



# Major Transportation Corridors Plan

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2016 UPDATE

# Major Transportation Corridors Plan (MTCP) 2016 Update

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The Major Transportation Corridor Plan is a critical step in creating effective and efficient transportation infrastructure that is ready to meet future needs. The Plan will provide:

An updated vision for future transportation,

A prioritized list of transportation improvements,

A funding plan for ensuring adequate resources to build the future transportation system,

A look at multimodal transportation needs, and

A long-term right-of-way preservation plan for each roadway corridor.

# We want to hear from you!

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You will help inform planners about how you travel, where you travel and what is important to you.

There are a number of ways for you to make your voice heard and to stay informed:

Visit the website at [www.epcroadplan.com](http://www.epcroadplan.com)

Sign-up for project updates and/or submit a comment or question

Take the online survey on the website to tell us your thoughts on the transportation system

Contact the project manager at [VictoriaChavez@elpasoco.com](mailto:VictoriaChavez@elpasoco.com)

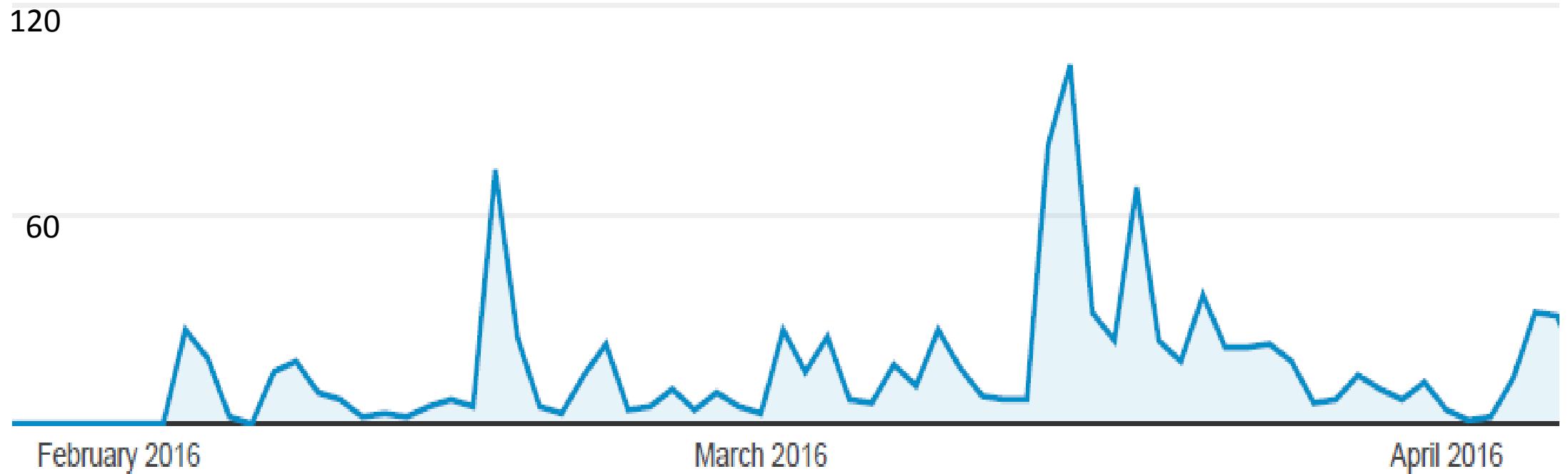
Attend a Highway Advisory Committee meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at 9 AM at Pikes Peak Regional Building 2880 International Circle – Hearing Room

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# Website Statistics: Website Use

