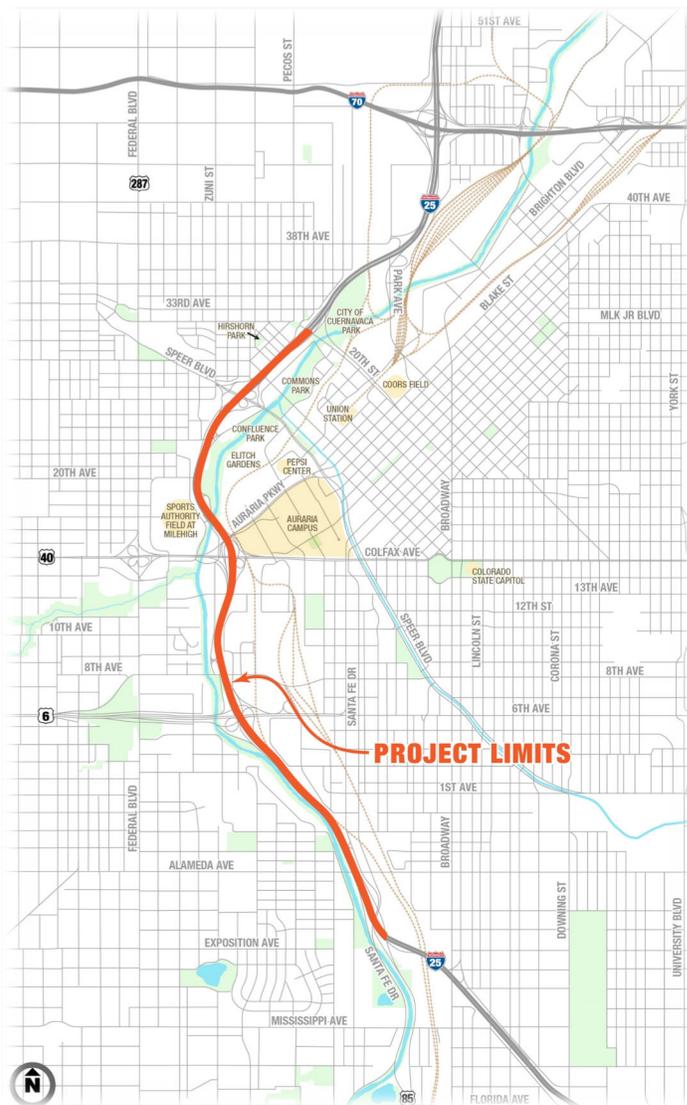


I-25 Central PEL Study Overview

A Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) Study of I-25 between Santa Fe Drive and 20th Street started in 2017.

