 | 60 | 74.8 | 974 | 72,439 | 971 |
| TOTAL SH-71 |  |  |  | 131 | 105 | 74.7 | 801 | 104,818 | 1,404 |
| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE <br> MILES | TOTAL SEGM ENT DRIVE TIME (MINUTES) | AVERAGE DAILY MUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT TRAFFIC 2040* | M UT VMT | M UTVHT |
| \|-25 |  | FROM | T0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-25 | 1 | CO-WY State Line | 1-25 at US 36 | 82 | 72 | 68.3 | 4,631 | 759,844 | 11,146 |
| 1-25 | 2 | 1-25 at US 36 | 1-25 at 470 (S) | 23 | 21 | 65.0 | 7,544 | 340,678 | 5,241 |
| I-25 | 3 | I-25 at 470 (S) | $\mathrm{I}-25$ at US24 | 52 | 46 | 67.9 | 3,848 | 400,643 | 5,904 |
| TOTAL I-25 |  |  |  | 157 | 139 | 67.6 | 4,791 | 1,501,165 | 22,292 |


| *Weighted by Highway Segment Length |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Report | 2040 BASE |  | ALT | Diff |  | \% Diff |
| SH-71 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VMT | 40,983 | 104,818 | 63,835 | $156 \%$ |  |  |
| Truck VHT | 632 | 1,404 | 772 | $122 \%$ |  |  |
| $\mathbf{I - 2 5}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VMT | $1,535,995$ | $1,501,165$ | $(34,831)$ | $-2 \%$ |  |  |
| Truck VHT | 22,810 | 22,292 | $(518)$ | $-2 \%$ |  |  |

## 2040 TRAFFIC FORECAST (MULTI-UNIT TRUCKS) SH-71 @ 75 mph

## Speed Sensitivity on SH-71

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2040_x1 - no speed increase on SH-71 (65 mph)
2040_s1 - speed increase on SH-71 (70 mph)
2040_s2 - speed increase on SH-71 (75 mph)
2040_s3 - speed increase on SH-71 (80 mph)
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## 2040_s3

SH-71 M ULTI_UNIT TRUCK (MUT) REPORT

| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE MILES | TOTAL <br> SEGM ENT <br> DRIVE TIME <br> (MINUTES) | AVERAGE <br> DAILYMUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT TRAFFIC 2040* | MUT VMT | MUT VHT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SH-71 |  | FROM | TO |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SH-71 | 1 | CO-NE State Line | SH 14 | 27 | 20 | 80.0 | 623 | 17,021 | 213 |
| SH-71 | 2 | SH 14 | Brush CO | 29 | 22 | 79.7 | 577 | 16,826 | 212 |
| SH-71 | 3 | Brush CO | Limon CO | 74 | 56 | 79.8 | 1013 | 75,339 | 947 |
| TOTALSH-71 |  |  |  | 131 | 99 | 79.6 | 835 | 109,187 | 1,372 |
| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE MILES | TOTAL SEGM ENT DRIVE TIME (MINUTES) | AVERAGE DAILY MUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT TRAFFIC 2040* | MUT VMT | MUT VHT |
| \|-25 |  | FROM | T0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-25 | 1 | CO-WY State Line | I-25 at US 36 | 82 | 72 | 68.3 | 4,568 | 749,502 | 10,994 |
| 1-25 | 2 | 1-25 at US 36 | $1-25$ at 470 (S) | 23 | 21 | 65.0 | 7,483 | 342,909 | 5,199 |
| I-25 | 3 | I-25 at 470 (S) | I-25 at US 24 | 52 | 46 | 67.9 | 3,790 | 394,545 | 5,814 |
| TOTAL I-25 |  |  |  | 157 | 139 | 67.6 | 4,729 | 1,486,956 | 22,008 |