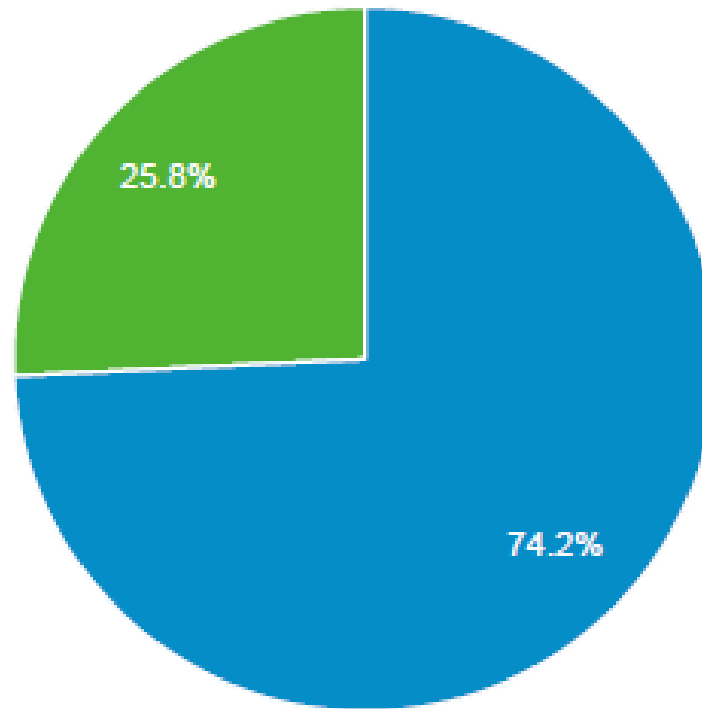
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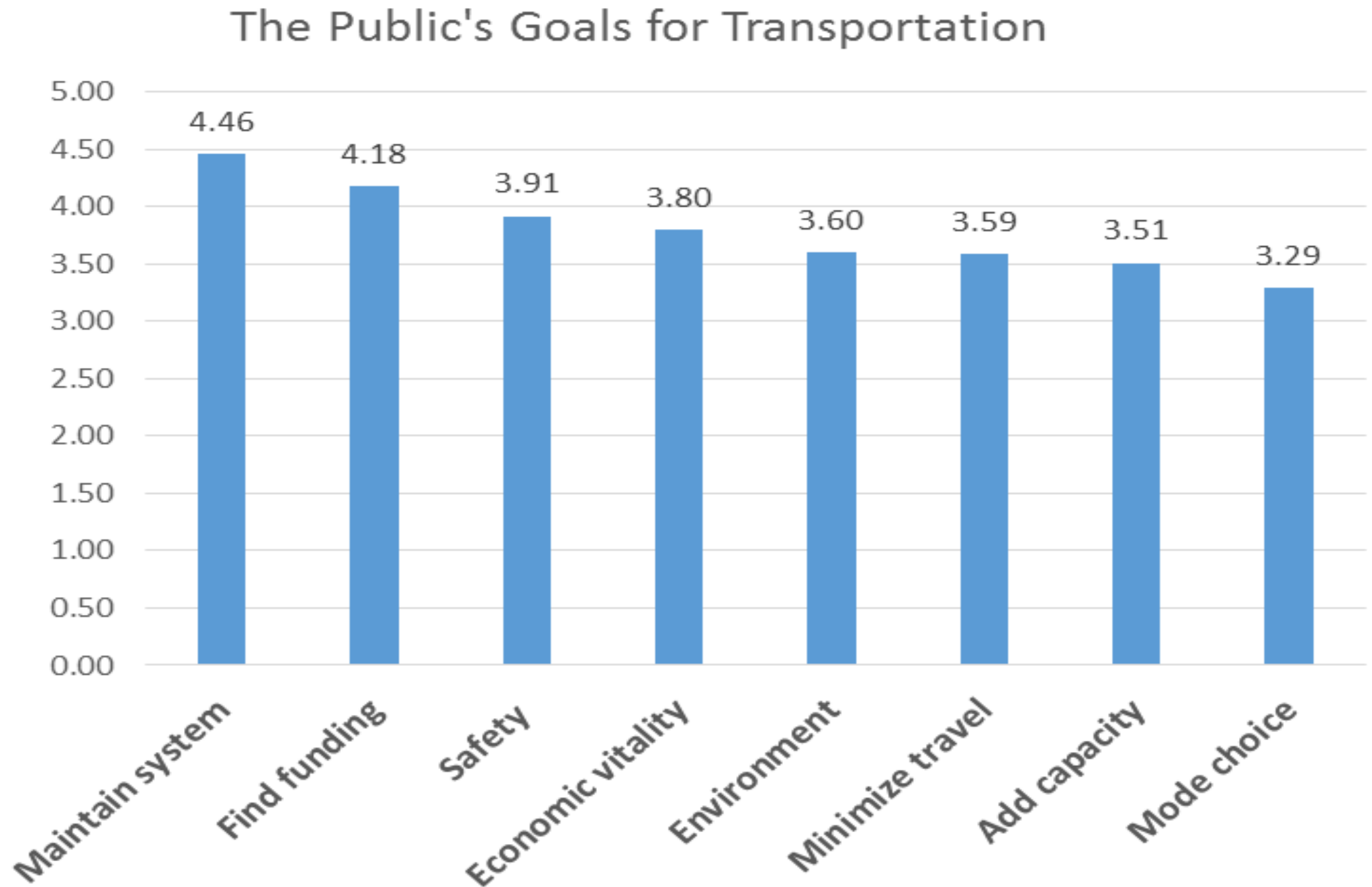
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■ New Visitor   ■ Returning Visitor

