

<i>What functions does US 24 serve in your community?</i>	
Parallel routes – avoid it	
Avoid @ peak times	
Ridge is only access for neighborhood by Red Rock – need an immediate fix to get in and out of neighborhood – need a light	
Mountain recreation access – bicycles, skiing, year ‘round	
Kids walk to school – pedestrian access	
Get traffic to Manitou – tourists – visual access, signage	
Noise impact on hotels	
Tourist friendly along with neighborhood friendly	
Ugly – need better aesthetics – gateway into Colorado Springs	
I-25 directional signs before 8 th Street	
Access to Red Rock – traffic is going to increase dramatically	
Park & Ride/ mass transit connections	
A lot of traffic in front of homes	
Gateway to businesses downtown	
Access to Red Rock Canyon Open Space	
Commuter traffic West to/from Woodland Park	
North/South access to Broadmoor & up 21 st St	
Sustains business/free advertising	
Alternative route to Manitou Springs	
Access to I-25	
Major transportation route – east/west trucking	
Tourist gateway for Manitou Springs	
Gateway to/from the Ute Pass for Manitou Springs	
Provides connectivity to Teller County	
First impression of Colorado Springs for many	
Provides access to tourism, gaming and recreational	
Access to I-25	
Midland Trail	
Multi-use trails, creek, drainage	
Foothills Trail – cross at 31 st	
Trail connect at Ridge Road to connect Red Rock Canyon to Midland Trail	
Main entrance to Red Rock Canyon is at Ridge Road	
Access to Garden of Gods	
Fairview Cemetery at 20 th Street	
Trailhead for Midland Trail at 21 st	
Expressway or major thoroughfare for Colorado Springs	
Regional connectivity	
One of a few routes to the mountains	
Access to local businesses	
Neighborhood access	

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Utility corridor	
Provides significant recreational access to parks and trails in Manitou Springs	

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<i>What impacts does US 24 currently have on your community?</i>	
Noise	
US 24 & W Colorado Ave are interchangeable – speeding – very little differentiation between them	
Attracts <u>Big Ugly</u> Billboards	
Emissions/Air Quality – Dust & Auto	
Ridge Rd used by police to pull over speeders	
Constant noise pollution near backyard and excessive speed – Ridge/High	
Speeding traffic on 31 st Street	
Overhead lighting (8 th to 21 st), commuter headlights and dust	
Impedes pedestrian traffic, it is a barrier	
Traffic accidents	
Dust	
Garden of the Gods Roads – coming south – commuter congestion on 31 st	
Eyesore	
Impacts to wildlife and crossings	
Poor operational at 31 st , 8 th 21 st	
Fountain Creek impacts– hydraulic impacts such as realigned creek	
Social barrier between north and south	
Revenue generator for State Patrol – “speedtrap”	
Wildlife barrier – creek, canyon	
20 years ago it was better, with growth there is room for improvement	
Noise impacts to recreational users and residents	
Visual impacts – this corridor is aesthetically challenged	
US 24 and I-25 congestion results in cut-through traffic onto Colorado, 30 th , Garden of the Gods, and Manitou Avenue	
Aesthetics are currently bad, what about visual impacts from any improvements	
Intersection of US 24 and 21 st Street is a concern, especially with the plans for Angler’s Covey.	

<i>Can you describe your current experiences when using US 24?</i>	
Congestion	
Frustrating and frightening to drive it	
Must let six to eight cars go by to use driveway on 31 st Street	
Crossing H/R to go E/W because of heavy traffic	
W/B from 14 th RI/RO W/B 24 – short acceleration lane	
Creek floods	
Peds & bikes need access	
Short acceleration lanes	
Conflicts between bikes and cars	
Cross-overs (25 th) for pedestrians	
Holiday weekends – traffic backs up to 8 th -26 th	
Rush Hours – sit through lights	
Speeders and danger	
No acceleration lane at eastbound 24 at 21 st - many accidents there	
Many accidents	
Currently dangerous	
Highway needs pedestrian access, currently dangerous	
At I-25, sign needed indicating two lane and ramp	
Crossover at 25 th and east of 21 st needed	

