I-70 Mountain Corridor

Twin Tunnels / PPSL Improvements

Eisenhower-Johnson Memorial Tunnels
Narrow Canyons, Rock Cuts, and Tunnels
Weather and Traffic Challenges
Sharp Horizontal Curves

East of Idaho Springs
Steep Vertical Curves

Vail Pass

Runaway Truck Ramp (east of EJMT)

Floyd Hill
Sensitive Environment
Studied for more than twenty years

Collaborative Effort’s Consensus Recommendation (2008)

Tier 1: Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement & Record of Decision (2011)
I-70 Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement’s (PEIS) Preferred Alternative includes three components:

- A multimodal solution
- Highway (Infrastructure) Improvements
- Operational Improvements
Context Sensitive Solution Approach

- 6 step process for decision making
- Tools to navigate through the steps, including:
  - Design criteria
  - Aesthetic guidelines
  - Areas of Special Attention
  - Multi-agency agreements related to wildlife mobility, historic resources and districts, water quality and overall creek health
Building on Past Efforts

- Significant stakeholder involvement and resource/staff commitment from multiple agencies and industry
- Established tools allows projects to move quickly through NEPA, final design, construction. No need to revisit past decisions if assumptions are still true.
- Allows for corridor to continue its momentum. (internally, externally)