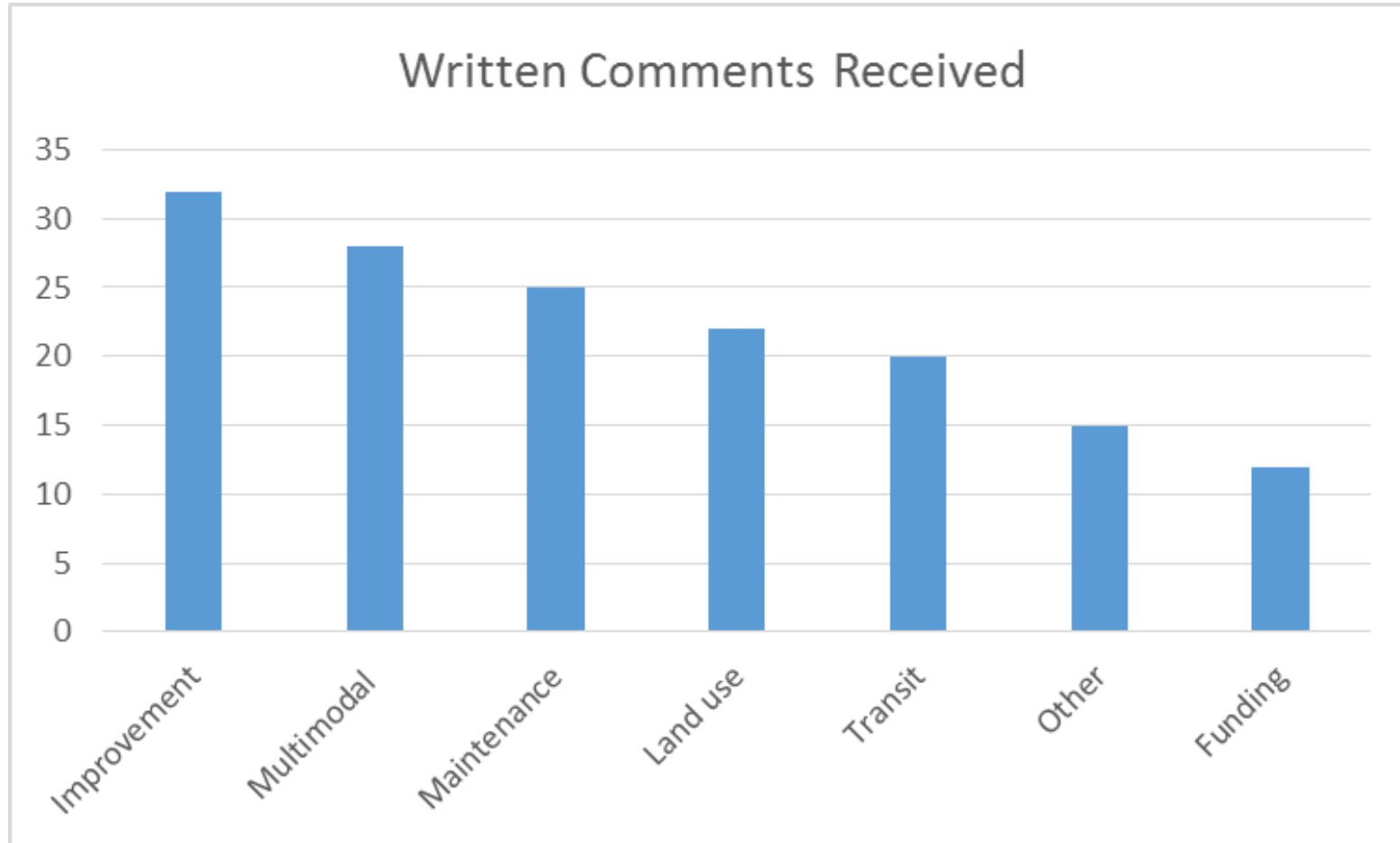


The Survey Says... What We've Heard about Goals



# What People Said:

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# What People Said: Multimodal

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## Requests for pedestrian facilities

- Provide infrastructure to be able to walk places.
- I would like to walk or bike to places in my own community.

## Requests for ADA accommodations

- We need more routes for our special needs disabled population with wheelchair access.
- Transportation for all people including people with physical and cognitive disabilities.

## Requests for bike lanes/trails

- There should be bike lanes on all streets to help with the congestion on freeways and major crossroads and highways.
- Safe lanes designated for bicycles; truly safe, not just painted lines that are in dangerous areas, e.g. Austin Bluffs and Union.
- Designated, protected bike lanes downtown.



# What People Said: Maintenance

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Fix potholes, even if it means a tax hike.

New street paving, fix the potholes!!

The county is growing in leaps and bounds, we need to maintain what we have while continuing to develop. If it takes raising taxes for funding then do it. Get off our duffs.

Whenever possible you need to maintain, if not improve, the ease of access for mobility impaired (wheelchair specific) individuals.

I'm concerned about growth in the county. I would like to see less rampant growth and more maintenance of existing roads, including unpaved roads.

As I live out east, the condition of the roads are very important. Adding gravel to many of the roads would be a big boost to safety as well as reducing wear and tear on vehicles. Increased maintenance would also help.

Fix the potholes that are all over Colorado Springs.

# What People Said: Funding

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State and local governments should rely more on user fees rather than taxes. Transit agencies have developed insatiable demands for more tax revenues.

More roads and lanes means more employees and equipment needed to maintain them. Need to keep employees and equipment at a higher amount. The developers don't finish the roads and put the burden on the taxpayers.

You have enough funding already.

There should be a toll for out of state drivers using interstates to help pay for the current and future expansions of highways and interstate roads.

Our leaders have done a great job in setting aside open spaces for recreational activities from Monument to Fountain. Funding transportation projects should now become the top priority.

Make developers pay for the transportation improvements needed to support their development, NOT just widening the road in front of their development and putting in ANOTHER stop light. Developers putting up the transportation money was done in those expanding areas around Wash DC. If the developers say they can't afford it, let them go elsewhere. Aren't we big enough already?

Plan for maintenance funds to support new roads before accepting. Have growing municipalities/metro districts share the load.