*Weighted by Highway Segment Length
Report

| 2040 BASE | ALT | Diff | \% Diff |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| SH-71 |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VMT | 40,983 | 109,187 | 68,204 | $166 \%$ |
| Truck VHT | 632 | 1,372 | 740 | $117 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{I - 2 5}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VMT | $1,535,995$ | $1,486,956$ | $(49,040)$ | $-3 \%$ |
| Truck VHT | 22,810 | 22,008 | $(802)$ | $-4 \%$ |

## 2040 TRAFFIC FORECAST (MULTI-UNIT TRUCKS) <br> SH-71 @ 80 mph

## Wrap-up of Speed Sensitivity

- Averaged over all three segments in 2040, SH-71 attracts:
- 313 MUTs @ 65 mph
- 642 MUTs @ 70 mph
- 801 MUTs @ 75 mph
- 835 MUTs @ 80 mph
- The increase in speeds affects $\mathrm{SH}-71$ truck traffic, but the effect is dampened as the speed approaches 80 mph .
- Using Assignment Difference plots, it can be seen that trucks traveling to and from Colorado Springs from the east use US-24 and SH-71 instead of I-76 and that SH-71 from Limon to Brush performs best of the three segments. - These findings are consistent with the previous $\mathrm{SH}-71$ analysis


## Sensitivity to speed assumptions on the Front Range

- SH-71 speeds were tested at 65, 70, 75 and 80 mph
- Each SH-71 speed scenario was tested with speed reductions assumed in the Front Range:
- No speed reduction
- Speeds reduced by 7\%
- Speeds reduced by 10\%


## Speed on SH-71 / Congestion on the Front Range Scenarios

- 2040_x1 - no speed increase on SH-71 (65 mph) and speeds reduced by $7 \%$ in the Front Range
- 2040_s1_x1 - speed increase on SH-71 (70 mph) and speeds reduced by 7\% in the Front Range
- 2040_s2_x1 - speed increase on SH-71 (75 mph) and speeds reduced by 7\% in the Front Range
- 2040_s3_x1 - speed increase on SH-71 (80 mph) and speeds reduced by 7\% in the Front Range
- 2040_x2 - no speed increase on SH-71 (65 mph) and speeds reduced by $10 \%$ in the Front Range
- 2040_s1_x2 - speed increase on SH-71 (70 mph) and speeds reduced by $10 \%$ in the Front Range
- 2040_s2_x2 - speed increase on SH-71 (75 mph) and speeds reduced by $10 \%$ in the Front Range
- 2040_s3_x2 - speed increase on SH-71 (80 mph) and speeds reduced by $10 \%$ in the Front Range

Results are provided for these eight SH-71 / Front Range congestion combinations.

## 7\% speed reduction on the Front Range

## 2040 x1

SH-71 MULTI_UNIT TRUCK (MUT) REPORT

| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE <br> MILES | TOTAL SEGMENT DRIVE TIME (MINUTES) | AVERAGE <br> DAILY MUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY M UT TRAFFIC 2040* | M UT VMT | M UT VHT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SH-71 |  | FROM | TO |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SH-71 | 1 | CO-NE State Line | SH 14 | 27 | 25 | 65.0 | 384 | 10,492 | 161 |
| SH-71 | 2 | SH 14 | Brush CO | 29 | 27 | 64.8 | 266 | 7,757 | 120 |
| SH-71 | 3 | Brush CO | Limon CO | 74 | 69 | 64.9 | 593 | 44,103 | 681 |
| TOTAL SH-71 |  |  |  | 131 | 121 | 64.8 | 476 | 62,351 | 962 |
| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE MILES | TOTAL SEGMENT DRIVE TIME (M INUTES) | AVERAGE <br> DAILY MUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY M UT TRAFFIC 2040* | M UT VMT | M UT VHT |
| \|-25 |  | FROM | TO |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-25 | 1 | CO-WY State Line | I-25 at US 36 | 82 | 73 | 67.6 | 4,455 | 731,062 | 10,852 |
| 1-25 | 2 | I-25 at US 36 | 1-25 at 470 (S) | 23 | 23 | 60.0 | 7,636 | 337,827 | 6,247 |
| I-25 | 3 | I-25 at 470 (S) | I-25 at US 24 | 52 | 46 | 67.9 | 3,952 | 411,440 | 6,070 |
| TOTAL I-25 |  |  |  | 157 | 142 | 66.3 | 4,746 | 1,480,329 | 23,169 |

