

Statewide Transit Plan – Draft Outline

The Statewide Transit Plan will be organized into eight chapters as described below. Overall, the plan is intended to paint a picture of transit in the state, illustrate available funding, identify the transit needs based on demographic data and trends, and recommend strategies for meeting the needs. This plan is intended to be an action plan and used to guide CDOT and its Grant Partners in making decisions about how best to invest limited resources to implement transit projects that improve mobility and offer transportation choices for the residents and visitors of the state.

Chapter 1-Introduction: Describes why the plan was developed the process used to develop the plan and the planning requirements fulfilled by this plan. It will describe emerging issues related to transit in the state and will outline the State's guiding principles, vision, goals and objectives for transit in the state.

Chapter 2– State Profile: Describes the state's key demographics, and travel patterns. It includes existing data on populations that are often associated with transit demand in a community (people over age 65, low-income people and households without vehicles) as well as choice riders. Other data are included on persons with disabilities, veterans, *race*, ethnicity, and English proficiency to provide a comprehensive picture of the region's need for transit. Data from the state demographer will be summarized in this chapter to describe anticipated population growth between now and 2040 and how this will affect the state's transportation needs.

Chapter 3– Transit Profile: Summarizes the key features of the state's public and private transit providers as well as an overview of the human service agencies providing transportation services in the state. Information is provided on service *areas*, types of service, eligibility, and ridership. This chapter will also provide information on other transit planning efforts that are taking place throughout the state.

Chapter 4- Outreach Program: This chapter will describe the activities and information provided to the public to solicit their input on the statewide transit plan. It will include information on the Statewide Steering Committee, agency coordination, and the Elderly and Disabled survey, and materials used to reach Colorado's non English speaking population.

Chapter 5- Transit Needs and Service Gaps: This chapter sets the stage for some of the bigger picture, critical issues learned through the planning process. At the state level it will summarize the needs and gaps identified during the regional plan development process. It will describe temporal spatial, governance and funding gaps among others.

Chapter 6– Funding and Financial Outlook: Describes the variety of transit funding sources at various levels of government and the challenges faced by transit and human service transportation providers in seeking these various funding sources. It will provide a summary of historic funding trends and look to future needs along with funding opportunities. The chapter includes revenue projections for transit through 2040.

Chapter 7– Statewide Transit Vision Plan: This chapter describes the key features of the state's transit vision. It will include recommendations from the Intercity and Regional Bus Network Plan, coordination activities relevant at the state level, regional service recommendations, as well as policy-based recommendations.

Chapter 8– Strategic Direction: This chapter will include implementation actions and performance measures. Implementation Actions are the actions that COOT will take to achieve the vision identified. The performance measures are metrics that will be used to track COOT's progress toward achieving the statewide transit vision and goals.