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## Subtopic B1. Vision

Public and agency comments received for the B1: Vision subtopic total 106 comments. From those 106 comments, 4 common concern statements were developed. This subtopic includes the expressed concern that the Colorado Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration are planning only for the short term, indicating that neither a vision nor a long-term solution has been presented in the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. Recurrent themes in the B1: Vision subtopic include:

- The need to extend the planning horizon to a 50-year vision
- The lack of consideration for the “vision” established in the Major Investment Study
- The need for solutions that will last for the long term

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<b>Subtopic B1: Vision</b>	
<b>B1-a</b>	<p><b>Planning Horizon</b></p> <p>The planning horizon should be extended to a 50-year vision because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to plan for 2025 is short-sighted;</li> <li>• a 20-year planning horizon biases the analysis toward paving solutions;</li> <li>• alternatives cannot be compared over the long term and may be unfairly eliminated as a result of initial costs, although they may be of greater benefit over the long term;</li> <li>• this project deals with the long-term future of Colorado and the overall picture needs to be considered;</li> <li>• improvement would last and money would not be wasted;</li> <li>• an endeavor of this magnitude will affect Colorado’s economy for decades;</li> <li>• it is necessary to ensure sustainability through the end of the design life of the major structural components; and</li> <li>• planning should not be tied to potential funding sources.</li> </ul>
<b>B1-b</b>	<p><b>Major Investment Study Vision</b></p> <p>The PEIS does not follow the recommendations of the 1998 Major Investment Study, which incorporated permanent behavioral changes in mobility, the introduction of transit, and a longer-term (50-year) vision for the Corridor.</p>
<b>B1-c</b>	<p><b>Need for a Vision</b></p> <p>There is a need for a vision because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the PEIS process has not identified a vision of what the mountains will be for future generations;</li> <li>• without a long-term vision, a real solution is simply delayed for another 20 years, and delaying a solution will make some of the better alternatives too expensive to be feasible in a decade or two;</li> <li>• the process requires a clear vision statement, which should provide idealistic concepts without any financial constraints;</li> <li>• planning must be comprehensive, visionary, and long range; and</li> <li>• CDOT has presented no long-term solutions to meet our transportation needs. The solution should be based on minimal impacts on the areas adjacent to the Corridor, minimize disruption during the construction period, and fully use technology and incentives.</li> </ul>

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B 1 - d	<p>Expressed Visions for the Corridor</p> <p>Vision should involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Respect for and preservation of Colorado's natural beauty</li><li>• A world-class mass transit system</li><li>• A balanced transportation network including both road lanes and high-speed rail</li><li>• Considerations of future land use (address future needs such as obtaining right-of-way now to allow current and future landowners to plan for the future)</li><li>• An outstanding context sensitive 21st century design to complement the Georgetown loop</li><li>• Living in the future of our technology</li><li>• Reaching beyond the Minimal Action (see Section xx of this Final PEIS for description)</li><li>• Recognition that fossil fuel powered transportation will soon go the way of the dinosaurs</li><li>• Sustainable, uninterrupted economic growth</li></ul>