

**Get to Know  
Garfield  
County Commissioner  
John Martin**



John Martin is a westerner whose family can trace their roots all the way back to North Carolina in the 1650's. His ancestors came to the fledgling Colorado territory in the 1860's. After serving the public for nearly 25 years in law enforcement, John retired as an administrative sergeant, and expanded his interest in serving the public by running for County Commissioner for Garfield County. John is currently serving his fourth term. Recently John was elected 2nd vice president to the National Association of Counties Western Interstate Region.

John recently joined the I-70 West Mountain Corridor Collaborative Effort team which will help CDOT work on future improvements to the corridor.

John enjoys history and has an appreciation for western heritage.

**Commission Appointments**

Governor John Hickenlooper has announced new appointments to the Colorado Transportation Commission (TC) for terms that expired on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.

- Kathleen R. Gilliland of Livermore, TC District 5 (Larimer, Morgan and Weld Counties)
- Kathy I. Connell of Steamboat Springs, TC District 6 (Clear Creek, Gilpin, Grand, Jackson Moffat, Routt and Rio Blanco Counties)

The Governor has also announced the following reappointments to the Transportation Commission.

- Heather M. Barry of Westminster, TC District 4 (Boulder and Adams Counties)
- Leslie W. Gruen of Colorado Springs, TC District 9 (El Paso, Fremont, Park and Teller Counties)
- Kimbra L. Killin of Holyoke, TC District 11 (Cheyenne, Elbert, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Phillips, Sedwick, Washington and Yuma Counties)

All terms will expire on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2015, and are subject to confirmation by the State Senate.

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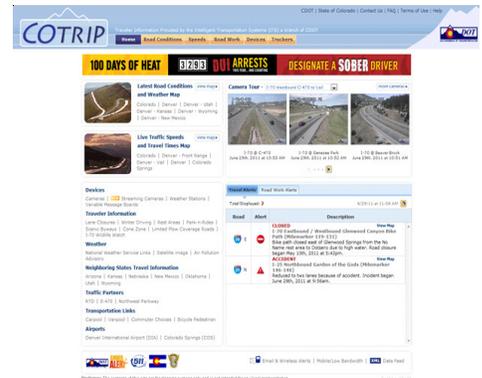
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## Moving forward on I-70

After more than 20 years of extensive study, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Interstate 70 Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) in late June, establishing the framework for implementing major improvements on the I-70 West Mountain Corridor between C-470 and Glenwood Springs. With the signing of the ROD, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the FHWA now can initiate smaller, project-specific studies and projects within the corridor, consistent with the ROD. These subsequent studies, that now will be referred to as Tier 2 processes, will develop and evaluate specific construction projects within the corridor, if and when funding is available.



Twin Tunnels on I-70

The first step in the journey to improve the corridor is a potential project to work on the twin tunnels east of Idaho Springs. This is an example of a smaller project/improvement that can now move forward on I-70 because the ROD has been completed. This interim improvement was identified through a week long visioning session that was held this spring with industry and stakeholders. CDOT is now able to enter into a formal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Tier 2 process for the twin tunnels.

## Upcoming Events

### Independence Day

July 4, 2011  
CDOT Offices Closed

### WASHTO Annual Meeting

July 17-20, 2011  
Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City, OK  
Website: [www.WASHTO.org](http://www.WASHTO.org)

### Colorado Transportation Commission Meetings

July 20-21, 2011  
CDOT Headquarters in Denver, CO  
E-Mail: [Toni.Kelly@dot.state.co.us](mailto:Toni.Kelly@dot.state.co.us)

### National Conference of State Legislatures-Annual Summit

August 8-11, 2011  
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, TX  
Website: [www.NCSL.org](http://www.NCSL.org)

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### American Public Works Assoc.-Intl. Public Works Congress

September 18-21, 2011  
Colorado Convention Center in Denver, CO  
Website: [www.APWP.net](http://www.APWP.net)