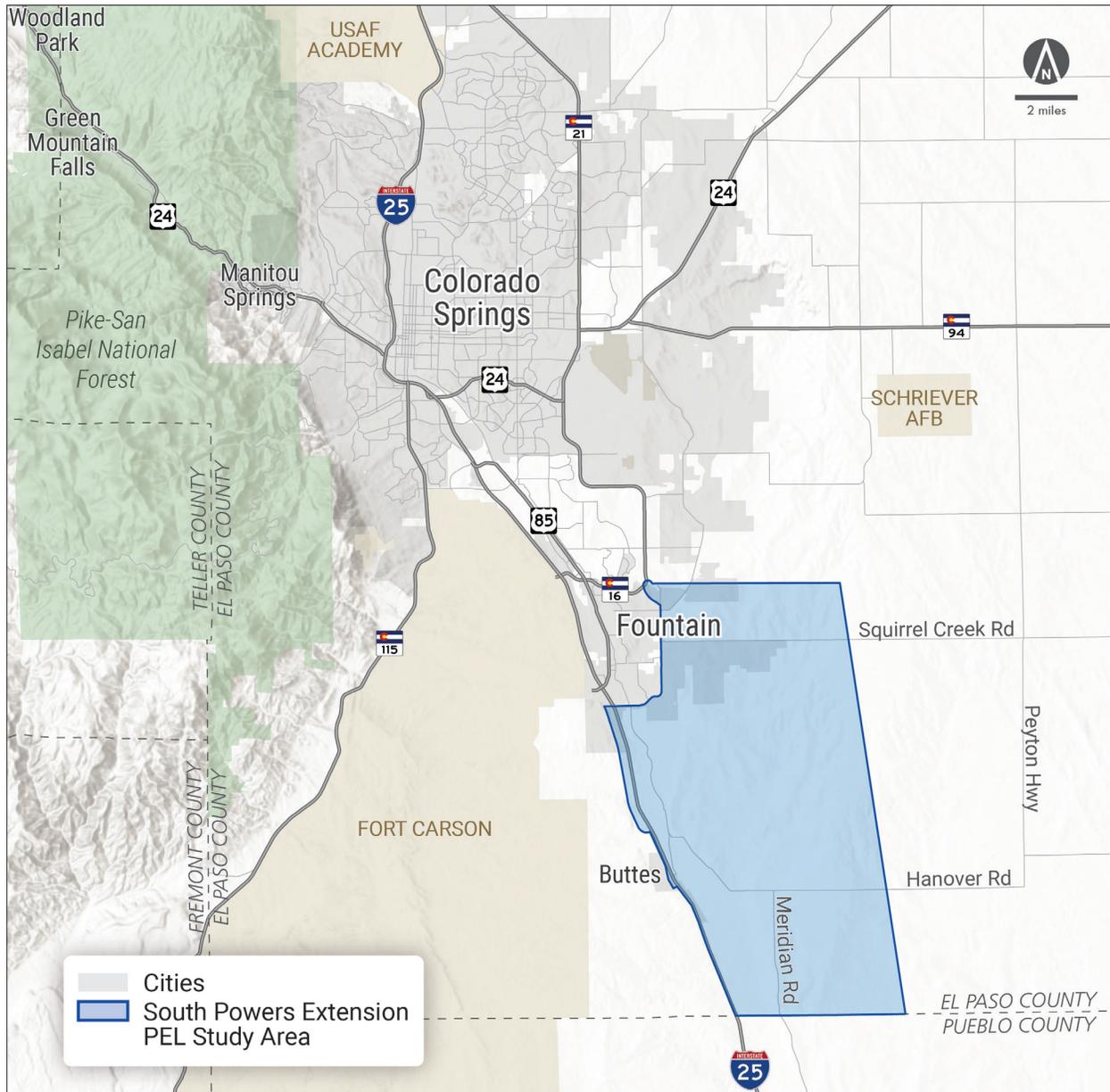


El Paso County, in conjunction with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is conducting a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study and Access Control Plan (ACP) for the extension of Powers Boulevard to the South. This project will provide a long-term vision for the corridor by selecting a recommended alignment and prioritizing transportation improvement projects.



What is the purpose of these 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.

