Infrastructure: Past, Present and Future

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1865: Territorial Assembly passed an act regulating toll roads.

1867: The citizen of Denver responded by incorporating the Denver Pacific Railroad.

1870: The Denver City Water Company was formed.

1878: The Central City Opera House was built by Welsh and Cornish miners.

1886: The first infiltration (water treatment) system was installed on Cherry Creek.
1900-1949

1905: Cheesman Dam and Reservoir Construction completed
1908: Municipal Auditorium completed to host Democratic National Convention
1909: Colorado Highway Commission created
1918: Board of Water Commissioners created
1919: Colorado taxes gas to fund roads: $0.01/gal
1932: Central City Opera formed
1956: National Highway System authorized

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1962: Harold D. Roberts Tunnel completed

1963: Dillon Dam completed

1970: Denver’s performing arts complex begins to take shape

1988: Scientific and Cultural Facilities District approved

1995: DIA built; Coors Field opening day
2000-2014

Early 2000’s

2004

2004: FasTracks funding approved

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2006: Union Station redevelopment

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Looking Ahead

Colorado’s Future in:

- Transportation
- Water
- Cultural Facilities