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<i>What is the biggest, most difficult, most important issue facing US 24?</i>	
What is US 24 – City Street? Freeway? – Make it consistent	
US 24 needs a plan – What will it be in 50 years? Think about alternative modes – trains.	
Highway and historic homes are near/character of neighborhoods impacted – improvements need to be planned to complement	
98% of Westside residential - noise is an issue	
Red Rock Canyon bike access needed	
Don't make mistakes similar to those made at Fountain & Circle Dr.	
Traffic Control & Construction – do in Winter not in Summer because of Tourism	
Overpass at I-25 & US 24 – 8 th street separation needed	
I-25 & MLK Bypass – extend MLKing West of 8 th Street	
Signage for US 24 – Consistent on Platte Ave / MLK By & US 24 West	
No Man's Land – El Paso County to Manitou Springs & Colorado Springs. Study area needs to extend thru Manitou Springs	
Extend Garden of Gods to Cascade, Colorado	
Resolve – city street or highway – What is US 24?	
Preserve character and integrity of community	
Blend with '88 Midland Plan ideas, for example – trolley	
Balance with economic viability, fix into community (ex. Parkway in Midland Plan)	
Slow down traffic at High Street, alert	
Gold Hill Development – environmental concerns	
Do construction in winter. Avoid tourist season	
Prefer national noise barriers	
Integrate US 24 plans with other transportation and development projects	
Berms favored over walls for noise	
Coordinate with city utilities	
Spacial constraints	
Prioritize and accomplish the function of the road	
Ability to accomplish context sensitivity	
Funding	
Confusion between jurisdictions	
Balancing competing interests while accomplishing the goals	

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<i>What multi-modal issues do you see as important on US 24?</i>	
Traffic Mixture – trucks, cars, bikes etc.	
Trolley	
Bus Service up and down the pass	
Drainage Improvements on Fountain Creek	
Variety of vehicles/the mix	
LRT/or mass transit use of rail	
Weigh the merit of highway	
Horseback riding – multi-use trails	
ADA compliance	
Trails	
Transit	
Public transportation and freight	
Light rail	
Park-n-rides	
Connectivity between modes	

<i>What environmental resources need to be considered along US 24?</i>	
Noise	
Light Pollution	
Air Quality	
Historic areas and buildings	
Make sure colors are compatible w/ community content	
Preserves the views	
Plan US 24 / I-25 / 8 th Street together	
Light the bike trail – it has become a homeless haven	
High & US 24 – increased traffic because of park and increased use – Safety is the issue	
Seasonal changes in use – study during all seasons to see total picture	
Fountain Creek	
Billboards	
Garden of the Gods Park and Red Rock Canyon Open Space	
Stagnation of air along walls of highway / air quality	
Trees as noise and dust barrier	
Street blocks the highway — collect the trash	
Connect neighborhoods with crossings	
What are long range plans for Cripple Creek and how do we incorporate into this project?	
Consider a visitor center along Highway 24	
Midland Corridor Study – Will it be factored in the study?	
Wider road narrowing down	
Important to tourism – want continued access to attractions – timing of construction is critical	
Look at the Westside Plan (Completed in the 70s) – has strong design and signage guidelines – signs must be functional	
Area between the road and creek – work with the homeowners	
Make it a pleasant drive	
Tour bus could help reduce number of cars on the road	
Traffic study – is information on counts available?	
What’s the status of Gold Hill Mesa?	
Look at alternative modes along the corridor	
Connect Red Rock Canyon to Garden of the Gods	
Good access to trails and recreation along the corridor	
Timing — how long will this take?	
Look at “quick fix” ways to make it better while waiting on funding – for example, have the straight lanes go first and the left turn arrows last at some intersections	
US 24 is a barrier in the community	
Unsafe pedestrian crossing – need an overpass or tunnel	
Need the trail connection between 21 st and 31 st	
Have Ridge Road go under US 24 – safer for wildlife movement	
Global issue – will other forms of transportation be considered – multi-modal study – visit www.peakoil.net	

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MLK connection/I-25 N connection too – no loop	
It should be “Neighborhood friendly”	
Traffic smells	
Consider elevated roadway – “Glenwood”	
Pike National Forest office – possibly at Ridge Road – 2008	
Noise mitigation	
Water flow – don’t channel it – leave it natural	
Are Colorado Ave. and Manitou Ave included as interchanges?	
Alternatives such as express bus, Alt Trans	
Timing of Construction or work i.e., 4 th of July	
Signage should fit historical Westside	
Don’t forget horses	
Balance US 24 and Colorado Ave traffic	
Pleasant ride	
Noise level – too noisy	
Ridge & US 24 intersection needs light	
Left turn 21 st , 8 th , 26 th , 31 st – Timing miss turn because thru traffic block left turn lane after green solid	
Deeper left turn lanes – storage	
Cuts community in half – overpass or tunnels needed	
Noise – anything that comes out of this does not increase noise & avoid construction noise	
All that needs to cross US 24 – horses, wildlife, people	
Rapid redevelopment and access transparency north to south. Neighborhood is friendly to get people north to south	
3 lanes up Pass will not fly with Manitou Springs – Don’t want neighborhood destroyed	
Bypass flyover to MLK and stay away from 8 th street	
Flood Plain impacts/accommodate water flow not to impact people downstream	
No flyovers or anything that puts cars in air – want noise mitigation	
Use/consider new technology for noise or other environmental issues.	
Use other routes to get around – avoid US 24	
From south Ridge/High is only access out to US 24	
Visual access	
Tourist friendly	
Stay away from tined concrete	
Gateway to Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs, the mountains, Old Colorado City, Garden of Gods, & Confluence Park	
Pull off areas along US 24 west of Wilkerson Pass	
Can’t get from Westside to trail on bike	
Noise	
Historic Resources	
Red Rock Canyon	
Gold Hill Mesa	
Air Quality	

