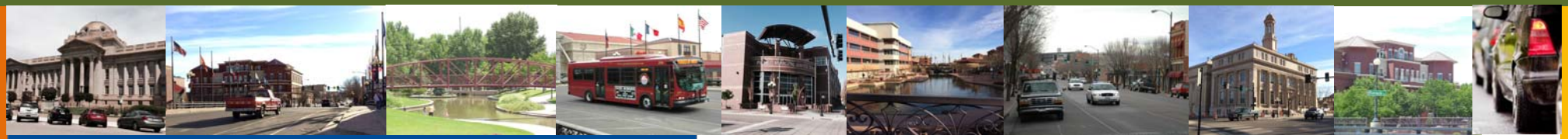
Transportation Planning in the Pueblo Region



What is the PACOG?

The Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG) is a voluntary association of municipal and county governments. The sixteen voting members of PACOG consist of the seven City Council Members, three County Commissioners, and one member each from the Water Board, both School Boards, the two Metropolitan Districts and Salt Creek Sanitation District.

PACOG Programs

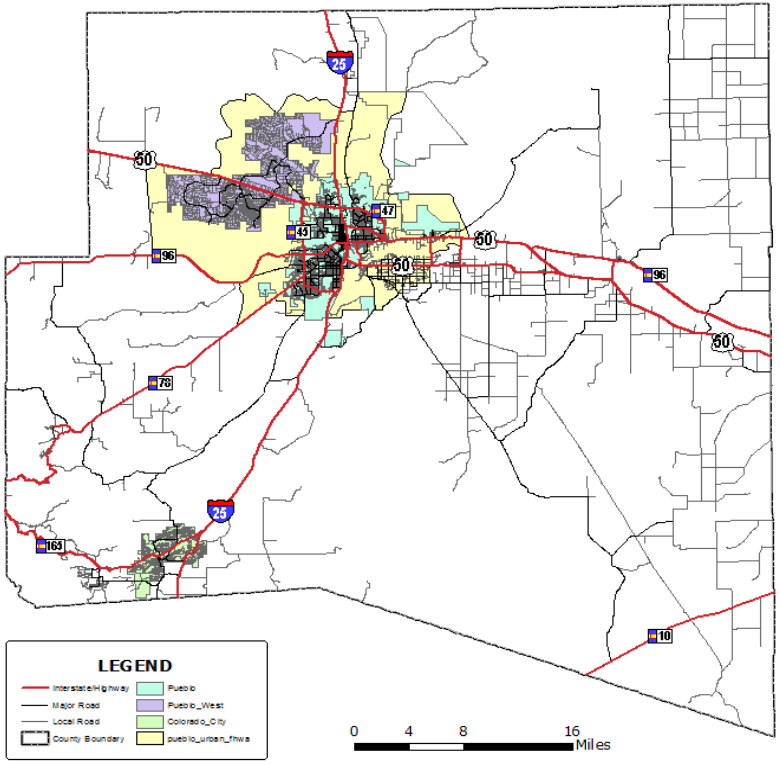
Pueblo Area Council of Governments

- Urban Transportation Planning
- Water Quality Planning
- Environmental Quality Planning

Who's Represented?

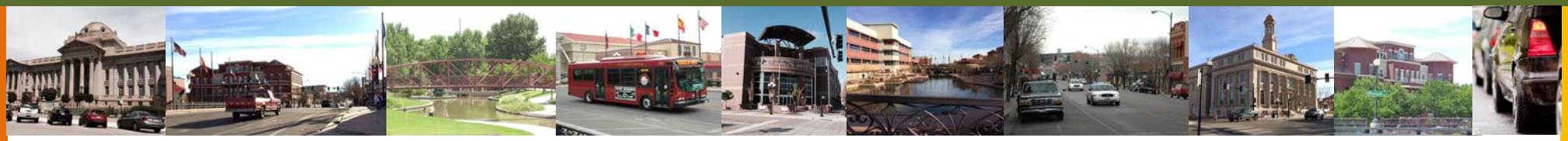
City of Pueblo
County of Pueblo
Board of Water Works
School District No. 60
School District No. 70
Pueblo West Metropolitan District
Colorado City Metropolitan District
Salt Creek Sanitation District

Planning Areas



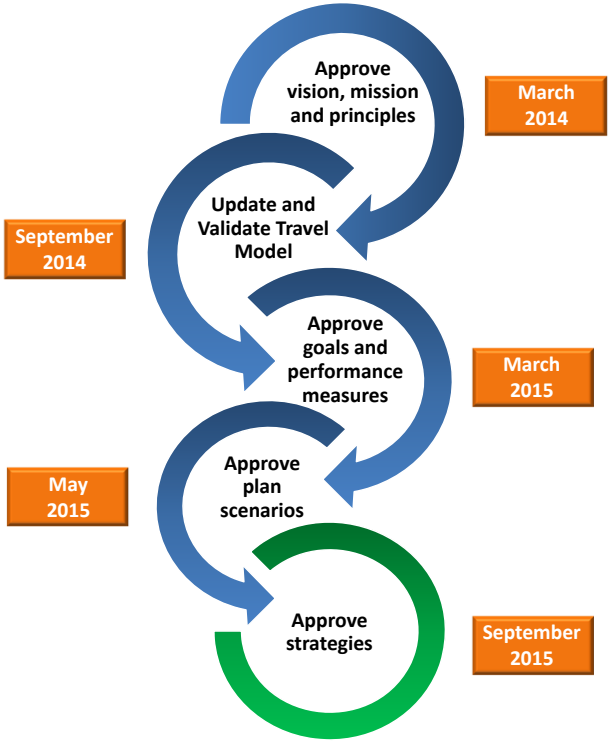
PACOG is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Pueblo Metropolitan Area. With the cooperation of the County and the City of Pueblo, PACOG develops a consolidated framework for achieving a safe, efficient transportation system that serves the mobility and accessibility needs of people and freight in the Pueblo region.

Developing the Plan



The Planning Process

Plan Development Milestones



Get Involved

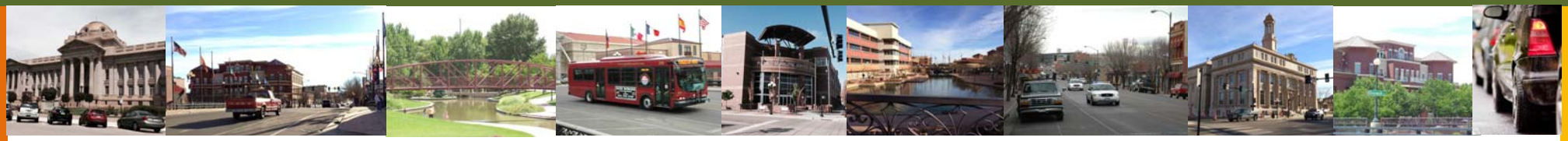
Your input is invaluable in the transportation planning process!

