

**Testimony presented to the Colorado Transportation Commission  
In support of full funding in the CDOT 10-year plan for completion of projects along  
Interstates 25 and 270 (three-minute limit).  
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Good morning, Commissioners, and thank you for the opportunity to provide comment today.

My name is Lisa Hough, and I serve as President and CEO of the Adams County Regional Economic Partnership, or AC-REP. We are the regional chamber of commerce representing more than 80 primary employers that provide quality careers for hundreds of workers. Many of those employees rely on I-25 and 270 every single day to get to work, and employers depend on them to transport goods.

Transportation is one of our core priorities because it is fundamental to economic vitality, workforce access, and community safety.

Adams County is one of the fastest-growing regions in Colorado. We have one of the youngest median-age populations and some of the most attainable housing in the metro area—key ingredients for the workforce of the future. Yet our region was among the last to receive rail service from RTD, which remains incomplete, and limited bus routes, and once again, we are at risk of being overlooked for critical roadway investments.

We appreciate CDOT's inclusion of I-25 and 270 in the proposed 10-Year Plan. These are not new ideas. These are long-planned projects that simply have not kept pace with the economic and population growth already underway.

Safety must be the top priority. Our hospitals, schools, manufacturers, and essential services depend on employees arriving safely. While you've heard the crash data on I-25, for many of us, this is a daily risk. The current conditions are unacceptable.

On I-270, near-constant congestion and frequent standstill conditions create daily safety hazards. That six-mile stretch serves as a critical connector between bioscience companies and students in Boulder County with the Anschutz Medical Campus and Fitzsimons Innovation Community—the second-largest economic driver in Colorado.

These corridors are also the backbone of Colorado's freight economy. We are uniquely positioned, as we are home to every major federal highway. I-25 and I-270 together carry



the region's highest combined freight volumes and are projected to handle nearly 10,000 trucks per day by 2050.

Advanced manufacturing, food processing, construction materials, and distribution all depend on these routes to reach the Denver metro area, DEN, and regional rail terminals. When these corridors fail, the entire Front Range economy feels it.

So, my ask today is straightforward.

AC-REP urges the Commission to prioritize full safety and operational improvements for I-25 early in the 10-Year Plan, and to move forward with completing I-270 work to restore safety and reliability for commuters and freight alike.

Thank you for your leadership and for recognizing that transportation infrastructure is economic infrastructure. **Safe, reliable roads protect our people, support our businesses, and keep Colorado moving forward.**

