The I-70 Corridor

- Connects populated Colorado Front Range with mountains to west
- Only major east-west highway
- Geographically constrained, steep grades, extreme weather
- Ski resorts and mountain destinations significant economic drivers
  - $88M to state’s annual tax receipt
  - 20% of state’s tourism revenue
Severe Congestion

- Discretionary travel – weekends/holidays
- Impacts residents, tourists, commerce, environment, state’s economy
- Costs state $839M per year
- Highway capacity largely unchanged since 1979
- Population increase of 40% expected by 2040
History of I-70 Coalition

- PEIS Process Begins—2002
  - Concern from mountain communities
- I-70 Coalition formed—2004
  - Counties, municipalities, resorts
  - Mission: enhanced mobility & accessibility
  - Consensus on regionally preferred alternative
- Draft PEIS released-2007
  - Strong opposition from mountain corridor
- State recognized need for stakeholder input
Collaborative Effort (CE)

- Diverse stakeholder group charged with reaching consensus
  - 27 members

- CDOT & FHWA Commitment

- CE Preferred Alternative Accepted
PEIS Preferred Alternative

• I-70 Record of Decision-2011

• Multi-Modal

• Non Infrastructure Improvements
• Specific Highway Improvements
• Advanced Guideway System (AGS)

• Adaptive Management Approach
Future Improvements – Tier 2

• Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS)
  • AASHTO Best Practices Award 2013

• Project Leadership Team (PLT)
  • CDOT
  • FHWA
  • All impacted jurisdictions

• Technical Team
I-70 Improvements/Initiatives

- Progress towards Preferred Alternative
  - Mountain Express Lane
  - Interchange improvements/auxiliary lanes
  - TDM
- CDOT focused on cutting edge technology
- Funding a challenge
Questions?

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