Ways you can get involved:

- Attend PACOG 2040 Long Range Plan Update Open Houses!
  - Monday July 27th – Rawlings Public Library, Bret Kelly A Meeting Room, 5 pm – 7 pm
  - Monday August 3rd – Pueblo Transit 3 pm – 6 pm
  - Tuesday August 11th – Greenhorn Valley Library (Colorado City), Charles Burns Community Room, 5 pm – 7 pm
  - Monday August 17th – Pueblo West Library, Jerry G King Room B, 5 pm – 7pm
  - Wednesday August 26th, Giodone Large Community Room (Mesa), 5 pm – 7 pm
- Complete the PACOG Long Range Transportation Plan Survey!

For more information, go to our website: www.pacog.net

Pueblo's 2040 Long Range Plan Framework



Goals and Objectives

Goal #1: Safety

- Improve safety by providing a multi-modal transportation system that focuses on the reduction of the frequency and severity of crashes

Goal #2: Infrastructure Condition

- Improve and sustain the surface conditions of the State highway system
- Maintain Bridges
- Maintain Transit and Non-Motorized
- Maintain Passenger Rail

Goal #3: Congestion Relief

- Bring all interstate, NHS, U.S. and other state highways up to current AASHTO standards that improve the flow of motor vehicles and transit
- Relieve existing heavy congestion on U.S. highways, NHS highways by implementing alternative transportation corridors (i.e. Bypass facilities) Provide a safe and efficient interstate and NHS, and other State highway system for the movement of freight

Goal #4: Freight Movement & Economic Vitality

- Provide a safe and efficient interstate and NHS, and other State highway system for the movement of freight
- Encourage corridor preservation and expansion efforts for both passenger and freight rail, and railroads
- Provide a transportation system that encourages new business, economic development and industry expansion that is integrated with future land use plans and policies

Goal #5: System Reliability

- Provide transportation facilities that optimize system performance and safety, and preserves and enhances the present and future mobility needs of the Pueblo Region

Goal #6: Environmental Sustainability

- Reduce fossil fuel consumption and reduce greenhouse gas and other emissions
- Improve and support transportation system improvements that address needs for citizens with disabilities, low incomes, and other special needs residents in the region
- Reduce transportation-related adverse impacts to communities, neighborhoods, natural environments, and areas identified for cultural and/or historical preservation
- Protect and/or avoid areas containing critical habitat for threatened and endangered species, and wildlife travel corridors
- Minimize the amount of stormwater runoff and transportation-associated pollutants that enter the region's streams

Goal #7: Reduce Project Delivery Delays

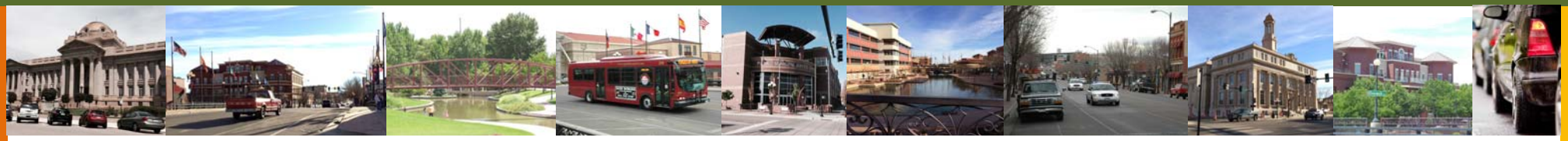
Accelerate the timeframe for the completion of projects

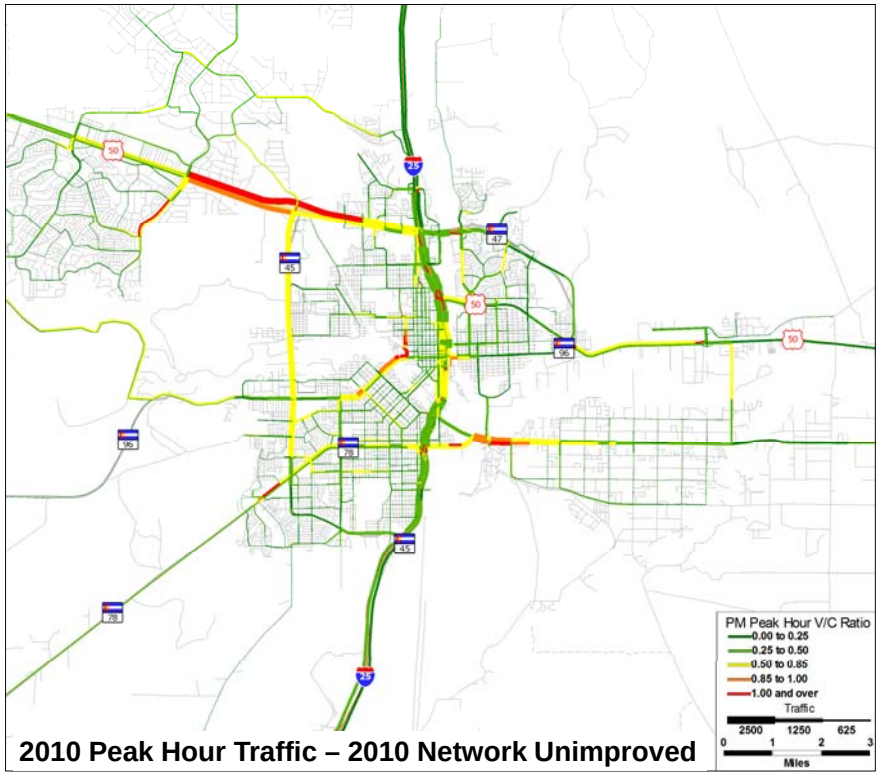
Goal #8: Support Multi-Modal Transportation

- Increase the Bicycling and Walking activity in Pueblo County for people all ages
- Improve the quality of life through an increase in attractive multi modal facilities accessible for pedestrians and cyclists and improve connectivity
- Increase non-motorized transportation usage in Pueblo by integrating multimodal improvements as part of upgrades to the existing roadway system
- Maximize transportation investments with bike and pedestrian enhancements
- Increase public & governmental support for bicycling in Pueblo
- Improve Public Health with alternative forms of transportation

Tracking Progress: Goal attainment performance targets are set for 2020, 2030 and 2040

