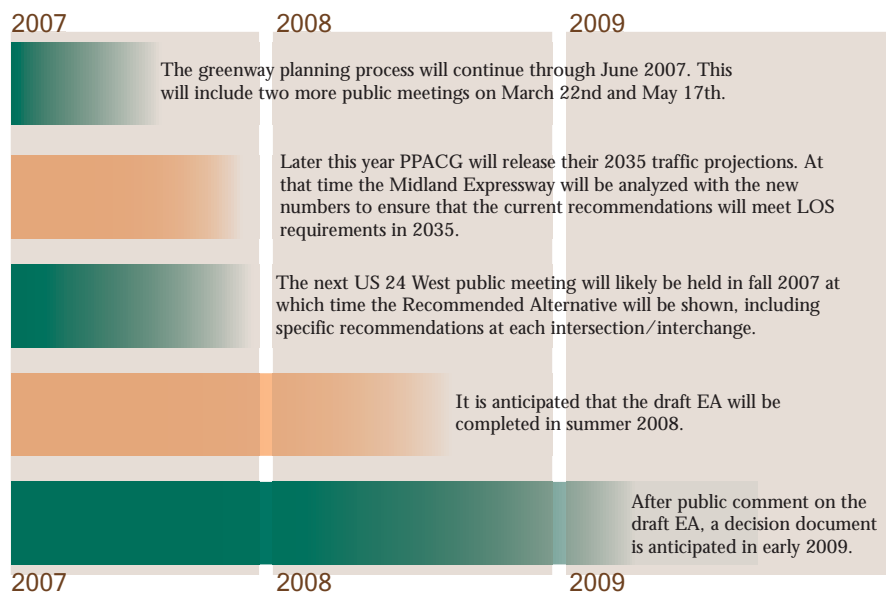


What's next?



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The Entryway

What prompted the study of US 24?

The Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) — consisting of representatives from various local governments — identified US 24 from I-25 west as a major corridor with present and future traffic congestion, further, US 24 is included in the regional congestion management system. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) was asked to study short- and long-term strategies to address capacity and safety. CDOT and its consultant team began studying the corridor in 2004, with the first public meeting held in November 2004. The final result will be a plan and Environmental Assessment (EA) of the corridor.

Purpose and Need

The nine critical issues formed the project's Purpose and Need Statement, the foundation for why the project is being proposed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and CDOT, and will shape the project solutions. The purpose of the US 24 West project is to improve regional and local mobility for current and projected demands for all modes of travel between the present day and 2035, and to reconstruct roadways and bridges to meet current design guidelines and safety standards. The need for the project is to relieve traffic congestion, which is forecasted to worsen markedly between today and 2035.

Where have we been?

The US 24 West planning process kicked off with the November 2004 public meeting where citizens were asked to help identify the critical issues along the corridor. Participants at that public meeting, and local government leaders, identified numerous issues that were then consolidated into nine critical issues for US 24 West.

The Nine Critical Issues Are:

1. Needs of multiple users who have multiple objectives.
2. Corridor aesthetics.
3. Corridor's context and setting including the adjacent neighborhoods and surrounding businesses.
4. Economic viability.
5. Surrounding natural and human environment.
6. Safety, accessibility and mobility.
7. US 24 is a destination and a connector to gateways with other destinations.
8. Coordinated implementation.
9. Effective and fundable solution