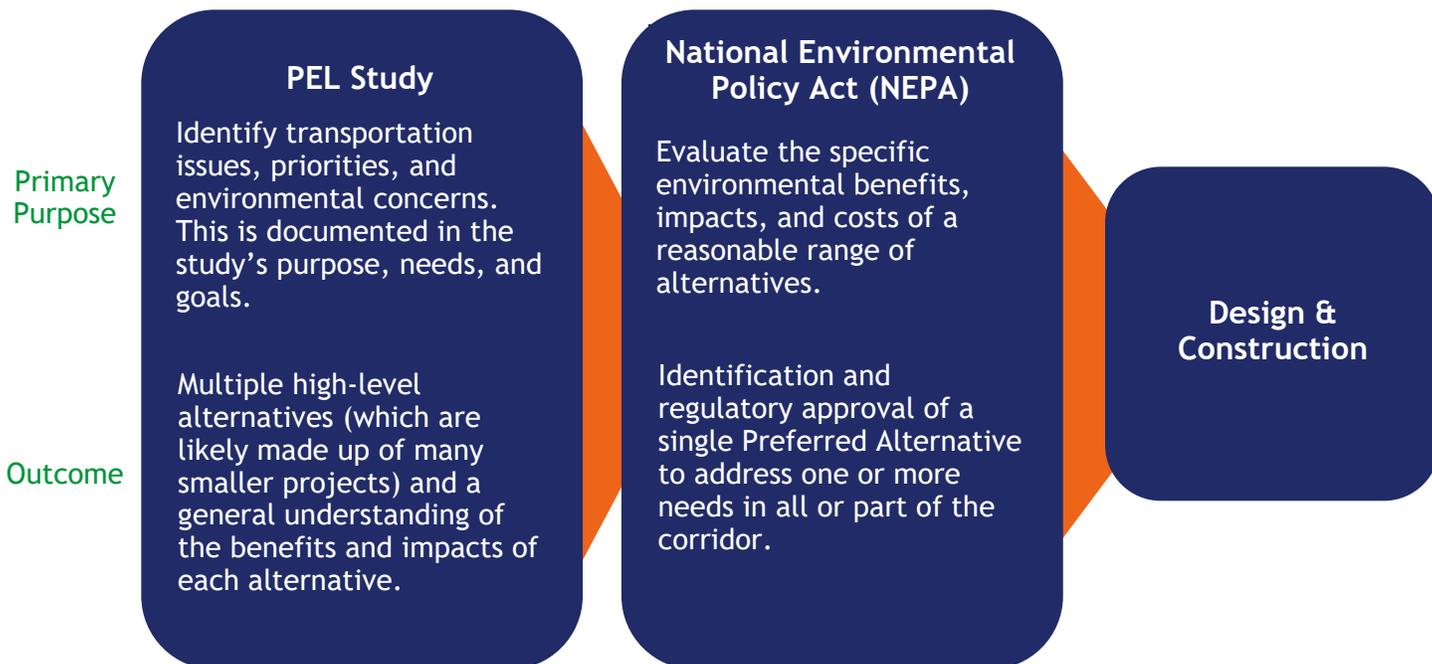
This six-mile segment of I-25 is Colorado's primary urban transportation core, used for trips through the area and to regional and local connections, including downtown Denver employment, commerce, entertainment, and residences.

The study is identifying root causes of congestion and considering options to improve travel time and reliability in this highly-congested corridor. Alternative concepts are being evaluated for future planning, funding, project development, and construction. The study is developing future traffic projections that reflect anticipated growth and advances in technology.



What is a PEL?

A planning and environmental linkages (PEL) study is the first step to implementing improvements. The PEL establishes a comprehensive vision for the future and a plan to implement that vision over time. This ensures that individual projects (such a repaving, bridge replacements, interchange improvements, etc.) work together to create the full corridor vision over time.



