

**Resolution #TC-20-07-11**

Resolution to request staff update PD 1601.0, the Interchange Approval Process

**Approved by the Transportation Commission on July 16, 2020.**

**WHEREAS**, under § 43-1-106(8), C.R.S., the Transportation Commission of Colorado (“Commission”) has the statutory responsibility to set policies for the Colorado Department of Transportation (“Department”); and

**WHEREAS**, Policy Directive 1601.0 “Interchange Approval Process” has not been updated in over a decade; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado’s population has grown by nearly one million people over the last ten years to almost six million, and is expected to grow another 25% by 2040; and

**WHEREAS**, Policy Directive 1601.0 states that purpose of directive is to establish fair and consistent procedures regarding the review and evaluation of request for new interchanges and major improvements to existing interchanges on the state highway system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission believes it is necessary to strengthen the policy and address long-term system functionality of new interchanges and the state highway system overall; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission is desirous of having future 1601 requests that come before the Commission include in the System Level Study an assessment of, and, if applicable, a commitment to Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies that will reduce the negative impact that additional vehicles on Colorado’s Interstates, Freeways and highways have on both system mobility and Colorado’s environment, including but not limited to, air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the update to PD 1601.0, staff plans to engage in stakeholder outreach and listening sessions, including with STAC, to help inform the updates to the PD; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, The Transportation Commission requests that the Department bring an update of Policy Directive 1601.0 that contains a requirement that the System Level Study include an examination of, and implementation of (where deemed appropriate) specific TDM strategies.

*Herman F. Stockinger A.A.A.*

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