



Purposes of I-70 Coalition

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Intergovernmental Agreement, January 2004, Adopted by individual jurisdictions.

- To prepare locally preferred alternative transportation plans for the corridor that could be presented to the Colorado Department of Transportation.
- To determine the locally preferred alternatives to meet the wants and needs of our local communities to better serve them in their transportation needs.
- To attempt to influence the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Colorado State Legislature, the Federal Highway Administration, the United States Congress and other Federal and State entities having jurisdiction over the planning, implementation or operation of corridor transportation projects to provide resources to build locally preferred alternatives to meet the transportation goals of the corridor.
- To apply for grants and other funding, through sponsorship of a member agency, from Colorado, Federal and other sources to do planning and research on methods to build locally preferred alternatives to improve transportation in the corridor.
- To study the feasibility and pro's and con's of becoming an integrated Colorado Department of Transportation Commissioner District, Engineering District and Planning District.

Mission and Goals, Adopted by unanimous board action, September 2004

Mission: "To enhance public accessibility and mobility in the I-70 Central Mountain Corridor and adjoining dependent counties and municipalities through the implementation of joint public & private transportation management efforts."

Goals: Serve as a collective voice for the I-70 Central Mountain Transportation Corridor and adjoining dependent counties and municipalities in addressing transportation issues.

- Develop a regionally preferred transportation plan with locally accepted solutions.
- Enhance employer, business entity, property owner and local government participation and investment in transportation services and programs.
- Increase awareness of locally preferred transportation plans among citizens, federal and state legislative bodies, and transportation agencies.
- Advocate for the application of best practices and technologies to the regionally preferred transportation plan.

Coalition Goal — The Coalition's goal and purpose is to develop a regionally preferred transportation plan for I-70 with locally accepted solutions.

Locally Preferred Context Sensitive Designs — Following identification of a Preferred Alternative, the Coalition will assist CDOT in CDOT's effort to determine "locally preferred context sensitive designs." A

“locally preferred context sensitive design” considers the local community’s particular concerns and refines the broad policy-level Record of Decision that concludes the I-70 West PEIS process.

Funding for Preferred Alternative — The Coalition will assist CDOT in efforts to identify funding sources and mechanisms for constructing the Preferred Alternative identified in the Record of Decision.

Mitigation Policy — The Coalition will help CDOT define long term mitigation policies for the I-70 West corridor.

Collaboration on Future Environmental Studies — The Coalition will work collaboratively with CDOT on future Tier 2 Environmental Studies that will be undertaken on a site specific basis.

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