

# CHAPTER I

## Introduction

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The following report represents the third Working Paper prepared for Garfield County's Transportation Master Plan. Working Paper #3 reviews the criteria utilized in ranking the transportation projects. Working Paper #3 also presents transportation improvements for meeting the community's needs over the next 20 years.

### REPORT CONTENTS

Chapter II of Working Paper #3 presents the criteria used to determine which projects Garfield County should invest in to obtain the greatest improvement to the transportation system. The criteria were developed in a cooperative working process between the LSC team and Transportation Advisory Committee. The criteria were used to rank the projects in order of highest need and importance to the communities of Garfield County and will be utilized in the Draft Final Report to determine the fiscally-constrained projects.

Chapter III presents the existing and future transportation alternatives for Garfield County. The alternatives are based upon the project ranking information from Chapter II and upon the estimated cost information from the Colorado Department of Transportation and Garfield County staff. These alternatives range from a "do nothing" approach to an approach wherein all of the existing and future deficiencies are improved over the next 20 years. The top ranked projects in each alternative are those projects that have the highest priority within the county.

### SUMMARY

Working Paper #3 presents several alternative lists of projects that Garfield County could develop over the next 20 years. This document should be reviewed by all concerned with the future of transportation within the county. Comments should be submitted to either LSC Transportation Consultants Inc. or the Garfield County

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staff. The comments will be incorporated with Working Papers #1 and #2 into a Draft Report. The Draft Report will be presented for another review before developing the Final Plan.