Current and Future Roadway Needs Assessment





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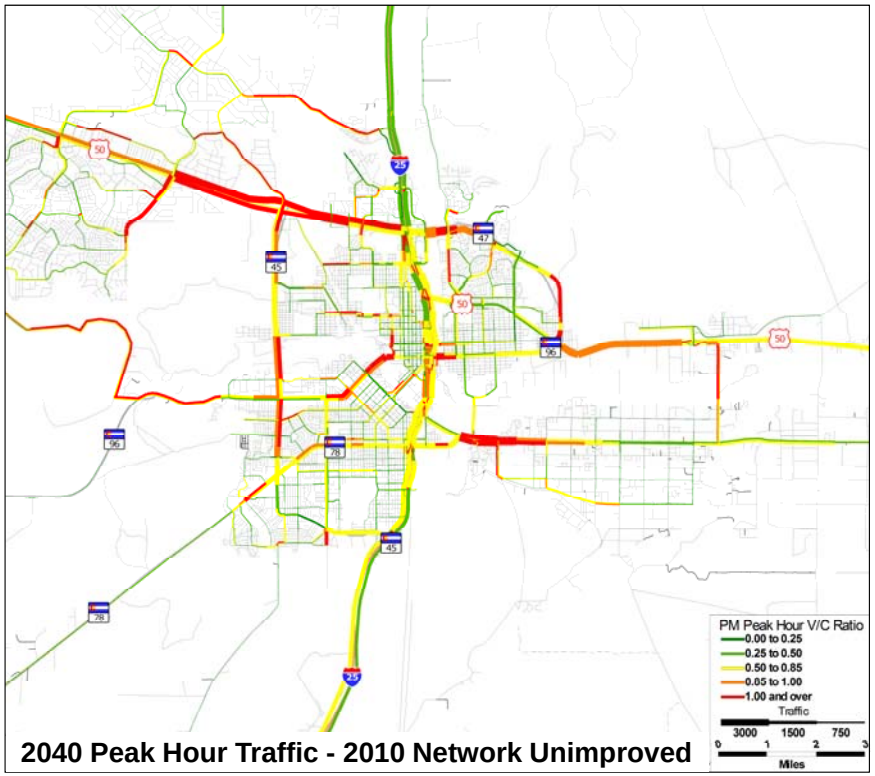

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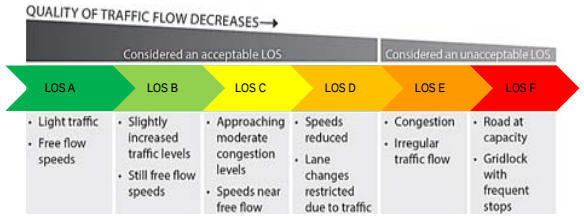
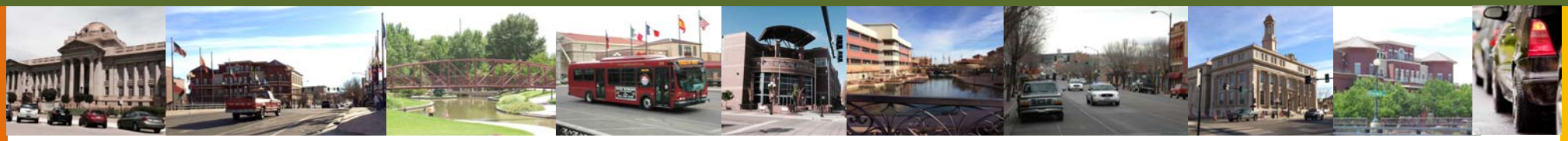
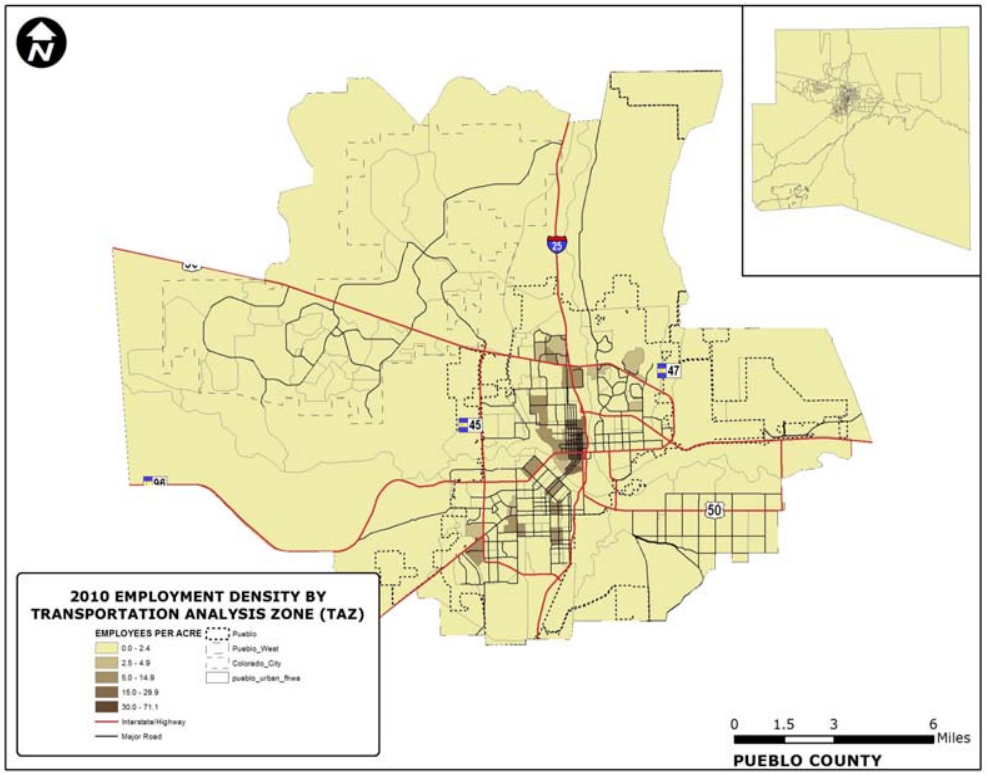


Without improvements to the region's roadways by 2040, congestion will become widespread and more severe.