*Weighted by Highway Segment Length

| Report |  |  |  | \% Diff |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2040 BASE | ALT | Diff |  |
| SH-71 |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VMT | 40,983 | 62,351 | 21,368 | 52\% |
| Truck VHT | 632 | 962 | 330 | 52\% |
| 1-25 |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VMT | 1,535,995 | 1,480,329 | $(55,667)$ | -4\% |
| Truck VHT | 22,810 | 23,169 | 359 | 2\% |

## 2040 TRAFFIC FORECAST (MULTI-UNIT TRUCKS)

 SH-71 @ 65 mph$7 \%$ speed reduction

## 2040_s1x1

SH-71 MULTI_UNIT TRUCK (MUT) REPORT

| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE <br> MILES | TOTAL SEGM ENT DRIVE TIME (MINUTES) | AVERAGE <br> DAILYMUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT TRAFFIC 2040* | MUT VMT | MUT VHT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SH-71 |  | FROM | TO |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SH-71 | 1 | CO-NE State Line | SH 14 | 27 | 23 | 70.0 | 534 | 14,590 | 208 |
| SH-71 | 2 | SH 14 | Brush CO | 29 | 25 | 69.8 | 479 | 13,968 | 201 |
| SH-71 | 3 | Brush CO | Limon CO | 74 | 64 | 69.8 | 1085 | 80,694 | 1,158 |
| TOTAL SH-71 |  |  |  | 131 | 113 | 69.7 | 835 | 109,252 | 1,567 |
| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE <br> MILES | TOTAL SEGM ENT DRIVE TIME (MINUTES) | AVERAGE <br> DAILYMUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT TRAFFIC 2040* | MUT VMT | MUT VHT |
| \|-25 |  | FROM | TO |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-25 | 1 | CO-WY State Line | I-25 at US 36 | 82 | 74 | 66.9 | 4,357 | 714,936 | 10,754 |
| 1-25 | 2 | I-25 at US 36 | I-25 at 470 (S) | 23 | 25 | 55.3 | 9,398 | 344,099 | 6,447 |
| I-25 | 3 | $1-25$ at 470 (S) | I-25 at US 24 | 52 | 46 | 67.8 | 3,807 | 396,355 | 5,854 |
| TOTAL I-25 |  |  |  | 157 | 145 | 65.0 | 17,562 | 1,455,390 | 23,056 |


| *Weighted by Highway Segment Length |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Report |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2040 BASE | ALT | Diff | \% Diff |
| SH-71 |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VM T | 40,983 | 109,252 | 68,269 | 167\% |
| Truck VHT | 632 | 1,567 | 935 | 148\% |
| I-25 |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VM T | 1,535,995 | 1,455,390 | $(80,605)$ | -5\% |
| Truck VHT | 22,810 | 23,056 | 246 | 1\% |

