

## Board of Directors

Meeting date: May 20, 2026

Agenda Item #: 11

### Interstate 70 Mountain Corridor Impact Study

Agenda item type: Informational briefing

#### Summary

Staff from the Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation (Metro Denver EDC) will present on the 2026 update to the Interstate 70 Mountain Corridor Impact Study.

#### Background

In 2007, the Metro Denver EDC and partners conducted a study examining the impact of congestion on the Interstate 70 (I-70) mountain corridor from Denver to Grand Junction. The study quantified impacts to residents, tourism, businesses, governments, and others. At the time, the study found a total annual cost of congestion of \$839 million (2005 dollars). The current study updates this analysis to \$2.25 billion, a 53 percent increase after adjusting for inflation.

The current study updates the original 2007 report, maintaining the same analytical framework to ensure comparability across nearly two decades of economic growth, population change, and evolving travel behavior. Metro Denver EDC staff will provide an overview of the current 2026 study's methodology and key findings

#### Action by others

None.

#### Previous discussion/action

None.

#### Recommendation

None.

#### Attachment(s)

Metro Denver EDC presentation.

#### For more information

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