Employment Density and Future Trends





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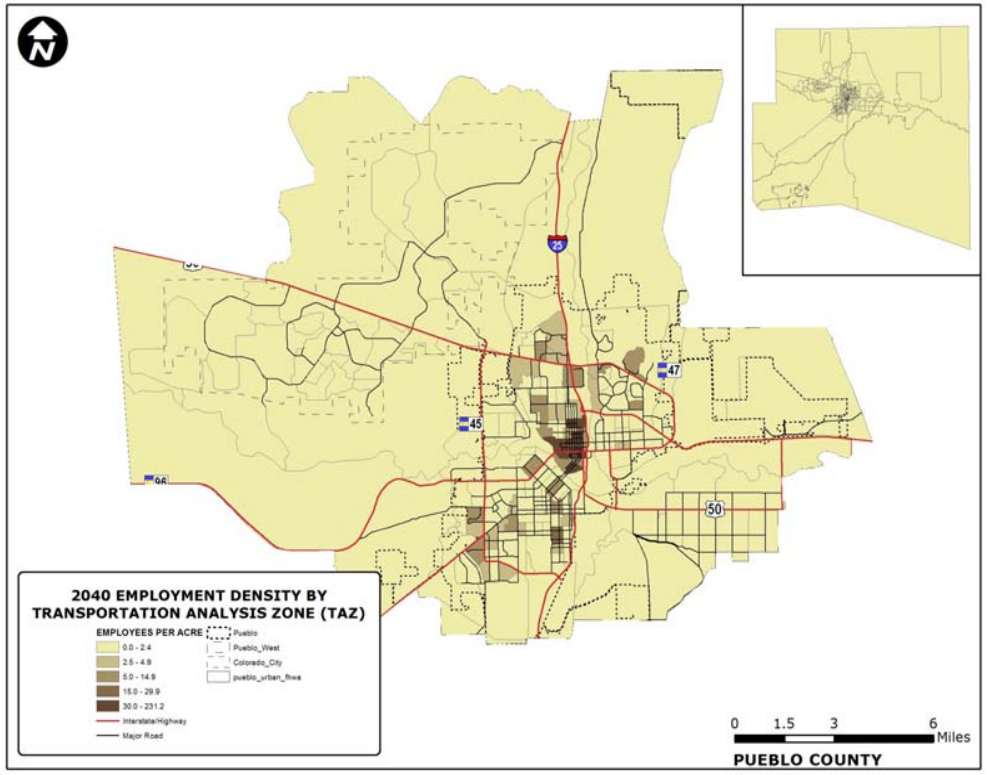

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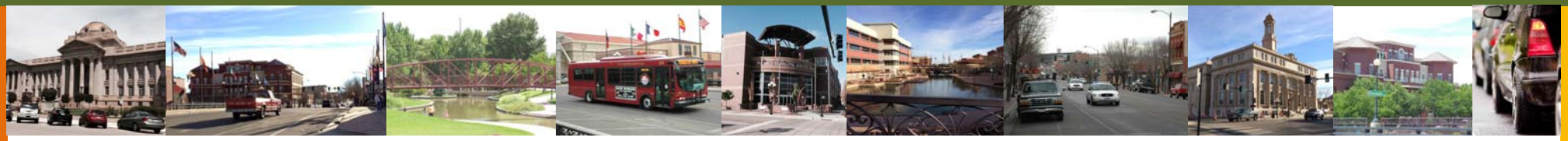
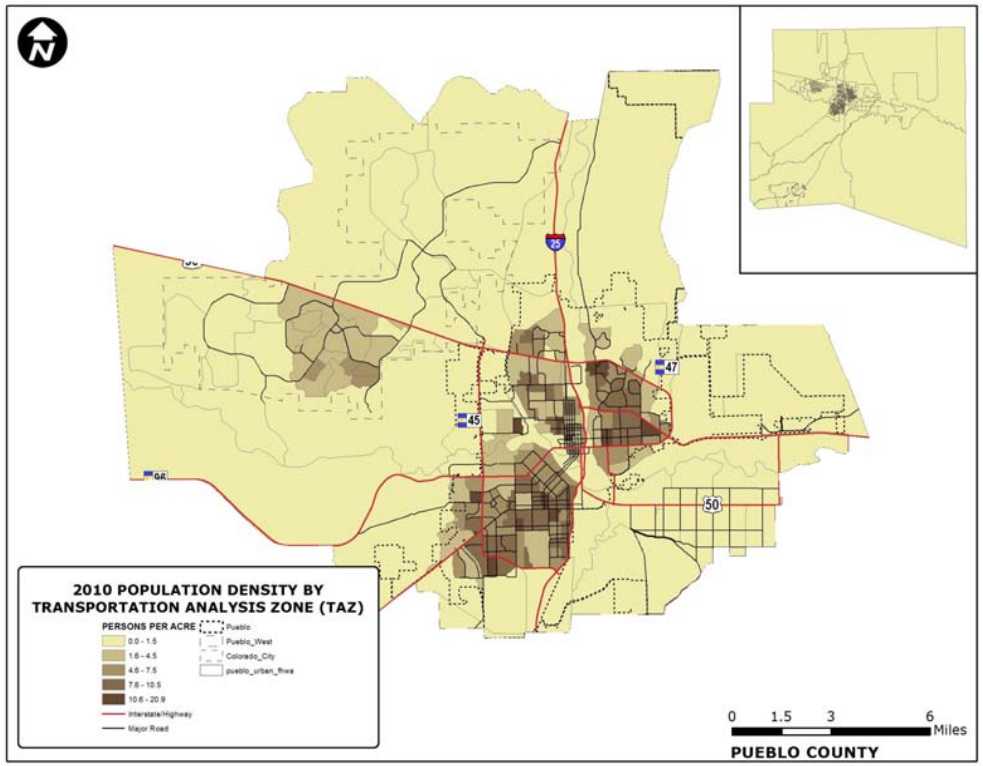
Population Density – Future Growth Trends





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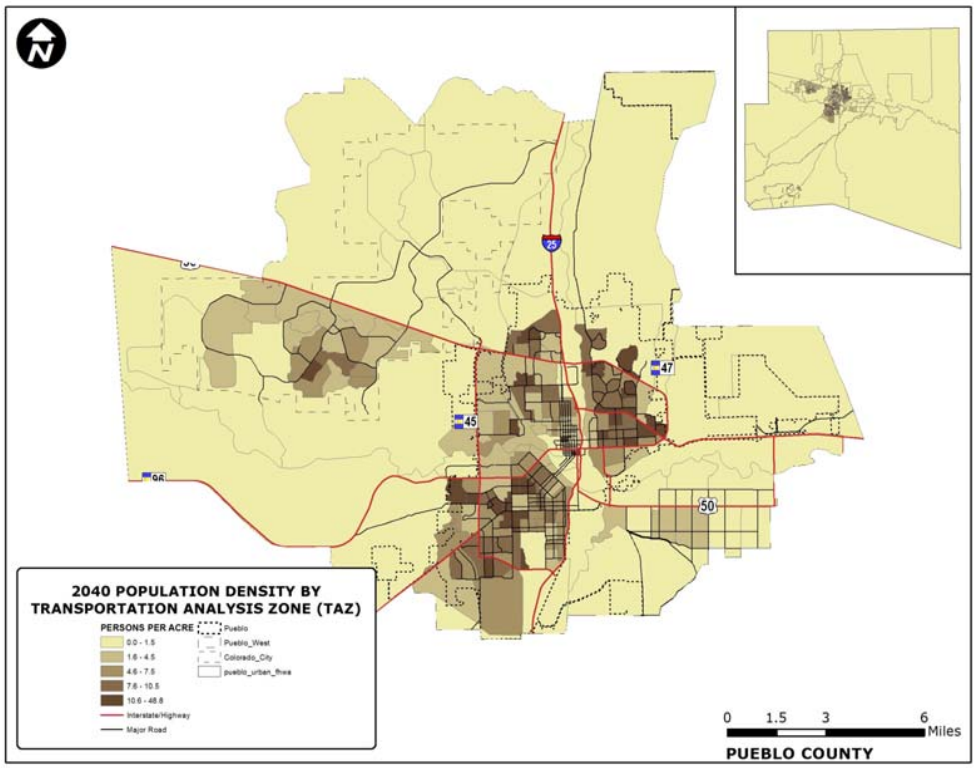