2040 TRAFFIC FORECAST (MULTI-UNIT TRUCKS)

## SH-71 @ 70 mph

$7 \%$ speed reduction

## 2040_s2x1

## SH-71 MULTI_UNIT TRUCK (MUT) REPORT

| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE MILES | TOTAL SEGMENT DRIVE TIME (MINUTES) | AVERAGE DAILY MUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT TRAFFIC 2040* | MUT VMT | MUT VHT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SH-71 |  | FROM | T0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SH-71 | 1 | CO-NE State Line | SH 14 | 27 | 22 | 75.0 | 693 | 18,934 | 252 |
| SH-71 | 2 | SH 14 | Brush CO | 29 | 23 | 74.7 | 679 | 19,801 | 266 |
| SH-71 | 3 | Brush CO | Limon CO | 74 | 60 | 74.8 | 1307 | 97,205 | 1,303 |
| TOTAL SH-71 |  |  |  | 131 | 105 | 74.7 | 1,039 | 135,940 | 1,821 |
| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE <br> MILES | TOTAL SEGMENT DRIVE TIME (MINUTES) | AVERAGE DAILY MUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT TRAFFIC 2040* | MUT VMT | M UT VHT |
| 1-25 |  | FROM | T0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-25 | 1 | CO-WY State Line | I-25 at US 36 | 82 | 74 | 66.9 | 4,344 | 712,875 | 10,723 |
| I-25 | 2 | I-25 at US 36 | I-25 at 470 (S) | 23 | 25 | 55.3 | 7,379 | 334,229 | 6,431 |
| I-25 | 3 | I-25 at 470 (S) | I-25 at US24 | 52 | 46 | 67.8 | 3,781 | 393,648 | 5,814 |
| TOTAL I-25 |  |  |  | 157 | 145 | 65.0 | 4,595 | 1,440,752 | 22,969 |

*W eighted by Highway Segment Length

| Report | 2040 BASE | ALT | Diff | \% Diff |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| SH-71 |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VMT | 40,983 | 135,940 | 94,957 | $232 \%$ |
| Truck VHT | 632 | 1,821 | 1,189 | $188 \%$ |
| I-25 |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VMT | $1,535,995$ | $1,440,752$ | $(95,243)$ | $-6 \%$ |
| Truck VHT | 22,810 | 22,969 | 159 | $1 \%$ |

2040 TRAFFIC FORECAST (MULTI-UNIT TRUCKS)

SH-71 @ 75 mph
$7 \%$ speed reduction

## 2040 s3x1

SH-71 MULTI_UNIT TRUCK (MUT) REPORT


## $10 \%$ speed reduction on the Front Range

## 2040 x2



## 2040_s1x2

SH-71 MULTI_UNIT TRUCK (MUT) REPORT

| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE MILES | TOTAL SEGMENT DRIVE TIME (MINUTES) | AVERAGE <br> DAILY MUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT TRAFFIC 2040* | MUT VMT | M UT VHT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SH-71 |  | FROM | T0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SH-71 | 1 | CO-NE State Line | SH 14 | 27 | 23 | 70.0 | 596 | 16,284 | 233 |
| SH-71 | 2 | SH 14 | Brush CO | 29 | 25 | 69.8 | 518 | 15,106 | 217 |
| SH-71 | 3 | Brush CO | Limon CO | 74 | 64 | 69.8 | 1146 | 85,231 | 1,223 |
| TOTAL SH-71 |  |  |  | 131 | 113 | 69.7 | 891 | 116,620 | 1,673 |
| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE MILES | TOTAL SEGMENT DRIVE TIME (MINUTES) | AVERAGE DAILY MUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT TRAFFIC 2040* | M UT VMT | M UT VHT |
| 1-25 |  | FROM | T0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-25 | 1 | CO-WY State Line | 1-25 at US 36 | 82 | 76 | 66.0 | 4,278 | 702,026 | 10,793 |
| 1-25 | 2 | I-25 at US 36 | 1-25 at 470 (S) | 23 | 28 | 48.8 | 7,261 | 338,880 | 6,726 |
| 1-25 | 3 | 1-25 at 470 (S) | $\mathrm{I}-25$ at US24 | 52 | 46 | 67.7 | 3,731 | 388,488 | 5,749 |
| TOTAL I-25 |  |  |  | 157 | 150 | 62.8 | 4,526 | 1,429,393 | 23,268 |


| *Weighted by Highway Segment Length |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Report |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2040 BASE | ALT | Diff | \% Diff |
| SH-71 |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VMT | 40,983 | 116,620 | 75,637 | 185\% |
| Truck VHT | 632 | 1,673 | 1,040 | 165\% |
| I-25 |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VMT | 1,535,995 | 1,429,393 | $(106,602)$ | -7\% |
| Truck VHT | 22,810 | 23,268 | 459 | 2\% |

