

What are the Problems?

What are the main problems along this section of US 24?

Participants at the November 2004 public meeting, and local government leaders, identified the following nine critical issues for US 24 West.

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.

A vast majority of people asked us to address these issues. Of the hundreds of comments we received, a handful asked us to do nothing along the corridor.

These problems informed the project's **Purpose and Need Statement**, the foundation for why the project is being proposed by FHWA and CDOT, and will shape how the project is conducted. 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 2030, 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 2030.