# What's New on the Website

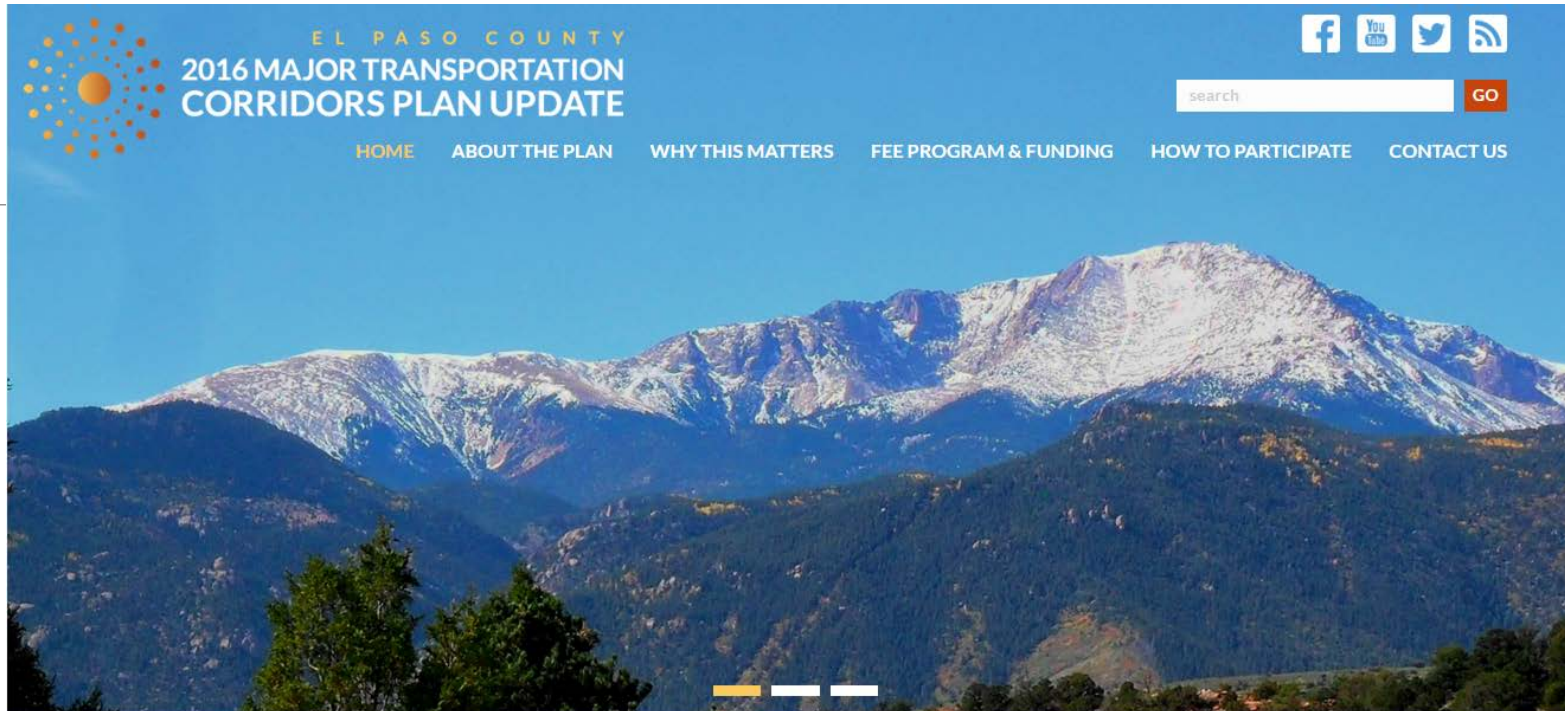
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## Interactive Map for Comments on Roads

- Where improvements are needed
- See what other people think

## New Survey to “budget” your tax dollars





Well-planned infrastructure is the backbone to communities like ours and helps improve quality of life by examining land use, environmental, multimodal and other related issues. [Complete the Survey](#)



### About the Plan

Major Transportation Corridor Plans are a critical step in creating effective and efficient transportation infrastructure that is ready to meet future needs.

[Read more...](#)



### Why this Matters

The time to prepare for the future is now. Even if you never left your home, the transportation system is important to you.

