



Review of Existing Studies in US24 West Corridor

Study Name City of Colorado Springs Intermodal Transportation Plan	Study Author City of Colorado Springs
Study Sponsor City of Colorado Springs	Study Date 4/10/01
Study Area and Purpose of Study Study area: Colorado Springs Purpose: Guide policy and decision-making with respect to serving the city’s existing and long-term future transportation needs and to carry out goals of the City Comprehensive Plan and City Strategic Plan.	
Key Points of Study <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compilation of key points from various other studies. 2. Roadway – mobility problems continue to be an issue. Future congestion will cause poor levels of service. Makes several recommendations to improve specific roadway facilities, none in US 24 study area. Makes suggestions to update Major Thoroughfare Plan – the one in our study area is to reclassify 31st Street between US 24 and 8th Street from a principal arterial to a minor arterial. 3. Trucks – US 24, 21st Street south of US 24, and 8th Street south of US 24 are listed as truck routes. Doesn’t propose to change these designations nor add any in the study area. 4. Transit – presents information from other City Transit Planning Documents. In general, transit goal is to provide mobility to all sectors of the community. Nothing specific mentioned in US 24 study area. 5. Bicycle – incorporates recommendations from City Bicycle Plan. Suggests increasing miles of routes, paths, and lanes. Shows proposed trail along Fountain Creek in US 24 study area. Lists US 24 as a primary corridor and an off-street corridor for bicycles. 6. Pedestrian - recognizes the lack of sidewalks and curb ramps; suggests a program in which City Streets, City Engineering, City Transit, and Private Developers retrofit or incorporate them in new construction. Recognizes the need to improve pedestrian mobility within neighborhoods, within commercial centers, and between the two. Recommends funding a “Pedestrian Mobility and Access Study” to make recommendations for specific facilities improvements. 	
Relevance to US24 West project Alternatives development should incorporate off-street bicycle trail. Alternatives should accommodate City program to retrofit curb ramps or incorporate them into new construction.	
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