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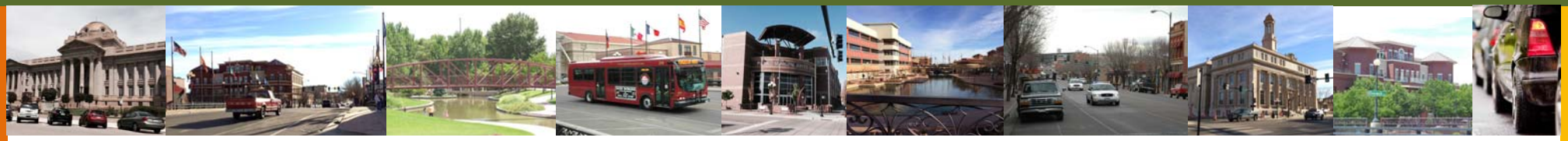
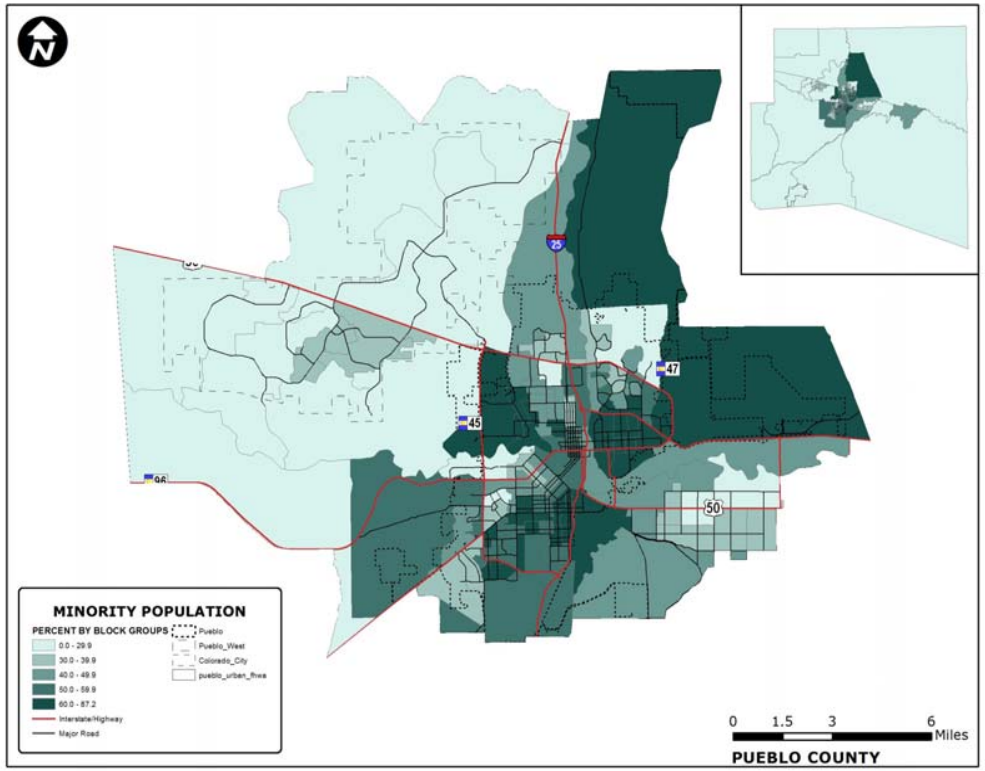
Minority and Low Income Populations





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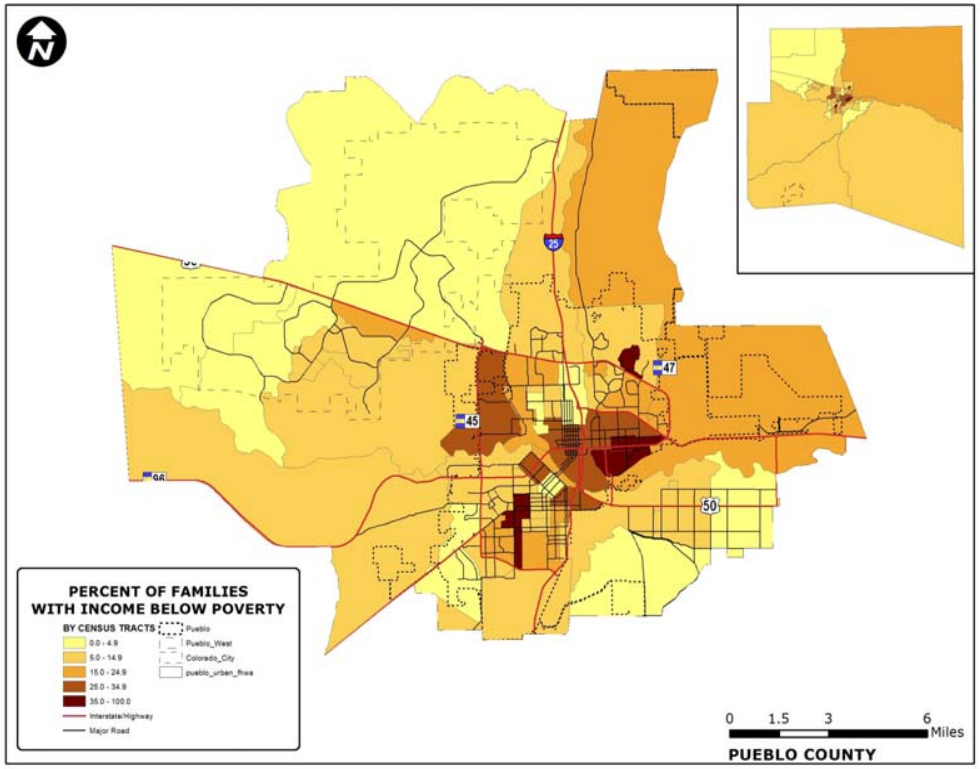

