

I-70 West Vail Pass Auxiliary Lanes

FACT SHEET

Eagle County

This project identifies the need for a preferred alternative that includes eastbound and westbound auxiliary lanes on West Vail Pass between mile points 180-190. CDOT proposes to complete an Environmental Assessment (EA) and define the improvements for the entire project limits. Based on the EA and available funding, improvements could be phased.

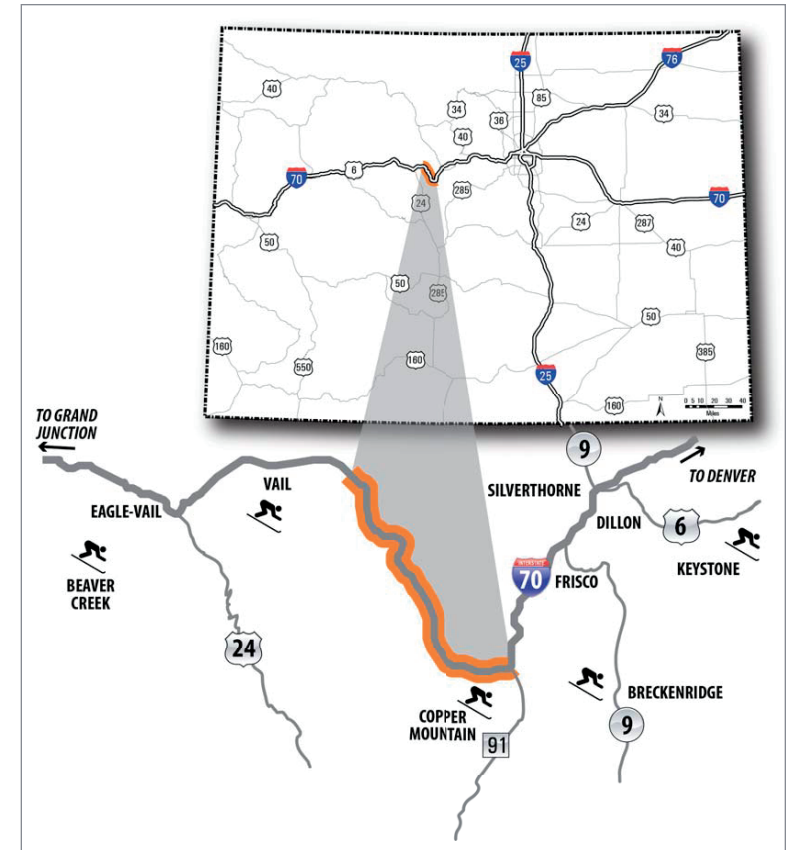
Available crash data shows that the west side of Vail Pass experiences a higher-than-expected number of crashes, and has sections rated at Level of Service of Safety (LOSS) IV, indicating the highest potential for crash reduction. Differential speeds between cars and trucks on the steep grades lead to safety concerns. CDOT's data indicates that I-70, over Vail Pass, was closed for over 177 hours in 2016, primarily due to crashes and weather.

Project Limits:

I-70 Vail Pass MP 180-190

Project Benefits:

- **Mobility:** Improved safety along the I-70 Corridor by providing an auxiliary lane for slower moving vehicles. Project has the ability to reduce crashes in higher than expected areas along the corridor and improve mobility during partial closures of Vail Pass.
- **Economic Vitality:** Improved safety and operations for better economic vitality providing a more continuous connection between the Front Range and the mountain tourism industry.
- **Other:** This project will improve safety and quality of the Vail Pass bike path (Ten Mile Canyon National Recreational Trail).



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