



Reaching Out Together

In early June the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) launched Together We Go, a series of conversations with the public. Together We Go is an on-going conversation about transportation with the citizens of Colorado. It allows people across the state to take a look at what CDOT is doing to make sure we're all moving together in the right direction.

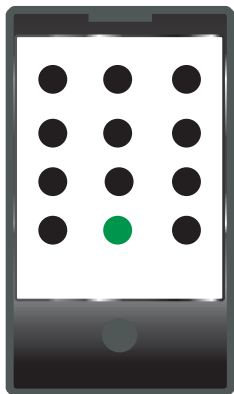
The program consists of a combination of:

- telephone town halls.
- face-to-face meetings over the summer.
- ongoing online and social media interaction.



TOGETHER WE GO

The Together We Go effort also gives CDOT the opportunity to report on progress, determine if adjustments are needed, discuss new CDOT initiatives and innovations, and the current funding situation.

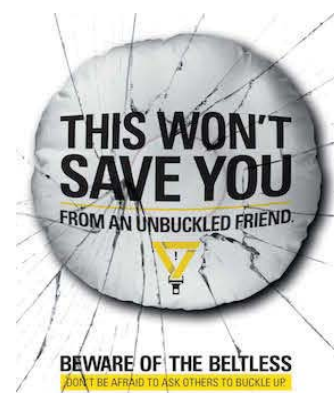


Nine Telephone Town Halls are being held over the course of seven weeks in June and July. The conference calls provide the public a forum to ask questions and give input about a variety of transportation issues. Residents in all 64 counties will be called at random through an automated system and invited to take part in their regional town hall. The interactive calls will reach out to approximately 350,000 people statewide.

Statewide Telephone Town Halls will be the first component for the Together We Go effort. See more information at our Together We go website <http://coloradotransportationmatters.com/together-we-go/>

Beware of the Beltless

Unbuckled automobile passengers increase the risk of a driver being hurt or killed in an accident by 40%. In an effort to increase public awareness of this issue the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) started the Beware of the Beltless safety campaign. In 2015, Colorado saw an alarming spike in traffic fatalities, totaling 545 fatalities compared to 488 in 2014, an 11.7% increase. Colorado is one of few states without a primary seat belt law. This new campaign will be deployed in Denver, Jefferson, Weld, Pueblo, Adams and El Paso counties. These counties were chosen based on a combination of low seat belt use and a high rate of unbuckled fatalities. 32 partner organizations are working with CDOT on this campaign representing a variety of sectors, including healthcare, transportation, law enforcement, military, community organizations and some of the largest employers in the targeted counties. For more information visit <https://www.codot.gov/safety/seatbelts-carseats/year-of-the-seat-belt>



New Director in SW Colorado

In April Mike McVaugh was named Regional Transportation Director for CDOT Region 5. McVaugh will lead the region's team of 320 employees who are responsible for planning, design, construction, operations and maintenance of a 15 county area in southwest and south central Colorado.

McVaugh has been with CDOT for 25 years, serving in several diverse areas including survey, design, materials testing, and construction. Since 2003 McVaugh served as the Region 5 Traffic Engineer.



Mike McVaugh

McVaugh says he believes he has inherited a strong team of the employees within Region 5, which consistently leads the state in service performance. "I value the dedication of our southwest crew. My initial goal and vision is to build upon that commitment and ensure each and every employee can say: We're proud of the work we do; we are 'CDOT proud'."

A native of Colorado, McVaugh is a graduate of Colorado State University with a degree in civil engineering. McVaugh replaces former Regional Transportation Director Kerrie Neet who recently retired. Join us in congratulating Mike on his new post.

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To help you encourage and promote safe bicycling to co-workers, friends, and family, the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) Bicycle and Pedestrian Program provides free materials for use by cities, counties, business or other organizations. The Bicycle/Pedestrian and Byways Section provides numerous materials to encourage and to help people safely enjoy bicycling in Colorado.

- **2016 Bike Month Poster** -- designed by artist Lauren Memarian, this year's poster is a whimsical depiction of people bicycling to work, while still bringing in attributes of the Colorado lifestyle.
- **Colorado Bicycling Manual** -- includes the official rules for road and trail use for bicyclists and walkers in Colorado. Chapters for all ages on commuting, traffic rules, skill building, equipment, accessories, safety, etc.
- **Colorado Bicycling and Scenic Byways map** -- State road map for bicyclists. Includes approximate shoulder width and traffic volumes.
- **Rules of the Road & Trail Wallet Cards** -- Plastic card the size of a business card. This is a quick reference for rules related to bicycling, walking and driving.

Click on this [link](#) to download an ordering form and a complete list of all available materials. The form includes instructions on how to return it to CDOT once you have filled in your requests.