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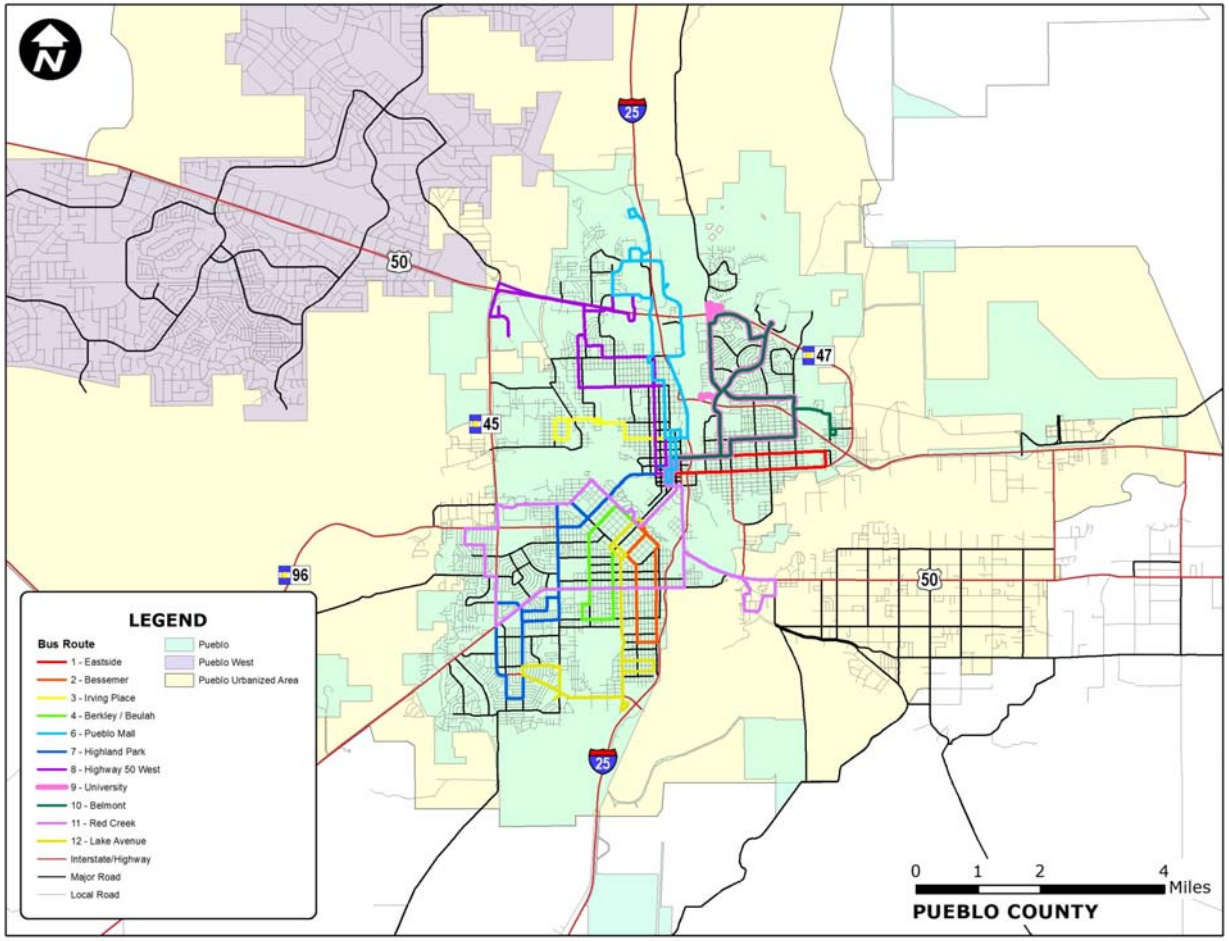
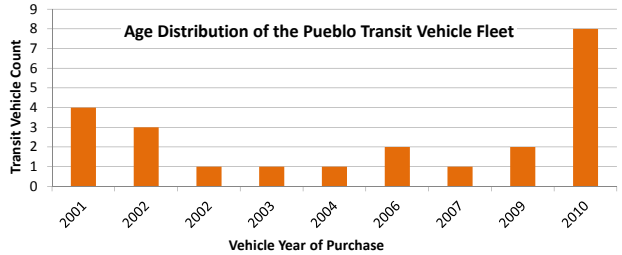
Transit Services in the Pueblo Region



2016 – 2019 Funding for Pueblo Regional Transit Services		
ID#	Transit Program or Project Description	Funding Allocation
23	Small Urban Transit – FTA 2016-2019	$8,022,180
24	Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities FTA – 5310 Administration and Operating	$ 656,058
25	Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities FTA – 5310 Capital	$ 280,632
26	Rural Area Formula Grants	$ 505,331

Pueblo Transit – Bus Operations by Bus Route				
Bus Route	Hours of Operation		Frequency (minutes)	
	M-F	Saturday	M-F Peak	Saturday
Route 1 - Eastside	6:30 AM to 6:30 PM	8:30 AM to 6:30 PM	30	60
Route 2 - Bessemer	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM	9:00 AM to 6:00 PM	30	60
Route 3 - Irving Place	6:30 AM to 6:30 PM	8:30 AM to 6:30 PM	30	60
Route 4 - Berkley / Beulah	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM	9:00 AM to 6:00 PM	60	60
Route 6 - Pueblo Mall	6:30 AM to 6:30 PM	8:30 AM to 6:30 PM	30	30
Route 7 - Highland Park	6:30 AM to 6:30 PM	8:30 AM to 6:30 PM	30	60
Route 8 - Highway 50 West	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM	8:00 AM to 6:00 PM	60	60
Route 9 - University	6:30 AM to 6:30 PM	8:30 AM to 6:30 PM	60	60
Route 10 - Belmont	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM	8:00 AM to 6:00 PM	60	60
Route 11 - Red Creek Ride	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM	8:00 AM to 6:00 PM	60	60
Route 12 - Lake Avenue	6:30 AM to 6:30 PM	8:30 AM to 6:30 PM	60	60



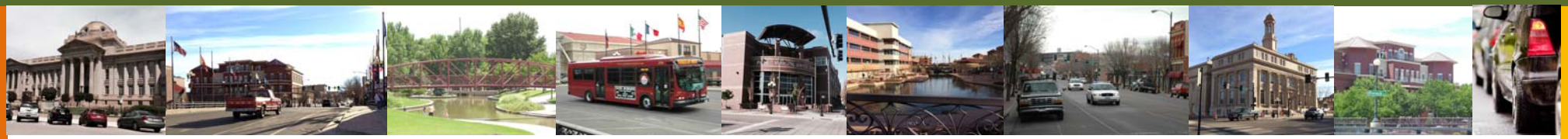
47% of Pueblo Transit's vehicle fleet is more than 10 years old.

