



VI. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The intent of this Transportation Plan is to ensure that the Town of Milliken has a plan in place to effectively upgrade the transportation system, as necessary, in anticipation of growth. Milliken is expected to experience significant growth over the next 25 years and beyond. In 2035, it is forecasted that the Milliken area will have a population of approximately 26,700 with approximately 3,600 jobs. At buildout, the Milliken planning area is anticipated to have a population of approximately 81,000 with nearly 22,000 jobs. This Transportation Plan provides recommendations for transportation improvements that respond to the projections for growth.

Milliken's Roadway Plan includes intersection improvements, widening sections of roadways, paving of county roads, completing new roadway links (which could include bridges across the rivers), and railroad crossings. Some of these projects will be the responsibility of the Town (often in conjunction with private development), while others are more regional in nature and will require coordination with CDOT, the North Front Range MPO and/or surrounding jurisdictions. Four improvement projects have been identified for the short term with a total cost of approximately \$1,950,000. The Town should begin to plan and budget for the completion of these projects. Many of the mid term and long term projects will require considerable coordination with the surrounding jurisdictions; and the Town should initiate this coordination to begin the planning process. The following list provides a summary of other actions the Town of Milliken should consider taking to ensure that the needed transportation improvements are funded:

- ▶ Require traffic impact studies from all proposed developments so that the requirements for internal roadways and impacts to the surrounding roadway system can be evaluated. Developers should be responsible for improving the arterials adjacent to their developments to Milliken's standard cross-sections.
- ▶ Update the fee structure for the street impact fee program. This program allows developer contributions for major road improvements to be pooled so that road improvements can be implemented on a community-wide basis.
- ▶ Consider adopting a street tax (0.25% to 0.5%) to be used for repairing, maintaining, and improving existing streets.
- ▶ Adopt CDOT's *State Highway Access Code* guidelines as part of the adoption of the Milliken Transportation Master Plan.
- ▶ Continue to participate in the North Front Range MPO regional transportation planning and budgeting process to ensure the consideration of Milliken's vision for regional roadways.
- ▶ Conduct a detailed economic and urban design study of Broad Street and the downtown area to evaluate potential alternative cross-sections that would enhance the pedestrian activity and discourage traffic travel in downtown Milliken.
- ▶ Initiate discussions with CDOT regarding the possible short term and long term solutions for minimizing truck traffic through downtown Milliken.
- ▶ Prepare and update street design standards that include geometric design information by street classification that is tied to design and posted speed limits.



- ▶ Develop a traffic calming policy. Before implementing traffic calming measures, the Town should develop a policy that addresses such issues as defining the affected area and getting resident participation in the planning process, gaining consensus of affected residents (particularly those adjacent to the device), making sure that the problem will not shift to a nearby street, and homeowner participation in the cost of implementation and maintenance.
- ▶ It should be remembered that the roadway, transit, and trails plans should not be considered static documents but should be reviewed and updated as conditions and basic assumptions change, such as the adoption of a new Comprehensive Plan, changes in forecasted growth, and different goals and objectives expressed by residents.