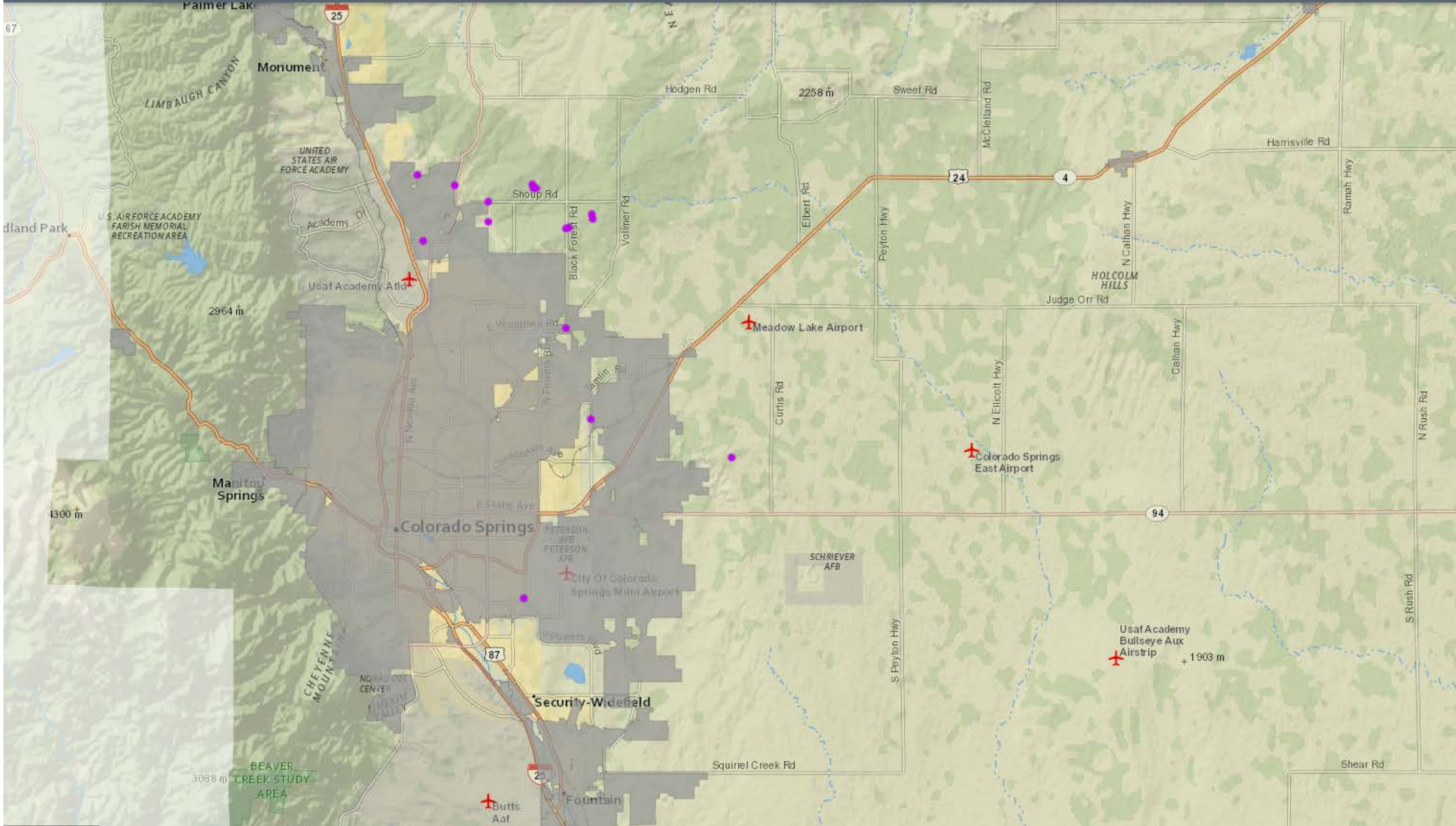
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### How to Participate

Citizens as well as businesses in El Paso County are invited to help plan the County's future transportation system by getting involved in the MTCP.

[Read more...](#)



## How are Tax Dollars Spent? You tell us!

Tell us where you think property tax money should be spent. With a total of \$1000, fill in how much you would spend on these six main services. After you have allocated the \$1,000 please click the submit button and when you do you will see how this \$1,000 is actually allocated among these services.

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County General Fund

Roads and Bridges

Schools

Libraries

Fire Protection

Groundwater

Your allocation tally

Submit your \$1000 allocation

# Next Steps

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Finalize land use data

Run the model to get a draft plan

Obtain input on draft plan

Revise the plan

Write Reports

Highway Advisory Commission

Planning Commission

Board of County Commissioners

# PPACG Releases TIP for Public Comments

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On April 13, the PPACG Board of Directors Released the new Transportation Improvement Program for 2017-2022.

The TIP allocates federal funds to local projects.

The Draft TIP provides funding for the following projects:

- El Paso County Wetland Bank: Akers Design and construction of approximately 20 acres of mitigation for inclusion in the El Paso Co Wetland Umbrella Mitigation Bank – about \$580 K
- South Academy Blvd: Expand Academy Blvd from 4 to 6 lanes from Bradley Rd to I 25 Ramps - \$4 million
- Charter Oak Ranch Road: Reconstruct the unimproved 2 lane road to collector standards from Highway 85/87 to Gate 19 at Fort Carson – about \$4.5 million
- Ute Pass Trail: Design and ROW improvements for Ute Pass Trail (Parks) - \$828 K

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