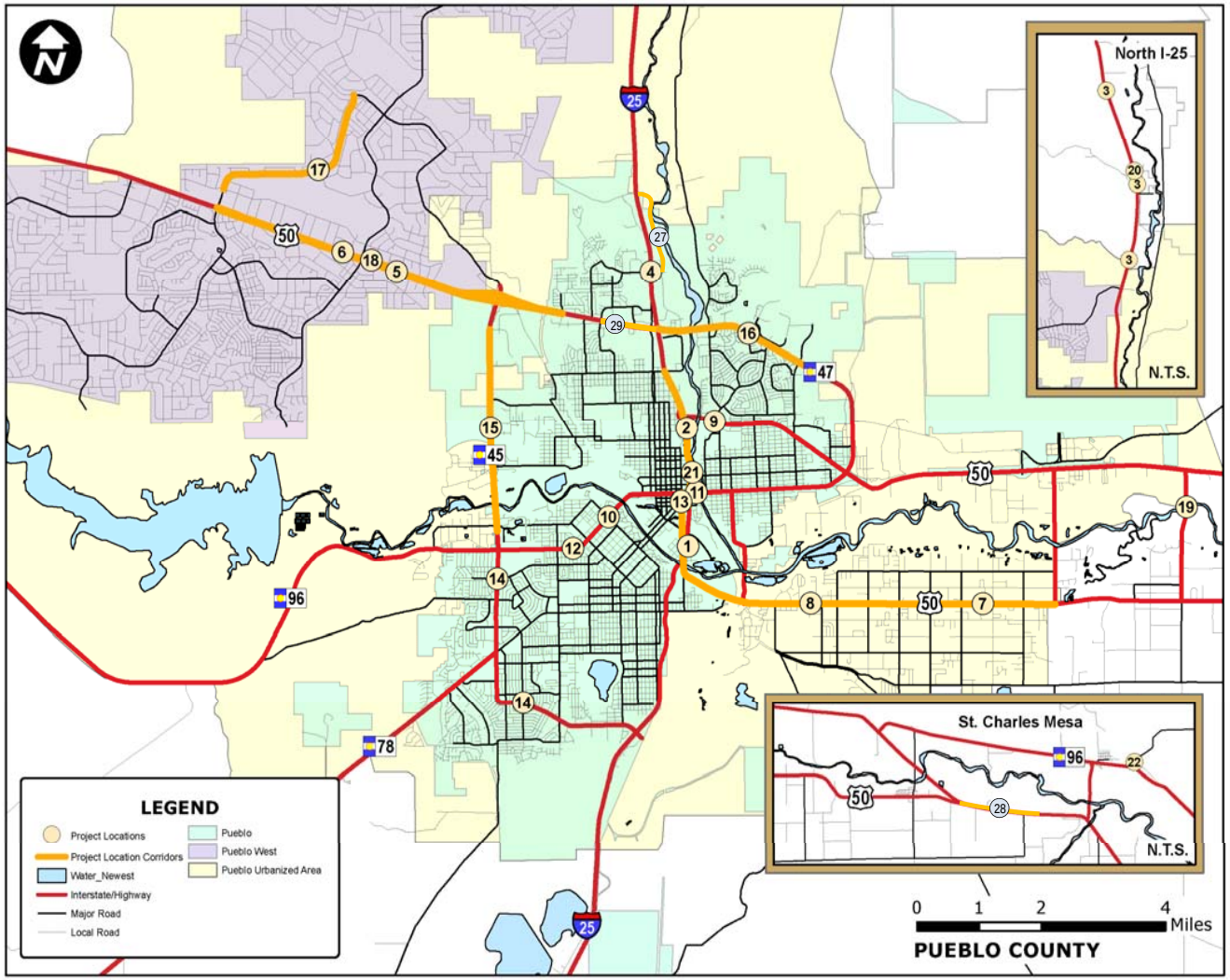
Transit News

- **Transit Ridership is up:**
  Ridership increased from 981,829 in 2013 to 996,353 in 2014
- **Transit Functionality Study underway soon:**
  The study will evaluate current transit system operations to determine if stops and routes should be adjusted to meet and meeting user needs serving appropriate areas.

