



Bhatt to ITS America

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Shailen Bhatt has announced he will be stepping down at the end of next month to take a new post as the President and CEO of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS). CDOT Deputy Director Mike Lewis will serve as acting director upon his departure. The Washington D.C. based ITS America is the nation's largest organization dedicated to advancing research, development and deployment of intelligent transportation systems. ITS America facilitates collaboration between private companies, public agencies, research institutions and academia while educating the public about the importance of intelligent transportation systems.

Mike Lewis has been with CDOT since May of 2015 as the Deputy Executive Director/ Chief Operating Officer. Previously he was the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation.

Summarizing the Summit

The Colorado Transportation Summit was held October 23rd in downtown Denver. Governor John Hickenlooper addressed the Summit for the third year in a row and underscored the importance of transportation in keeping the economic engine of our state running smoothly. "We've gained 800,000 people in the last decade and yet ... we're spending less now than we spent in 2007. If you have growth and a funding problem

"Transit Alliance was so pleased to combine our event this year with the Summit. It was the chance to...highlight the important work of training our citizens to lead the transformation of Colorado's mobility future."

Kathleen Osher, Executive Director of the Transit Alliance

Shailen Bhatt and American Road and Transportation Builders Association CEO Pete Ruane, who provided his insight on the slow progress in Washington in addressing federal funding with less than 1,000 days till the expiration of the current highway spending authorization. Denise Burgess, Chair of the Board of Directors for the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce noted that "Our quality of life will suffer if we don't make significant investments in our infrastructure".

Trombino

Paul Trombino, the former Executive Director of the Iowa Department of Transportation, is awaiting confirmation by the full Senate for his appointment by President Trump to be the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approved Mr. Trombino's nomination in October and it is anticipated that confirmation by the full Senate could take place by the end of the month.

FHWA is part of the Department of Transportation and provides stewardship over the construction, maintenance and preservation of the Nation's highways, bridges and tunnels. FHWA also conducts research and provides technical assistance to state and local agencies in an effort to improve safety, mobility, and livability, and to encourage innovation.



Governor Hickenlooper at the Summit

you have trouble" Hickenlooper said, adding "One way to slow down a growing economy is to tie up everyone in congestion." The Governor also noted that the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has \$9 billion worth of needed projects, but doesn't have the money to pay for them. Other speakers included CDOT Executive Director

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Breakout sessions at the Summit focused on funding, transportation choices, technical innovations and sustainability. Visit the Summit webpage at www.codot.gov/summit for copies of presentations, videos and photos from the day.

Winter is Coming

Snow, ice and freezing temperatures are returning to Colorado. Visit CDOT's comprehensive travel website COTrip.org for the latest up-to-date travel and weather information as well as traffic cameras, route information and travel alerts. We want everyone to arrive safely at Grandmother's house...or wherever your final destination might be.



Road X Wins Award

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has been recognized for demonstrating innovation and development related to intelligent transportation systems for the RoadX program. The Intelligent Transportation Society (ITS) World Congress elected CDOT and RoadX to their Hall of Fame in the America's Local Government category. The award was given in Montreal, Canada at the Annual Meeting of the ITS World Congress at the beginning of November.

According to ITS, "The Hall of Fame Awards provide an invaluable opportunity to highlight the successes of the most outstanding, ambitious and innovative technological deployments around the world and to reward those people and organizations most worthy of recognition and praise."

