

**Get to Know  
Mayor Pro-Tem of Milliken  
Julie Cozad**



Julie Cozad is currently serving as Mayor Pro Tem for the Town of Milliken, and has been on the Board of Trustees for the past 6 ½ years. Julie has been a Planner for 18 years, in both the public and private sectors. Following her graduation from the University of Northern Colorado Julie took a position in the Planning Department at Weld County. Julie continued her career in planning at Hall-Irwin Corporation. Since 2006, she has been a Senior Planner at Tetra Tech where she is currently Deputy Operations Manager for the Longmont office.

Julie has represented Milliken on the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Council since 2006 and served as Chair from 2010 through early 2011. She is a current member of the MPO's Executive Committee. Julie was appointed by Governor Hickenlooper to the State Strategic Transit Task Force in 2008. She is a Board Member of Upstate Colorado Economic Development and has been active in Upstate since 2009.

Julie and her husband Larry enjoy riding motorcycles, gardening, hiking, camping and spending time with their three daughters and their three grandsons.

## Sequestration

\$1.2 trillion in far reaching federal spending cuts will take effect in January, unless Congress and the Administration act before then. Cuts are split between defense and non-defense spending from 2013 through 2021. Known as sequestration the cuts are the result of Congress' failure to negotiate a plan last year to reduce the federal deficit, the cuts were a penalty provision and were put in place to encourage Congress to act before the deadline.

Highway spending is exempt from the sequestration cuts, with the exception of the dollars used to shore up the highway trust fund which will be subjected to a 7.6% cut. While this does not mean a reduction of funding it does dramatically lower the anticipated trust fund balance and would leave the highway trust fund short of the needed revenues to fully fund FY '14. For more information on Federal issues contact CDOT Federal Liaison, Kurt Morrison at (303) 757-9703.

## Federal Aid Essentials

As we noted last in our last issue, each of the upcoming months Interchange will be highlighting a component of the new Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) online library of short training videos called "Federal-Aid Essentials: for Local Public Agencies". This month we are highlighting the section titled: Federal-Aid Program Overview. As you may suspect this section provides an overall perspective of the stewardship and oversight functions and role that the federal government plays in our national transportation system including the national highway system along with the Federal Highway Administration, State Departments of Transportation and Local Public Agencies. Local Public Agencies are responsible for the largest portion of roads/highways in the United States at just over 2.8 million miles of roadway, while the states have responsibility for 800,000 miles and federal government oversees 181,000 miles. This section of the series outlines the stewardship and oversight functions involved in federal funding and the movement of federal aid dollars to local agencies.



Understanding the federal requirements can lead to timely, on budget, safe and high quality projects. Next month we will highlight the Finance section of the series. To visit the site go to: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials/>

## Upcoming Events

### U.S. Presidential Debate

October 3, 2012  
Magness Arena, University of Denver in Denver, CO  
Website: [debate2012.du.edu](http://debate2012.du.edu)

### Election Day

November 6, 2012  
Statewide

### Columbus Day

October 8, 2012  
CDOT Offices Closed

### Colorado Transportation Commission Workshops/Meeting

November 15, 2012  
CDOT Headquarters in Denver, CO  
Website: [Toni.Bircher@dot.state.co.us](mailto:Toni.Bircher@dot.state.co.us)

### Colorado Transportation Commission Workshops/Meeting

October 17-18, 2012  
Workshops at CDOT HQ in Denver, Meeting in Loveland, CO  
Website: [Toni.Bircher@dot.state.co.us](mailto:Toni.Bircher@dot.state.co.us)

### AASHTO

November 15-19, 2012  
Westin Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA  
Website: <http://www.aashtoannualmeeting.org/>

## New Local Liaison

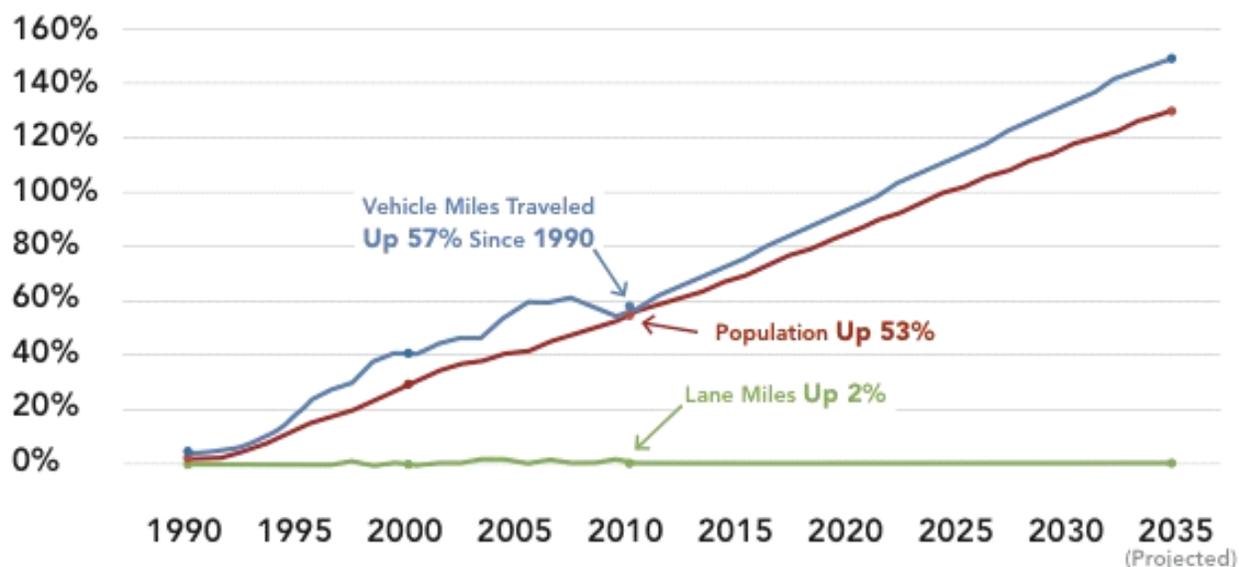
Aaron Greco has joined the Colorado Department Of Transportation's Office of Policy & Government Relations Office (OP&GR) as a Local Government Liaison. Aaron brings several years of experience from his time as a Congressional Aide. During his tenure as a Legislative Assistant in Washington, D.C. and Regional and Constituent Services Director here in Colorado, he has worked closely with CDOT, the Regional Transportation District, and the United States Department Of Transportation to help explore federal financing options and to advocate for key regional projects. Aaron grew up in Cañon City and received a B.A. in Humanities from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. He will be concentrating his efforts in CDOT Regions 2 and 4. Join us in welcoming the newest member of the OP&GR team. Aaron can be reached at (303)-757-9755.



Aaron Greco

## Transportation Matters: Population vs. Lane Miles

### Colorado Actual and Projected Growth: 1990–2035



If your organization would like to learn more about Transportation Matters please contact Herman Stockinger-Director of the CDOT Office of Policy & Government Relations at (303)-757-9077.