

Importance:

The Front Range is becoming one big region that is dealing with common transportation, air quality and wastewater issues.

Background/Key Issues:

Elected officials and local government staff from transportation planning organizations along the Front Range of Colorado began meeting in 2005 to discuss common problems, opportunities and impacts on one another. The consensus of all these organizations was that we are becoming one region and that travel patterns, environmental issues and economic opportunities extend well beyond the boundaries of each of the planning regions. Continued growth brings increased traffic congestion and delays.

To implement greater coordinated transportation planning along the Front Range and ensure economic viability, the planning organizations and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) agreed to work toward a comprehensive planning vision for the Front Range. The planning organizations include DRCOG, Upper Front Range Transportation Planning Region (UFRTPR), North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO), Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG), and Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG).

The Front Range planning agencies and CDOT hired Felsburg Holt & Ullevig and CH2M Hill to prepare a scope of work for the planning effort. The scope of work was completed in December 2007 and the agencies are pursuing funding to prepare the plan. An oversight committee created from each of the agencies, composed of the executive directors and board chairs, provides overall direction for completing a coordinated plan and addressing policy issues of common interest to the Front Range.

Status (as of July 2010):

Currently, DRCOG, PPACG, NFRMPO, PACOG, CDOT and the Regional Transportation District are working with federal partners to conduct the Front Range Travel Counts survey. It is the first in-depth study of urban household travel behavior covering all of Colorado's Front Range. The results of this effort will help the survey partners plan for future transportation needs in the Front

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By 2030, there could be a 100-mile traffic jam along I-25 from south of Colorado Springs north to Fort Collins if investments are not made.

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Range. Approximately 12,000 households along the Front Range have been randomly selected and asked to identify where and how they travel on a specific, designated travel day. Later phases of the study will look at commercial vehicle trips, and trips to special facilities, such as airports.

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