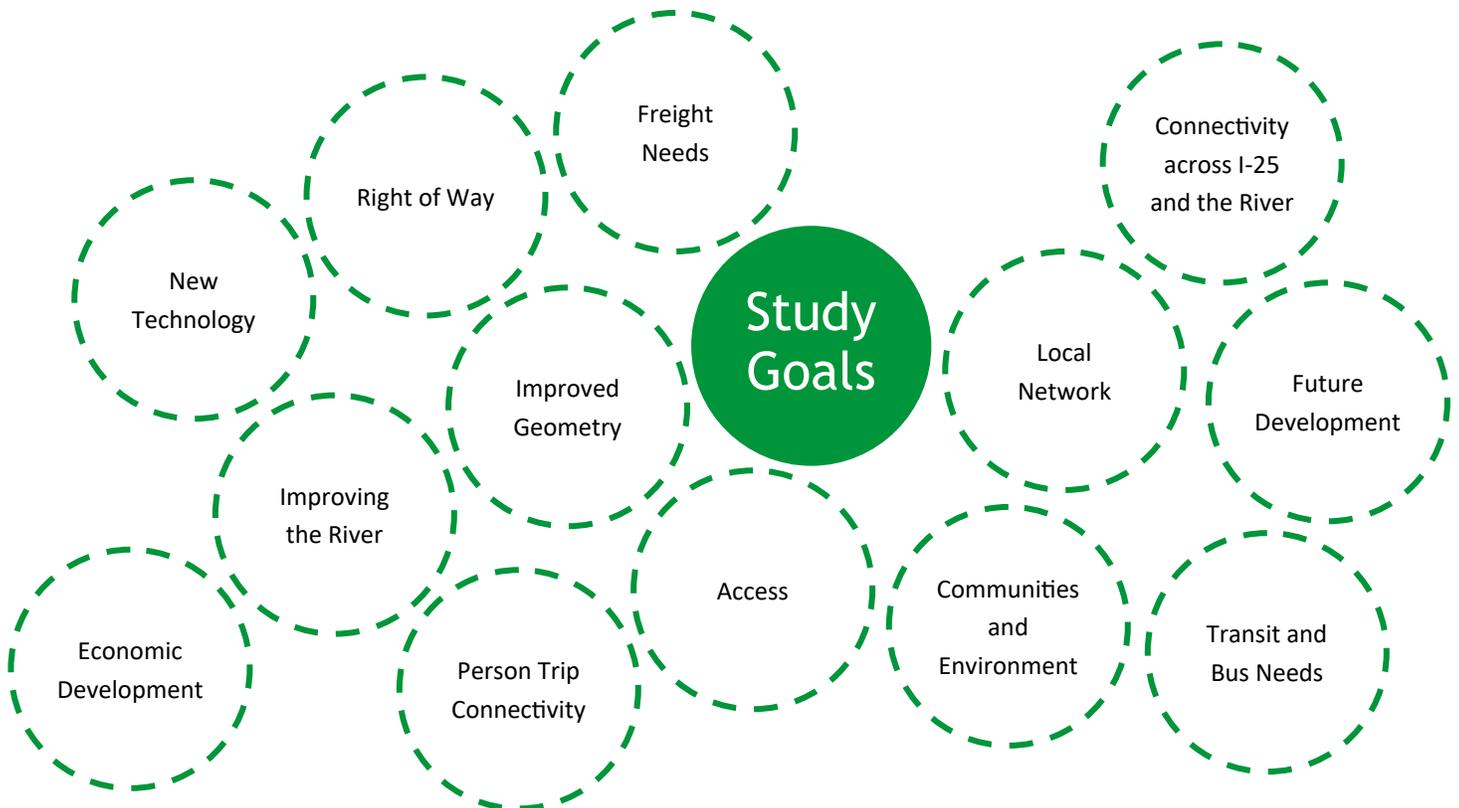
Study Purpose, Needs, and Goals

There are almost always more needs and desires than resources available to address them. Because of this, a specific purpose statement is created to help define the scope of issues being addressed by any particular study or project. For this study, the purpose statement is intended to articulate the specific transportation needs that should be addressed as part of the PEL. This statement provides the basis on which all concepts/alternatives are evaluated against.

“The purpose of the recommended transportation improvements in the I-25 Central Corridor between approximately Santa Fe Drive and 20th Street is to reduce congestion and improve safety and travel-time reliability for the movement of people and goods. The improvements will also consider access to and from I-25 as well as connectivity across I-25 for bicycles, pedestrians, transit, and local traffic.”

Safety	Congestion	Travel Time Reliability	Access	Crossings
				
There are more than 1,000 crashes per year, which averages out to be about three crashes per day.	Carrying more than 250,000 vehicles per day, I-25 Central experiences over 8 hours of congested travel conditions daily.	Travel times through the corridor are unpredictable. Typical peak travel times vary by more than 80 percent from one day to the next.	Approximately 80 percent of vehicles on I-25 Central enter and/or exit the highway within the study area.	Crossing I-25 Central can be difficult and often requires out of direction travel and/or usage of outdated facilities.

Project goals are supplemental desires the project hopes to achieve in addition to accomplishing the purpose statement. During concept evaluation, alternatives will be evaluated, amongst other things, on how well they achieve the goals of the study.



Next Steps

PEL Study Next Steps

- Combine/package concepts into alternatives
- Evaluate benefits and impacts of developed alternatives
- Develop recommended alternatives/packages and an implementation plan
- Complete the PEL study



Early Action Projects

The replacement of the bridges at Speer Boulevard and 23rd Avenue is a high priority. Funding for the design and part of the construction has been secured. The project will upgrade the deficient bridge structures, examine interchange improvements in more detail, and explore opportunities to improve local bicycle and pedestrian connectivity. This project is anticipated to begin in 2021.



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