

**Get to Know
City and County of Denver
Manager of Public Works
Jose Cornejo**



Jose Cornejo emigrated from Chile and eventually settled in Denver in 1976. His educational background includes a Bachelor's Degree from the Universidad de Chile in Santiago, Chile and a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Colorado at Boulder. In 1983, after working for a couple of different engineering firms, he began a long career at the Littleton based engineering firm of J.F. Sato and Associates where he worked his way up to eventually become President and Chief Executive. He has extensive experience in large-scale sustainable retrofit design, transportation, infrastructure development as well as multi-use and recreational facilities.

Jose enjoys being involved in social and cultural issues. He and his wife, Marcia, have three sons. Jose also happens to be the brother-in-law of previous Denver Mayor and former Colorado Department of Transportation Executive Director Guillermo "Bill" Vidal.

Legislative Wrap-Up

On May 9, 2012, the General Assembly adjourned on the 120th day of the regular legislative session, as required by the state constitution. Throughout the session, CDOT monitored 121 bills and resolutions impacting the department and transportation public policy. Of all bills and resolutions monitored: 61 bills and resolutions were enacted, signed into law, or currently await the Governor's signature; and 60 bills were postponed indefinitely or died on the calendar.



CO Capitol: dome restoration

All three CDOT Agenda items were passed into law.

Increase Agency Displacement Expenses Payment Cap: House Bill 12-1012-Under existing state law, a business displaced by a public entity must be reimbursed by the public entity for actual, reasonable expenses up to \$10,000. HB 12-1012 increases the maximum reimbursement from \$10,000 to \$50,000 for displacements due to a project administered or overseen by CDOT. Other public entities such as cities, counties, and transit authorities remain subject to the original \$10,000 cap. The bill was signed into law and has taken effect.

Urban LOGO Signs: House Bill 12-1108-The CDOT LOGO sign program provides signage for motorist services – gas, food, and lodging – that meet certain requirements. The Tourist Oriented Direction Signs (TODS) program provides signage for tourist locations, instructing motorists on directions and distances to nearby Colorado tourist sites. Under existing law, LOGOS and TODS signs are limited to rural interstate highways.

Construction Map and Annual Report

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has released the 2012 Construction Map. It currently is being distributed state-wide to visitor bureaus, tourism offices, the trucking industry, law enforcement, cities, counties and many other entities. This valuable resource can be found at: <http://www.coloradodot.info/projects/constmap.pdf/view>. CDOT has also just released the Fiscal Year 2011 Annual Report. The report has been streamlined to better align with Governor Hickenlooper's hallmark of good government: *efficiency, effectiveness and elegance*. In doing so, we conducted a stakeholder survey to help us determine the most useful elements of the annual report. Please see the report at: http://www.coloradodot.info/library/AnnualReports/FY11_AnnualReport_Web.pdf/view.



Upcoming Events

CML Annual Conference

June 19-22, 2012

Beaver Run Conference Center in Breckenridge, CO

Website: <http://www.cml.org>

Colorado Transportation Commission Workshops/Meeting

June 20-21, 2012

CDOT Headquarters in Denver, CO

E-Mail: Toni.Bircher@dot.state.co.us

WASHTO Annual Meeting

July 7-12, 2012

Crowne Plaza in Colorado Springs, CO

E-Mail: <http://www.washto2012.com>

Colorado Transportation Commission Workshops/Meeting

July 18-19, 2012

CDOT Headquarters in Denver, CO

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Legislature

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The bill expands the CDOT LOGOS and TODS programs beyond the current restrictions, allowing such signs solely on rural interstates, to now include urban interstates, expressways, and freeways. All new revenue raised will support sign maintenance, vendor costs, and an annual fee remitted to CDOT. The bill is estimated to generate approximately \$200,000 in new annual revenue. The bill was signed into law and takes effect on August 8, 2012.

Recreate CDOT Renovation Fund: House Bill 12-1222-CDOT Agenda Item). HB 12-1222 reestablishes in state law the CDOT Renovation Fund. The fund, originally created for the deposit of lease-purchase proceeds, expired from state law with a balancing remaining therein. HB 12-1222 recreates the statutory language, thereby restoring the cash fund through July 1, 2015. The bill was signed into law and has taken effect.

If you have any questions on these or any other legislative issues, please feel free to contact Kurt Morrison, Legislative Liaison at 303-757-9077. This memo and a link to the bill tracking chart are available online at: <http://statebillinfo.com/SBI/index.cfm?fuseaction=Public.Dossier&id=16253&pk=251&style=pinstripe>

U.S. 36 Update

This summer CDOT will break ground on Phase 1 of the U.S. 36 Express Lanes project. This \$310 million project, led by CDOT, the Colorado High Performance Enterprise (HPTE) and the Regional Transportation District (RTD) includes; adding one express lane in each direction, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) improvements, portions of a commuter bikeway and installing Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) for tolling, transit and traveler information from Federal Boulevard to 88th Street. Ames/Granite Joint Venture team was selected as the design-build contractor and plans to have the project completed by December 31, 2014. While construction on the first phase moves forward, CDOT and HPTE continue to evaluate innovative means for financing Phase 2 (88th Street to Table Mesa).

Recently the U.S. 36 Phase 2 project was one of five projects nationwide selected to submit a loan application for the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program, which provides federal credit assistance to nationally or regionally significant surface transportation projects, including highway, transit and rail. If approved, the loan would go toward financing part of the estimated total project cost of \$100 million. National demand for TIFIA infrastructure credit assistance has been overwhelming. In response to the fiscal year 2012 Notice of Funding Availability, the U.S. Department of Transportation received 26 letters of interest exceeding \$13 billion in total requests.

In addition, HPTE has shortlisted three industry teams that responded to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) released earlier this year for the U.S. 36 Managed Lanes Toll Concession Project. The successful bidder is expected to design, build and finance Phase 2 of U.S. 36 and operate and maintain the managed lanes for the full U.S. 36 corridor as well as for the I-25 HOV/Express Lanes, a total of about 24 miles. The “design, build, finance, operate, maintain” agreement will be structured as a toll concession and is expected to have a term of 50 years. A draft Request for Proposals (RFP) will be issued in June to the shortlisted firms with a final RFP anticipated in late summer. For more information on this project contact CDOT Local Liaison, Angie Drumm at (303)-757-9105.