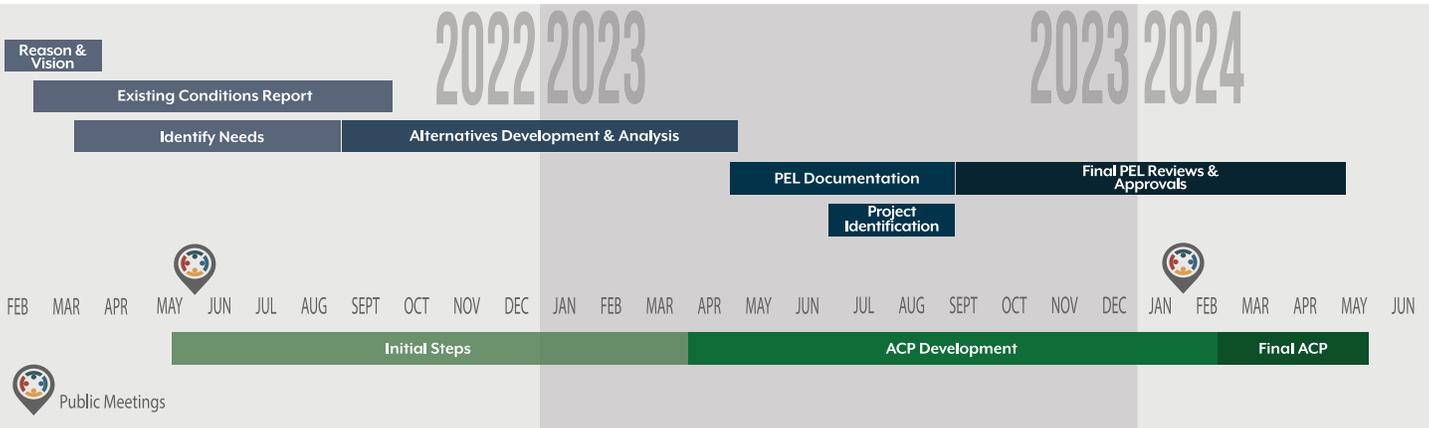
Needs for the Corridor:

 **Advance Local and Regional Mobility**

 **Incorporate Multimodal Opportunities**

What is the current Study schedule?

The following graphic highlights where we are in the PEL study process.

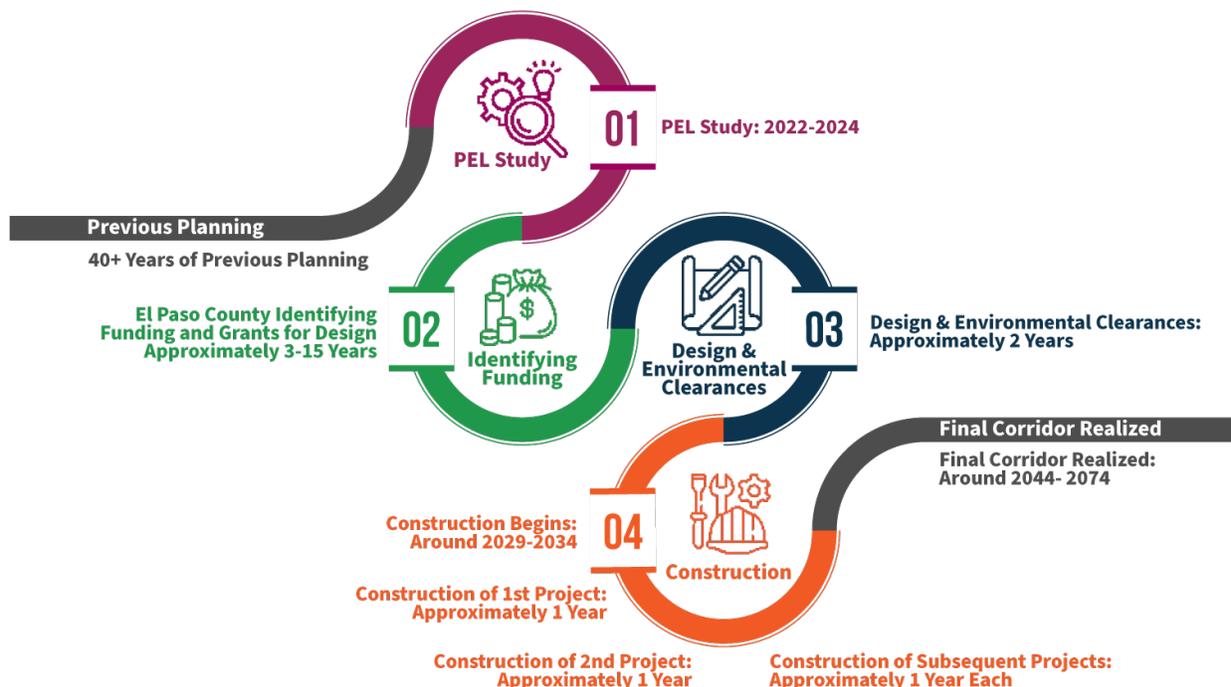


What will be the additional benefits of these recommendations?

- Create enhanced air, rail, bus, and bicycle transportation opportunities for local residents, military facilities, tourists, and commercial freight carriers
- Accommodate local and regional economic growth
- Create an alternate route to I-25
- Identify and preserve a corridor footprint
- Minimize impacts to land use and the natural and built environment
- Improve local and regional emergency preparedness
- Incorporate new and future transportation technology

What are the next steps for this Corridor?

The planning process is just the start to implementing the final connection from the existing South Powers Boulevard to I-25. Although construction funding has not been identified to date, the PEL has developed segments that can be built over time in phases. The Project will continue to apply for grants and look for funding solutions. Knowing there is a plan in place will allow project to move forward with a consistent vision to increase local and regional mobility while providing multimodal opportunities while traveling the corridor.



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