2040 TRAFFIC FORECAST (MULTI-UNIT TRUCKS)

SH-71 @ 70 mph
$10 \%$ speed reduction

## 2040_s2x2

SH-71 MULTI_UNIT TRUCK (M UT) REPORT

| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE M ILES | TOTAL SEGM ENT DRIVE TIME (M INUTES) | AVERAGE DAILY MUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT TRAFFIC 2040* | MUT VMT | MUT VHT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SH-71 |  | FROM | TO |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SH-71 | 1 | CO-NE State Line | SH 14 | 27 | 22 | 75.0 | 773 | 21,120 | 282 |
| SH-71 | 2 | SH 14 | Brush CO | 29 | 23 | 74.7 | 734 | 21,404 | 287 |
| SH-71 | 3 | Brush CO | Limon CO | 74 | 60 | 74.8 | 1381 | 102,709 | 1,377 |
| TOTALSH-71 |  |  |  | 131 | 105 | 74.7 | 1,110 | 145,233 | 1,946 |
| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DESCRIPTION |  | CENTERLINE MILES | TOTAL SEGM ENT DRIVE TIME (M INUTES) | AVERAGE DAILY MUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT TRAFFIC 2040* | MUT VMT | MUT VHT |
| \|-25 |  | FROM | T0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-25 | 1 | CO-WY State Line | $\mathrm{I}-25$ at US 36 | 82 | 76 | 66.0 | 4,269 | 700,464 | 10,769 |
| I-25 | 2 | 1-25 at US 36 | $1-25$ at 470 (S) | 23 | 28 | 48.8 | 7,242 | 313,129 | 6,708 |
| I-25 | 3 | 1-25 at 470 (S) | I-25 at US24 | 52 | 46 | 67.7 | 3,703 | 385,568 | 5,706 |
| TOTAL I-25 |  |  |  | 157 | 150 | 62.8 | 4,509 | 1,399,161 | 23,184 |

*Weighted by Highway Segment Length
Report

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 4 0}$ BASE | ALT | Diff | \% Diff |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| SH-71 |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VMT | 40,983 | 145,233 | 104,250 | $254 \%$ |
| Truck VHT | 632 | 1,946 | 1,313 | $208 \%$ |
| $\mathbf{I - 2 5}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VMT | $1,535,995$ | $1,399,161$ | $(136,835)$ | $-9 \%$ |
| Truck VHT | 22,810 | 23,184 | 374 | $2 \%$ |