For more information, go to our website:
www.pueblo.us/104/Pueblo-Transit

2016-2019 TIP and 2020-2025 CIP Projects





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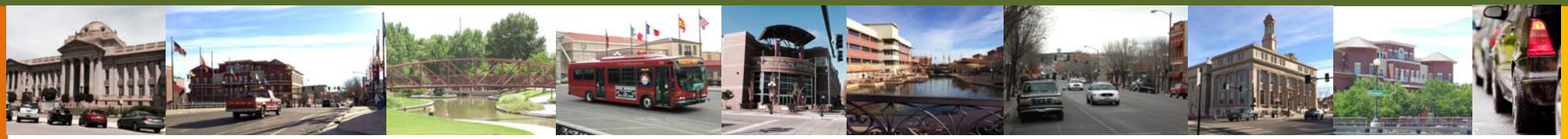
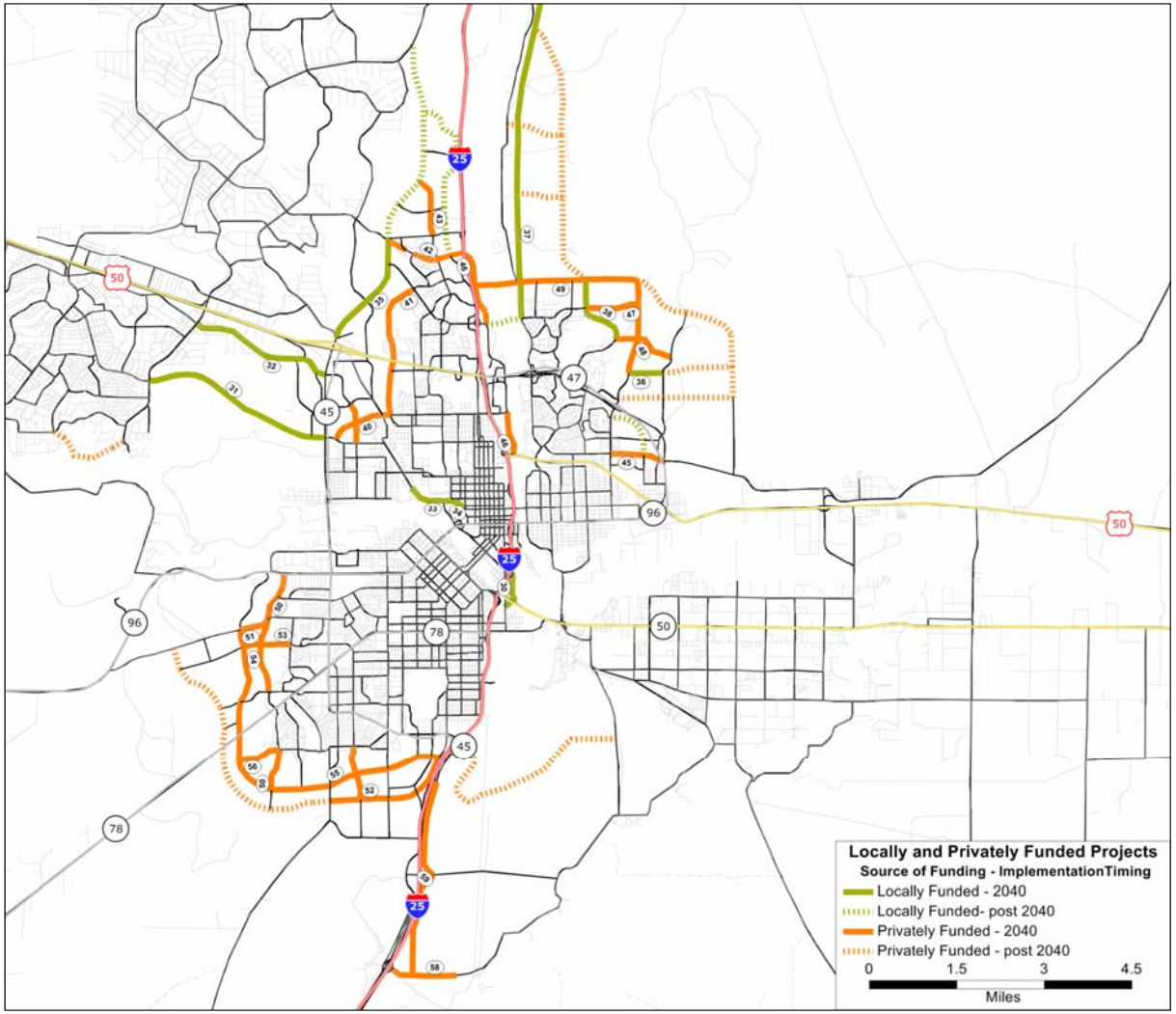
1	I-25 through Pueblo, Ilex Segment
2	I-25 Corridor, Central Corridor
3	I-25 ITS Cameras (Mileposts (MP) 109, 11.5, and 114.8)
4	I-25 Bridge Deck Repair at Eagleridge Boulevard
5	US 50A (Wills - McCulloch) third lane, trail, intersections
6	US 50A (McCulloch - Wills) third lane, trail, intersections
7	US 50C Drainage Improvements
8	Repaving – US 50C from 4th Street to Baxter Rd.
9	US 50 Safety Upgrades (at Bonforte Blvd. & Hudson Ave.)
10	SH 45 Signal /Ped Xing Upgrades (SH 96A /Abriendo Ave.)
11	Replace Signal/Add Left-turn Lane (SH 96A /Chester Ave.)
12	SH 96 Safety Upgrades at Acero Avenue
13	SH 96 Safety Upgrades at Bradford Avenue
14	SH 45 Signal /Ped Xing Upgrades (at Lehigh & Hollywood)
15	SH 45 from City Park to E Spaulding Ave. (MP 4.9 to 8.7)
16	SH 47 Junction I-25/US 50 to E of Troy (MP 0.035 to 0.29)
17	Pueblo West Trail from Industrial Blvd. to Platteville Blvd.
18	Pueblo West Trail - SDS Trail and Park
19	Arkansas River Bridge Maintenance SH 231 (MP 1.445)
20	Pueblo City Bridge Repair on I-25 (MP 111.9)
21	Pueblo City Bridge on 8th Street over I-25
22	Colorado Canal Bridge at CR 611 and Boone Road
23-26	Transit funding and projects included in TIP & CIP (see Transit board)
27	I-25 Eastside Frontage Road between Dillon to Eden Interchanges (2020 - 2025)
28	US 50B Continuous left lane - Milepost 332.1 – 333.9 (2020 - 2025)
29	US 50 Access Management Plan from I-25 to Fortino Blvd. (2020 -2025)

Locally and Privately Funded Future Projects





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30	Stanton Street – Roadway Extension	$ 5,900,000
31	Joe Martinez Boulevard – Roadway Extension	$22,200,000
32	Spaulding Avenue (Pueblo Blvd. to Purcell Blvd). – Widen & Improve	$21,300,000
33	West Pueblo Connector (8th Street to 18th Street)	$31,400,000
34	8th Street (Blake Street to West Pueblo Connector)	$ 3,700,000
35	Pueblo Boulevard (US 50 West to Drew Dix Blvd.	$31,400,000
36	Rawlings Boulevard (Troy Ave to Baculite Mesa Road)	$ 4,000,000
37	Jerry Murphy/Overton Road (Eagleridge /47th St. to Pinon/Pace)	$45,600,000
38	Walking Stick Boulevard (Village Green to Home of Heroes)	$ 9,000,000
39	Spaulding Avenue – Widen and Improve (11th St, to 31 St.)	$ 6,200,000
40	29th Street (Wills Blvd. to 24th St.)	$14,500,000
41	Wills Boulevard (29th St to Pueblo Crossing)	$ 5,900,000
42	Platteville Boulevard (Pueblo Blvd. to Elizabeth Street)	$29,700,000
43	Outlook Boulevard (Ridge Dr. to Pueblo Blvd.)	$18,200,000
44	Troy Avenue (Rawlings Blvd. to Home of Heroes Rd.)	$10,800,000
45	Constitution Road (Troy Ave. to SH 47)	$ 7,100,000
46	Dillon Drive (US 50 Bypass to I-25)	$13,300,000
47	47th Street (Walking Stick Blvd. to Baculite Mesa Rd.)	$ 7,700,000
48	College Trail (Walking Stick Blvd. to Baculite Mesa Rd.)	$ 5,200,000
49	Home of Heroes Road (Dillon Dr. to Troy Ave.)	$28,200,000
50	Bandera Parkway (Short St. to Nolan Trace)	$33,200,000
51	Red Creek Springs Road (Suncrest Ln. to McCarthy Blvd.)	$ 8,500,000
52	Lake Avenue (Little Burnt Mill Rd. to Pueblo Blvd.)	$15,900,000
53	Lehigh Avenue (Lynn Meadows Dr. to McCarthy Blvd.)	$10,000,000
54	McCarthy Boulevard (Stonemoor Hills to SH 78)	$ 6,400,000
55	Nolan Trace (SH 78 to Lake Ave.)	$13,200,000
56	Bridle Trail (Ci ty Limits to Nolan Trace)	$ 1,600,000
57	Hollywood Drive (Raccoon Lane to Nolan Trace)	$ 1,700,000
58	South Pueblo Parkway (Greenhorn Drive to Railroad Crossing)	$ 6,700,000
59	Greenhorn Drive Extension to South Pueblo Parkway	$ 6,400,000