

Context Sensitive Solutions Process (CSS)

Interstate-70 (I-70) Mountain Corridor CSS Process

CSS in the I-70 Corridor

The I-70 Mountain Corridor CSS process provides guidance for future studies, designs, and construction projects to ensure that stakeholder values, such as preserving and maintaining scenic and environmental integrity, are incorporated into the project decision-making process.

The CSS process is implemented for all Tier 2 projects along the corridor and is used through the entirety of a project's life. The CSS process involves several teams that collaborate through each life cycle phase. The teams and an overview of the roles are described.

For more information on the I-70 Mountain Corridor CSS process visit:

<https://www.codot.gov/projects/contextsensitivesolutions>

Project Leadership Team (PLT)

- Stakeholder team that leads the project, champions CSS, and enables decision-making.
- PLT members include the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA), Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), and corridor leaders
- The team remains intact throughout all lifecycle phases.
- Facilitates formal actions required by councils, boards, and commissions.

Technical Team (TT)

- Multidisciplinary team that includes experts in all of the Core Values, made up of federal, state, city, county, NGO, CDOT, and consultant representatives
- Assures local context is integrated into the project
- Recommends and guides methodologies for data collection and analyses
- Assists with development and evaluation of alternatives, including identification of a Proposed Action or Preferred Alternative
- Provides input into methodologies and technical analyses

Issue Task Force(ITF)

- Multidisciplinary team formed to address a single project issue
- Includes stakeholders and experts in the Core Values surrounding a single issue
- Works through the elements of the issue to reach a recommendation for the PLT, Technical Team, or Project Staff

- There are three standing Issue Task Forces for wildlife (ALIVE), streams/wetlands/water quality (SWEEP), and historic resources (Section 106). Others can be convened as issues are identified.

Project Staff

- Multidisciplinary team that includes both CDOT and consultant staff
- Develops goals for the project and develops the project-specific decision making process
- Develops and analyzes alternatives
- Plans and implements stakeholder engagement activities
- Documents the project's decision making process

Project Life Cycle Phases

1. I-70 Mountain Corridor Planning
2. Project Development
3. Project Design
4. Project Construction
5. Operations, Maintenance Monitoring
6. Feedback Throughout