## 2040 TRAFFIC FORECAST (MULTI-UNIT TRUCKS) SH-71 @ 75 mph <br> $10 \%$ speed reduction

## 2040_s3x2

SH-71 MULTI_UNIT TRUCK (MUT) REPORT

| HIGHW AY | SECTION ID | SECTION DES | RIPTION | CENTERLINE MILES | TOTAL SEGM ENT DRIVE TIME (MINUTES) | AVERAGE <br> DAILY MUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT TRAFFIC 2040* | MUT VMT | MUT VHT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SH-71 |  | FROM | T0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SH-71 | 1 | CO-NE State Line | SH 14 | 27 | 20 | 80.0 | 807 | 22,049 | 276 |
| SH-71 | 2 | SH 14 | Brush CO | 29 | 22 | 79.7 | 769 | 22,425 | 282 |
| SH-71 | 3 | Brush CO | Limon CO | 74 | 56 | 79.8 | 1436 | 106,799 | 1,343 |
| TOTAL SH-71 |  |  |  | 131 | 99 | 79.6 | 1,156 | 151,273 | 1,901 |
| HIGHWAY | SECTION ID | SECTION DES | RIPTION | CENTERLINE MILES | TOTAL <br> SEGMENT DRIVE TIME (MINUTES) | AVERAGE DAILYMUT SPEED | AVERAGE DAILY MUT TRAFFIC 2040* | MUT VMT | MUT VHT |
| \|-25 |  | FROM | T0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1-25 | 1 | CO-WY State Line | 1-25 at US 36 | 82 | 76 | 66.0 | 4,096 | 672,098 | 10,333 |
| 1-25 | 2 | I-25 at US 36 | $1-25$ at 470 (S) | 23 | 28 | 48.8 | 7,218 | 333,669 | 7,157 |
| 1-25 | 3 | 1-25 at 470 (S) | I-25 at US24 | 52 | 46 | 67.7 | 3,677 | 382,809 | 5,665 |
| TOTAL I-25 |  |  |  | 157 | 150 | 62.8 | 4,407 | 1,388,576 | 23,155 |
| *Weighted by Highway Segment Length |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Report |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2040 TRAFFIC FORECAST |  |  |
|  | 2040 BASE | ALT | Diff | \% Diff |  |  |  |  |  |
| SH-71 |  |  |  |  |  |  | (MULTI-UNIT TRUCKS) |  |  |
| Truck VMT | 40,983 | 151,273 | 110,290 | 269\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VHT | 632 | 1,901 | 1,269 | 201\% |  |  | SH-71 @ 80 mph |  |  |
| 1-25 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 10\% speed reduction |  |  |
| Truck VMT | 1,535,995 | 1,388,576 | $(147,420)$ | -10\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Truck VHT | 22,810 | 23,155 | 345 | 2\% |  |  |  |  |  |

## Wrap-up of Front Range Congestion Sensitivity

- Changes in speeds in the Front Range were used to look at a sketch level of future congestion assuming:
- Front Range speeds reduced by 7\%
- Front Range speeds reduced by $10 \%$
- A 7\% reduction in speeds in the Front Range increases MUTs on SH-71 from 313 to 476 - a $52 \%$ increase.
- A 10\% reduction in speeds in the Front Range increases M UTs on SH-71 from 313 to 518 - a $65 \%$ increase.
- By comparison - even a modest speed increase of 65 to 70 mph on SH-71 increases M UTs from 313 to 642 - a 105\% increase.
- Under congestion scenarios VMT generally decreases on the l-25 segments of the Front Range as traffic shifts from I-25 to arterials; VHT increases as traffic uses routes with lower speeds and classification.


## Top Summary

| Scenario | Description with status of SH-71 segments | Front Range speed | Average MUT on SH-71 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2018 | 2018 Existing Conditions | 2018 base conditions | 208 |
| 2040 Future Base | 2040 Base Conditions with SH-71 speed set to 65 mph | 2040 base conditions | 313 |
| 2040_s1 | 2040 with SH-71 speed set to 70 mph | No change from base | 642 |
| 2040_s2 | 2040 with SH-71 speed set to 75 mph | No change from base | 801 |
| 2040_s3 | 2040 with $\mathrm{SH}-71$ speed set to 80 mph | No change from base | 835 |
| 2040_x1 | 2040 with SH-71 speed set to 65 mph | reduced by 7\% | 476 |
| 2040_s1_x1 | 2040 with SH-71 speed set to 70 mph | reduced by 7\% | 835 |
| 2040_s2_x1 | 2040 with $\mathrm{SH}-71$ speed set to 75 mph | reduced by 7\% | 1,039 |
| 2040_s3_x1 | 2040 with $\mathrm{SH}-71$ speed set to 80 mph | reduced by 7\% | 1,082 |
| 2040_x2 | 2040 with SH-71 speed set to 65 mph | reduced by 10\% | 518 |
| 2040_s1 x2 | 2040 with SH-71 speed set to 70 mph | reduced by 10\% | 891 |
| 2040_s2_x2 | 2040 with $\mathrm{SH}-71$ speed set to 75 mph | reduced by 10\% | 1,110 |
| 2040_54_x2 | 2040 with SH-71 speed set to 80 mph | reduced by 10\% | 1,156 |

