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## I-70 MOUNTAIN CORRIDOR, PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE

Interstate 70, between Denver and Vail, was constructed between 1960 and 1980. Population growth in Colorado, and the growth of the world class recreation industry in the mountains, have resulted in the highway having inadequate capacity. In 2011, the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the corridor communities partnered on a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, which lays out a 50 year plan for transportation in the corridor to increase transportation capacity, and also minimize environmental impacts to the region. Details of the plan—projects completed thus far, and projects that are under development—will be discussed.

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