

**I-70 Mountain Corridor Traffic & Revenue Study
2013 – 2014
Context Overview**

- The I-70 Mountain Corridor is Colorado’s only east-west interstate and the primarily access route from Denver to the commercial and recreational destinations of the Colorado mountains.
- Current I-70 roadway geometry is constrained, with narrow shoulders and tight curves resulting in decreased safety, mobility, accessibility and capacity for travelers.
- Traditional funding sources are not adequate to construct the minimum or maximum programs identified in the I-70 Mountain Corridor PEIS Record of Decision.
- To advance multimodal facilities that address transportation needs while respecting the unique communities and environmental resources of the corridor, CDOT must identify non-traditional funding programs that could include express lanes.
- Sound decision-making requires the consistent application of industry standard traffic, impact and cost data across all potential programs.
- All build scenarios will impact narrow mountain valleys where the Interstate is tightly bound by topographic constraints including creeks, which support recreation and supplies drinking water to the Region and the corridor bisects some of Colorado's oldest heritage communities. Travel through the area provides scenic vistas of Colorado Rockies and the Continental Divide.