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Creek and Drainage	
Recreation, such as Red Rock Canyon	
Geology	
Neighborhoods	
Hazardous waste	
Business impacts, such as local access, freight delivery, tourism	
Trails	
Access	
Utility impacts	
Future growth and development	
Land use changes	
Water Quality – gold sedimentation	
Gold tailings under existing roads	
Ground water – water supply intake off of Fountain Creek	
Structural – inadequate hydraulic capacity – What will the future be?	
Stability and erosion of the subsurface materials	
Wildlife is in close proximity to the corridor	
Wetlands	
What are cumulative effect boundaries?	
Environmental Justice	
Right-of-way	
Tax Base – Broad economic impacts	
Homeland Security	
Floodplain Management	
Pedestrian safety and trail use	

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<i>What indirect issues or impacts do you see should be considered along US 24?</i>	
Are there opportunities for parallel routes?	
Linkages	
Function of US 24 versus alternate routes- Linkage between parallel routes and the purpose of each	

<i>Can you describe the desired experience of using US 24 after the improvements are made without telling us what the improvements are?</i>	
Smooth traffic flow	
Accident free	
Great interstate accessibility	
Fast!	
Way Finding that utilizes visual cues to identify uses and areas along the corridor	
Signage and changes in aesthetics to alert to a new “community”	
Scenic Highway elements: public and private signs referencing scenic highway	
Clear direction from the way finding signs	
Reduce visual clutter such as billboards	
Aesthetically pleasing	
Views of and from the highway	
Great ridge views	
Good local accessibility	
Opportunities to connect	
Pleasant driving experience	
Ease of all modes crossing the corridor	
Clean air	
ADA accessibility	
Accommodates other modes	
Wildlife crossings => no dead animals	
Multiple funding eligibility	
Wonderful view sheds	

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Incorporated public art	
ITS applications opportunities – travel advisories, incident management	
Appropriate and safe lighting for vehicle & pedestrian trail users (overhead lighting)	
Smooth/safe connection to interstate & downtown	
Shared ownership	
Strategic flexible plan with appropriate phasing	
Funding viable implementation	
Coordinated activities with Agencies	

<i>General Thoughts for the Study and the Corridor</i>	
Keep us included	
Thought process – coordinate with I-25 phasing around I-25	
I like Woodland Park & Divide retaining wall, open road	
Light – overhead, why do we have to use so many lights?	
Don't put people stuff all the way to the mountains	
I want to feel "Gee Whizzed!"	
Keep us informed	
Fix 8 th St left turn lanes – a lot of little things can be done for a big fix	
Route to Garden of Gods other than 31 st	
31 st Westbound right & left don't work	
Analytical look at Gondola between Springs and Manitou	
No acceleration lane at 26th onto westbound, or at 24 & 21 st to eastbound US 24	
Noise abatement in canyon west of bridge	
Noise doesn't help tourist draw	
Make sure "we are covered"- Get and keep traffic moving in canyon	
"US 24 is like a one-day getaway"	
I70 is hideous. Don't turn US 24 into that. Do alternative modes. Do something innovative. The Team needs to be challenged to do something innovative.	
Eye-catching	
Included as part of process	
Phased "as it should be"	
Plan phasing better	
Learn from T.O.P.S. Red Rock project	
Want local project team	
Creative presentations	
Include email updates	
Planning should include and consider through traffic to preclude cut thru traffic.	
Consider multiple users	
Congestion: Fontanero – 30 th /31 st	
Look beyond existing US 24 and local streets	
Accidents at 26 th Street	
Westbound US 24 to southbound I-25 backs-up	
Consider carpool lanes	
Would like to see more rest areas between Divide and Buena Vista	
What are the project limits?	
Safety is a concern, particularly at Ridge Road, would like to see a traffic light.	
Propose changes to SU24 and I-35. Specifically interested in 8 th Street in 8 th Street and I-25 ramps	
Noise is a big concern	
Concerned about 2 intersections: 30 th and 8 th . At 30 th , cars do not yield and at 8 th the merge ramp is too short.	

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Would like to see the speed limit reduced around the Cliff Dwellings area up the pass	
Explores operational options (e.g., Bi-directional lanes)	
Consider how project affects perception of area	
Gold Hill Mesa development may impact properties at 14 th Street north of US 24	
Evaluate parallel, continuous frontage roads	
Explore innovations, take risks	