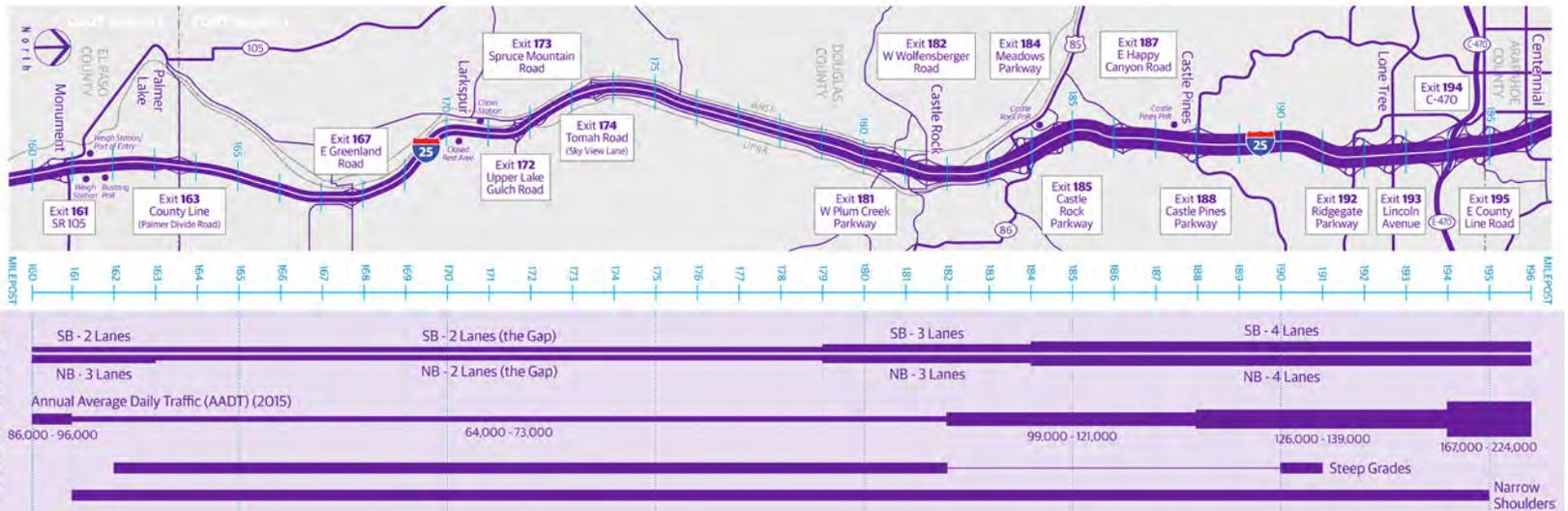


# I-25 Corridor Overview and Issues

The Planning and Environmental Linkages or PEL study limits extend approximately 34 miles along Interstate 25 (I-25) from Monument (State Highway 105) north to the C-470/E-470 interchange, which accounts for the primary travel pattern along I-25 between Colorado Springs and Denver South. For planning and design purposes, the corridor has been divided into three segments (south to north) that each have different travel characteristics: **Segment 1** – Monument to southern Castle Rock (the Gap), **Segment 2** – Castle Rock to Castle Pines, and **Segment 3** – Castle Pines to C-470.

**I-25 experiences congestion** on numerous days throughout the week. Travel delays and unpredictable and unreliable travel times frustrate drivers now and will only get worse as Colorado's population grows from 5 million to more than 8 million in the next 20 years.

**Safety** is a prominent concern for CDOT and corridor users, and the PEL study will evaluate ways to reduce crashes and improve safety throughout the corridor.



# What is a PEL study, and why is CDOT doing it?

A Planning and Environmental Linkages or PEL study is a process CDOT and FHWA use to accelerate delivery of transportation projects by combining federal requirements for long-range transportation planning and environmental clearances.

## Study Vision

Conduct an ***open and transparent process*** that builds ***partnerships*** and provides a roadmap for projects that ***improve safety, travel reliability, and mobility*** on this vital stretch of I-25 between Monument and C-470, with special focus on ***advancing an early action construction project*** in the “Gap” area between Monument and Castle Rock.

The PEL study, which is planned to be completed by May 2018, will help CDOT:

- Define and prioritize projects in the corridor
- Determine project costs, funding, financing, and delivery options
- Engage with local corridor communities, regional travelers, and other interested stakeholders
- Identify significant environmental constraints
- Support efficient transition to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) processes, final design, and construction

**Infrastructure and operational improvement projects in this corridor are needed to improve safety and address problems with travel delays, travel reliability, and operational challenges of this vital corridor between Colorado Springs and Denver South.**

For information on the study progress, upcoming public meetings (Spring and Fall 2017), and to provide input to the study, visit the

**Project website:** [www.codot.gov/projects/I25COSDEN](http://www.codot.gov/projects/I25COSDEN)

**Thank you for coming tonight!**

Please visit the stations around the room for information about existing conditions along the corridor and details about the study.

- Project Background
- PEL Process
- Engineering and Infrastructure
- Travel Reliability and Mobility
- Safety
- Environmental
- Funding & Financing
- How to Get/Stay Involved
- Public Comments

In the center of the room, please provide any location-specific observations about the corridor — for instance, “bottlenecks always happen here.”

**We want to hear from you!**

Fill out a comment form, talk to our staff here tonight, and/or participate in the online survey at one of the computer stations or on the project website.