



Stand Up for Transportation

An exciting series of events are being planned around Colorado to urge the U.S. Congress to pass a long-term transportation spending bill. The current funding bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP 21), expires May 31. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has joined with the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) and the Regional Transportation District (RTD) on array of public activities called Stand Up for Transportation. Other partners include the City and County of Denver, the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Denver Partnership, Transit Alliance, the Colorado Contractors Association and other regional transportation and transit organizations. Outgoing RTD General Manager and CEO Phillip Washington initiated the idea in his role as this year's chair of APTA.

Stand Up For Transportation will include invitations to sign an online petition, a Signature Bus Tour and a Unity Parade and Rally at Denver Union Station as part of "Stand Up for Transportation Day" - a national day of advocacy on April 9 to create awareness and support for long-term, sustainable transportation funding.

Schedule of events:

Monday and Tuesday, April 6 - 7

Statewide: *Sign the Banners.* CDOT and our local transit partners will be at a key transit location with a street team to talk to residents and riders about the role of transportation in their communities.

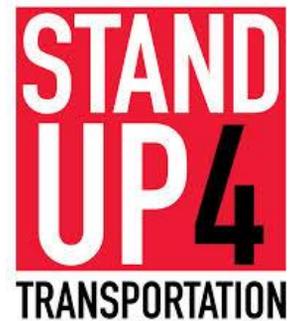
Wednesday, April 8 at 10 a.m.

Durango, Grand Junction, Fort Collins and Colorado Springs: *Join CDOT and our local transit partners for media events in communities around the state to discuss the role of transportation in our communities, the economy and for our residents. We will also discuss how CDOT and our local transit partners have been working to address the transportation needs in our regions, upcoming signature projects and how important funding is to addressing those needs.*

- Durango: Durango Transit Center
- Grand Junction: Grand Valley West Transit Center
- Fort Collins: Harmony Park N Ride
- Colorado Springs: Woodman Road Park N Ride

Thursday, April 9 at 10 a.m

Denver: *Join CDOT, RTD and our regional partners for an advocacy parade and rally at Union Station. Visit rtd-denver.com for details.*



Voice your support
for sustainable
transportation
funding by signing
the
online petition at
standup4transportation.org.

Let's stand up together and send a united message about our roads, bridges, highways and public transit.

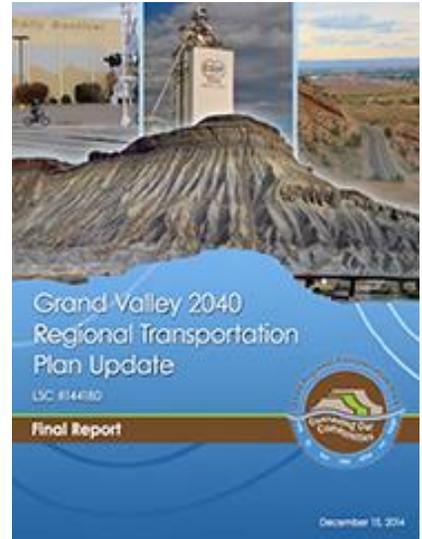
Statewide Plan

Last month we told you about the pending adoption of the Statewide Plan by the Colorado Transportation Commission (TC). At their March meeting the TC formally adopted the plan. For the next several months Interchange will feature highlights from the Regional Transportation Plans (RTP) that were derived by each of the 10 Transportation Planning Regions (TPR) in the state. These plans make up the larger plan.

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This month we will feature highlights from the Grand Valley TPR. The Grand Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (GVMPO) is the federally-designated transportation planning organization for the Grand Junction urbanized area and all of Mesa County. The GVMPO is led by the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee (GVRTC) and supported by a Technical Advisory Committee and Regional Transportation Plan Steering Committee. The long-term guidance developed in the regional Long Range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) informs a short term capital improvement plan, or the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The GVMPO produces the TIP to coordinate projects selected by local governments and the Colorado Department of Transportation and to then prioritize projects to make the best use of limited funding.



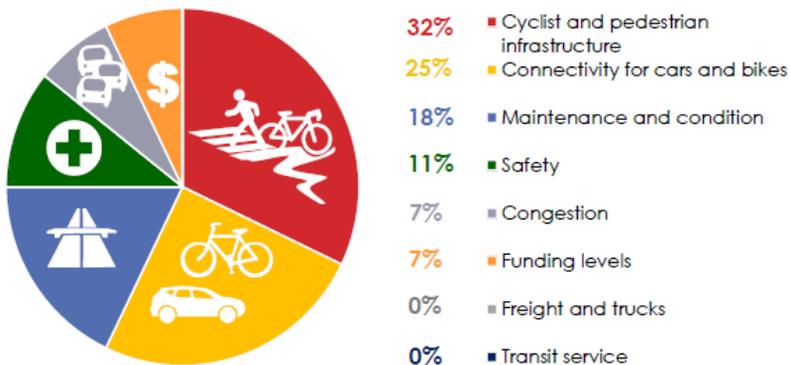
Cover of Grand Valley 2040 RTP

Public comment received through the 2040 process indicates that the regional transportation system is critical to supporting the region’s quality of life, future growth, diversifying economy, and emergence as a global recreation destination. The following key messages emerged from the 2040 planning process.

- Build multimodal systems that enable people to easily travel from work to home or to readily transfer from bike to bus.
- Maintain what we have before adding new capacity.
- Support quality community growth.

Public input received throughout the formulation of the plan is synthesized and included within each modal chapter of the 2040 RTP. When asked about the region’s most significant transportation issue, most respondents indicated that connectivity and mobility issues for cars, bikes, and people were the greatest needs in the region. Maintenance and safety were also commonly identified challenges. Congestion, funding levels, transit, and freight movement were also mentioned in public comments.

What are the most significant transportation issues in the region?



The Statewide Transportation Plan can be found at www.ColoradoTransportationMatters.com and to locate all the full regional plans click the Regional Transportation Plans tab. Stay tuned next month when we will feature the South Central TPR plan.