

# What is the Purpose and Need?

The Purpose and Need provides justification for the project and drives the development of evaluation criteria for alternatives.

## PURPOSE & NEED

**What are the greatest needs in the corridor that should be addressed?**

- Driven by needs identified in the Existing Conditions Report
- Transportation related themes
- Carried forward into NEPA for future federally funded projects

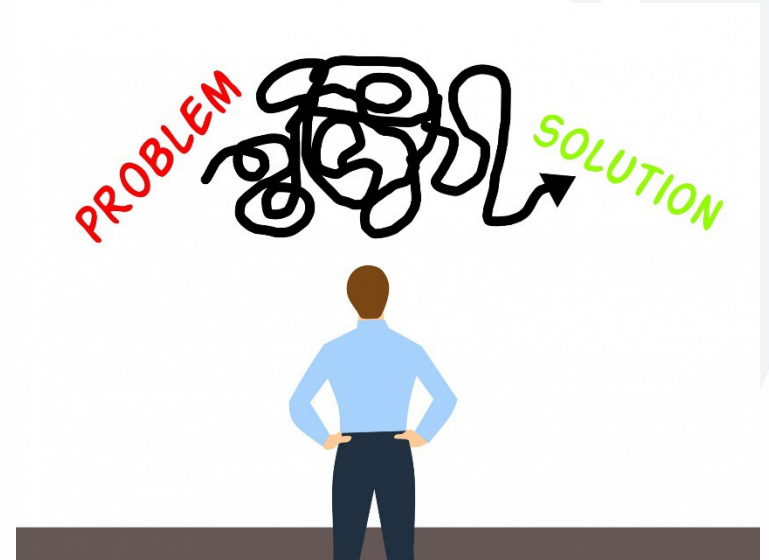
## GOALS

**What are the goals of the project?**

- Supports the Purpose and Need
- Identified by Stakeholders
- Can include non-transportation related improvements

# Purpose of Transportation Improvements

The purpose of the study is to recommend an alignment to extend South Powers Boulevard (CO 21) from CO 16/Mesa Ridge Parkway to a connection with Interstate 25 (I-25), south of Colorado Springs and Fountain, Colorado. This new corridor aims to enhance regional mobility and integrate future multimodal opportunities. The study will define the phasing and next steps for implementing Powers Boulevard to the south.



## Needs for the Corridor

**Advance Local and Regional Mobility** –SPE is needed to complete the regional transportation network in the Fountain Valley area to adequately serve future travel demands associated with continued growth. Improvements would enhance north/south mobility in the region by providing a connection to I-25, increasing access to future east/west routes, and adding an alternate route to other destinations.

**Incorporate Multimodal Opportunities** — Stakeholder input and prior planning efforts identified the need to increase connectivity and accessibility to multimodal opportunities. Through improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities, enhanced trail network connectivity, and potential public transit connections, SPE would support an integrated transportation network.

