

## STATEWIDE TRANSIT PLAN & REGIONAL COORDINATED TRANSIT PLANS

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## **Statewide Transit Plan**

- Develop a framework for an integrated transit system
- Develop strategic direction, policies, and goals
- Identify objectives, strategies and priorities
- Meet legislative requirements
- Create a vision for transit in Colorado
- Define CDOT's role in that vision





# Statewide

### What is the Vision for Statewide Transit?

#### VISION

Colorado's public transit system will enhance mobility for residents and visitors in an effective, safe, efficient, and sustainable manner; will offer meaningful transportation choices to all segments of the state's population; and will improve access to and connectivity among transportation modes.

#### **Supporting Goals:**

- Transit System Development and Partnerships
  - Mobility/Accessibility
  - Environmental Stewardship
    - Economic Vitality
  - System Preservation and Expansion
    - Safety and Security





## What are the Benefits?

- Educate elected officials, government, and the public and communicate benefits of transit
- Maximize role of transit in broader transportation system
- Increase transit availability & attractiveness



# Statewide

### What's in the Statewide Transit Plan?







- Regional Coordinated Transit Plans for rural areas
- Statewide Survey of the Transportation Needs of the Elderly and Disabled
- Outreach and Education
- Integration with Statewide Transportation Plan



### Statewide Transit Plan Regional Coordinated Transit Plans

Action plans that define regional vision, goals, and objectives and prioritize projects and strategies for improvement

- Provide a framework for next 20 years
- Identify regional characteristics, issues and needs
- Inventory existing providers and services
- Improve agency coordination and transportation services
- Analyze funding and financial needs





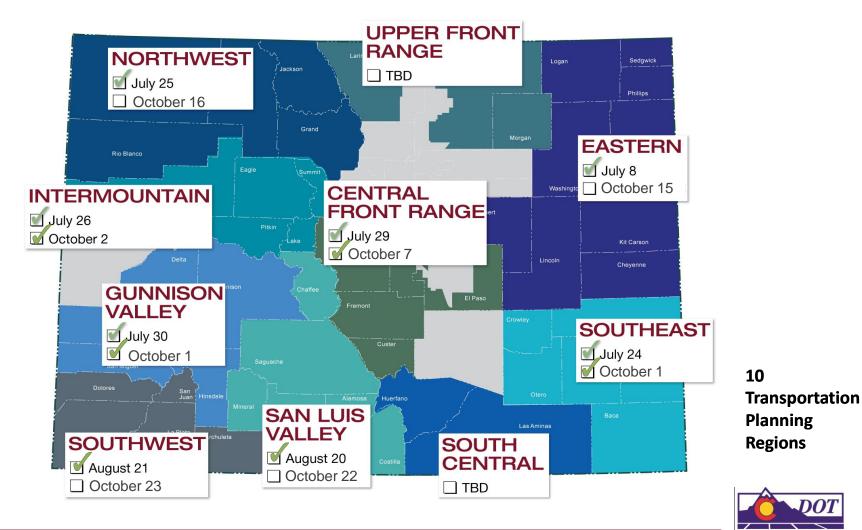
## How will Regional Plans be used?

- Guide transit investment in each region
- Identify improvements that will enhance mobility of users
- Coordinate services to improve efficiency of providers
- Meet state and federal planning requirements





## **Regional Coordination and Planning**



EPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



## What have we heard?

- Need for additional and more flexible operating funds
- Need for more regional and intercity transit service
- Better connectivity and coordination between services (local and regional)
- Need for additional regional trips for medical and veteran services
- Need for equitable distribution of funding to rural areas





## **Elderly and Disabled Survey**

- Working with State Agencies
- Statewide Distribution
  - Mail
  - On-line
- Spanish and English



 Questions on types of transportation used, frequency, difficulties in using transit, barriers to transit use, focus areas, etc.





## **Public Involvement**

- Open Houses
- Website: <u>http://coloradotransportationmatters.com/o</u> <u>ther-cdot-plans/transit/</u>
- Comment form and mailing list sign up
- PIN Tool: <u>http://dtdapps.coloradodot.info/pintransit</u>







Regional Coordinated Transit Plans and Project Kick-off

Data Collection, Analysis and Mapping Fall 2013

Winter 2013/2014

Spring/Summer 2014

Public Open Houses and Outreach Finalization of Regional Coordinated Transit Plans

Final Statewide Recommendations

Regional Coordinated Transit Plans Strategies Development

Development of Statewide Transit Plan Integration with Statewide Transportation Plan



## **Next Steps**

- Distribute Elderly & Disabled Survey
- Conduct 2<sup>nd</sup> Transit Working Group meetings
- Conduct regional open houses
- Next SSC meeting October 30<sup>th</sup>
- Develop Regional Coordinated Transit Plans
- Develop Outline of SW Transit Plan





## Thank You!

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