**Activity T2. Transportation T2**

**Post 1900 Transportation in Colorado**

**Background Information can be found at:**

<http://www.unco.edu/hewit/doing-history/20th-century-colorado/transportation/>

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| **Step 1** | **Your Task** |
| Open [***Activity Two: Post 1900 Transportation in Colorado***](http://unco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=ea49214144034d4ab0fc7c26d02d6d7e) (Click on link).  You should see the: **Denver, Colorado** **Mountains**, and **Colorado Rivers** layers. *Use the* ***Layer List*** *button to Check ON (make visible) the* **1924 Paved Roads** and **1920 City Pop.** layers (Expand Transportation2 to see individual layers)*.* | Where were the first paved roads in Colorado?  What else do you notice about these early roads?  Why do you think there weren’t many paved roads in 1924? |
| **Step 2** | **Your Task** |
| Before the automobile was available, people traveled within cities by streetcar. Horses pulled the first streetcars. Later, electric trolleys replaced streetcars. Streetcars enabled Denver to grow outward into “streetcar suburbs”. These suburbs were neighborhoods on or near the streetcar lines.  More information: <http://www.unco.edu/hewit/doing-history/colorado-cities/transportation/streetcars.aspx>  Go to your Bookmarks  and select the Denver Area Bookmark. This should zoom you in to Denver and the surrounding area. Click on some of the cities/towns (yellow circles) that are connected to Denver by these early roads (*you have to click right in the middle of the yellow symbols*). | List at least four:  1.  2.  3.  4. |
| **Step 3** | **Your Task** |
| *Check ON* the**1946 Paved Roads***.* Go to the Colorado Bookmark. To see the change feel free to *Check ON* and *Check OFF* the 1946 roads layer several times. | Why would there be so many more roads built between 1924 and 1946? |
| **Step 4** | **Your Task** |
| *Check OFF* the **1924 Paved Roads**. *Check ON* the **1913 Railroad**s layer. Now zoom in and out to different areas of the state. Each time you do this Check ON and OFF the **1946 Paved Roads** layer. See if you can figure out a relationship between the roads and the railroads! It’s not perfect—but there is one | What do you notice about these two transportation routes?  Why do you think the routes are so similar? |
| **Step 5** | **Your Task** |
| *Check OFF* the **1913 Railroads**, **1920 City Pop,** and **1946 Paved Roads** layers. *Check ON* and the **2000 City Pop**. and the **Current Major Roads** layers. If needed, zoom back out to all of Colorado.  The availability of the automobile meant that people could live even further away from Denver. With the car, they could access the city from beyond the “streetcar suburbs”. Therefore, the population grew along these newly built highways creating a much larger urban network. *Remember: the* ***Current Major Roads*** *layer shows ONLY some of the major roads—not every single road!*  By the year 2000, the cities surrounding Denver have merged together, creating a large “urban corridor” along interstate 25. This urban corridor is what we call the Front Range. | Go to the Front Range Bookmark. What changes do you notice along Colorado’s front range?  Denver is still the largest city but what do you notice happening to the cities surrounding it?  What large city is at the northern end of the Front Range?  What large city is at the southern end of the Front Range? |
| **Step 6** | **Your Task** |
| On the timeline, label the different types of transportation that became popular in Colorado. (Railroad, Wagon, Automobile, Streetcar, Stagecoach) | \_\_l\_\_\_\_\_l\_\_\_\_\_l\_\_\_\_\_l\_\_\_\_l\_\_\_\_  1830 1860 1890 1920 1940  Which type of transportation would you prefer?  Why?  Where would you travel using this method? How far would be comfortable?  Briefly describe travel using the transportation method that you chose. |