

# **The I-70 East Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

An EIS is a decision-making process required before any major federally-funded transportation project can be built. An EIS is:

- Conducted by local, state, and federal agencies
- A requirement of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- To ensure that the community and the environment are considered

The purpose of the I-70 East EIS project is to implement a transportation solution that improves safety, access, and mobility and addresses congestion on I-70 from I-25 to Tower Road. The need for the project results from several issues:

- Increased transportation demand
- Limited transportation capacity
- Safety concerns
- Transportation infrastructure deficiencies

The Draft EIS was made available to the public for comment from November 14, 2008 to March 31, 2009. Draft EIS comments can be viewed on the website and will be addressed in the Final EIS.

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have entered the next stage of the I-70 East EIS and are currently undertaking a collaborative process to identify a preferred alternative for the EIS.