

CO 71 Corridor Improvements



Location

CO 71 between south of Limon and the Nebraska State Line

- Lincoln, Morgan, and Weld counties
- Eastern and Upper Front Range Transportation Planning Regions
- CDOT Region 4

Description

This project includes reconstruction of corridor, shoulder widening, safety, operational, and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) components.

Project Cost

- Total Project Cost: \$200 million
- Strategic Funding: \$27.38 million
- \$6.25 million funded to date through SB 267
- Priority project advanced from the unfunded years of 10-Year Strategic Project Pipeline due to urgent need

What We Heard

“The condition of the pavements on 71 needs to be addressed. They are to the point where they are considered unsafe.”

For more information, visit codot.gov/programs/your-transportation-priorities (October 2021)

Urgent Need

- **Mobility:** This Colorado Freight Corridor carries approximately 2,400 vehicles per day, including nearly 500 trucks.
- **Safety:** Significantly higher crash rate compared to that of similar highways, indicating a high potential for crash reduction.
- **Asset Management:** Low drivability life.

Benefits If Funded

- **Mobility:** Corridor improvements like passing lanes increase traveler safety by minimizing unsafe passing maneuvers. ITS devices provide real-time information to travelers such as road conditions and closures to enable them to better plan their travels.
- **Safety:** Corridor improvements like passing lanes increase traveler safety by minimizing unsafe passing maneuvers.
- **Asset Management:** Improved drivability life. Making minor repairs to highways (i.e., resurfacing) before major repairs are required is more cost-effective.