## Some Findings from the SH-71 MUT M odel Runs

- Average 2040 (three segment, weighted by length) M UT traffic on SH-71 ranges from 313 in the future base to 1,156 M UTs daily in scenario s4_x2 ( 80 mph on $\mathrm{SH}-71$ with speeds reduced by $10 \%$ in the Front Rangē).
- The speed increase on SH-71 has more influence over truck traffic change than does the assumption of congestion in the Front Range. This outcome is due to the distinct MUT markets in the SH-71 corridor - see Select Link slides to follow.
- The Limon to Brush segment of SH-71 consistently attracts the highest number of diverted M UT traffic. This outcome is due to this segments location between two interstates: I-76 and I-70, as well as to the specific north-south SH-71 market profile.
- These findings are similar to previous model runs.


## Select Link Analysis

## Select Link Analysis

- Select link analysis provides information of where traffic comes from and goes to at selected links. Links are bi-directional road segments usually located at typical cross sections of the study corridor.
- The resulting graphics show the coverage, magnitude and influence of a road segment.
- Multiple select link points can be established; the result is a sum of the flows, i.e. if trucks traverse point A or point B or point C, or any combination of these three points, they are included as a truck trip in the bandwidth plot. Trucks are NOT counted twice.
- Three representative highway locations were identified on both SH71 and I-25.
- 2040 M UT traffic was analyzed with select link settings with resulting truck traffic screened for very small flows (less than one MUT daily in 2040).


## Select Link Location




## MUT select link on

## SH-71

- North-south orientation.
- Scale tops out at 250 daily M UTs.
- Accesses interstates while using all classes of roadways.
- Strong profile to and from Texas / Ports to Plains corridor.



## M UT select link on I-25

- Universal orientation with strong showing on I-80 (Wyoming) west of I-25.
- Generally using interstates.
- Strong profile to and from the west coast.



## MUT select link on SH-71 with Interstates



## MUT select link on I-25 with Interstates

## Trip Travel Time Tables

- Obtain travel times using the WSP national truck model highway network, with and without the improvements to SH-71.
- Scenario 1-2040 No-Build conditions: Assumes congestion in the greater Denver area with a .92 speed reduction factor and SH-71 at 65 mph .
- Scenario 2-2040 with Improved SH-71: Assumes congestion in the greater Denver area with a .92 speed reduction factor and SH-71 at 80 mph .
- Certain O-D pairs can take advantage of a part, not all, of the improved SH-71 corridor.
- Time savings range from 9 to 23 minutes.


## Travel Time Tables

Travel Times Scenario 1 (in minutes)
I-25 Congested Conditions
SH-71 at 65 mph (SH 71 Existing)


## Travel Time Tables

Travel Times Scenario 2 (in minutes)
I-25 Congested Conditions
SH-71 at 80 mph (SH 71 Improved)


## Travel Time Tables

Difference between Scenario 2 and Scenario 1
Minutes Saved


## Summary

- A planning level Multi-Unit Truck (MUT) traffic model was assembled for use in SH-71 truck forecasting.
- It used a zone system and network with a broad brush nationally and a highly detailed scale in Colorado.
- Data sources were the National Highway Planning Network, Freight Analysis Framework 4.3, and the Colorado Statewide Traffic M odel base year files provided by CDOT for this application.
- The approach used a time-based assignment, simplified speed reduction assumptions along the Front Range and scenarios tested in 5 mph speed increments on the 130 mile SH-71 corridor.
- The 2040 future base results provide assistance to decision makers in the region.

