

**Transportation Commission of Colorado
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2015**

Chairwoman Kathy Connell convened the meeting at 9:04 a.m. in the auditorium of the headquarters building in Denver, Colorado.

PRESENT WERE: Kathy Connell, Chairwoman, District 6
Gary Reiff, Vice Chair District 3
Shannon Gifford, District 1
Ed Peterson, District 2
Heather Barry, District 4
Kathy Gilliland, District 5
Sidny Zink, District 8
Bill Thiebaut, District 10
Steven Hofmeister, District 11

ALSO PRESENT: Shailen Bhatt, Executive Director
Josh Laipply, Chief Engineer
Debra Perkins-Smith, Director of Transportation Development
Amy Ford, Communications Director
Maria Sobota, CFO
Herman Stockinger, Government Relations Director
Debra Perkins-Smith, Director of Transportation Planning
Paul Jesaitis, Region 1 Transportation Director
Dave Eller, Region 3 Transportation Director
Johnny Olson, Region 4 Transportation Director
Kerrie Neet, Region 5 Transportation Director
Kathy Young, Chief Transportation Counsel
Barb Gold, Audit Director
Scott McDaniel, Staff Services Director
Mike Cheroutes, HPTE Director
Kyle Lester, Director, Division of Highway Maintenance
Ryan Rice, Operations Division Director
Tony DeVito, I-70 East Project Director
Vince Rogalski, STAC Chairman
David Ulane, Director of Aeronautics

AND: Other staff members, organization representatives,
the public and the news media

An electronic recording of the meeting was made and filed with supporting documents in the Transportation Commission office.

Swearing in of New Commissioners

Commission Secretary Herman Stockinger swore in new Commissioners Kathy Hall and Nolan Schriner.

Audience Participation

Carter Sales of the Highlands Ranch Neighborhood Coalition (HRNC) addressed the commission regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the C-470 express lanes project. Mr. Sales stated the EA removed 2 miles of sound mitigation measures from the original 2006 EA. Mr. Sales stated that the HRNC believes that CDOT is not following the correct guidelines and protocols for noise mitigation in the most recent EA. Mr. Sales presented independent collected noise data that the HRNC believes shows that the EA used flawed data, and the sound mitigation measures from the 2006 EA should be reinstated. A letter corresponding to his comments was passed out to the commission.

Mr. Sales contends that CDOT is not following NEPA guidelines by not appropriately listening to the public on the C-470 project. He presented an email from CDOT dismissive of the public concerns. Mr. Sales is hoping the commission reads and consider the public comments. Additionally, he challenges the commission to follow the technical and procedural guidelines mandated by PD 1900.0.

Bill Antico, the president of the Gleneagles Homeowners Association in Highlands Ranch addressed the Commission. Mr. Antico stated that in 2006 CDOT told the homeowners association that to mitigate noise, walls would be erected in the area. After the studies had been redone, the walls have been removed. He is concerned this is impacting the property values in the area, as well as the quality of life in the community. They would like the walls put back into the C-470 plan.

Individual Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Zink stated that the fall County Commissioner visits have begun. At these meetings, the County Commissioners will be asked to come together to meet more of them in less time. So far the meetings have gone very well. Commissioner Zink said she is proud of how well the difficult highways of southwest Colorado are maintained. She notes how Red Mountain pass is closed during the day, with rockslide areas rebuilt within the month.

Commissioner Peterson had the opportunity to attend the West Connect meeting that looks at how the C-470 beltway can be created through Jefferson County completing the loop around Denver. Additionally, at the JeffTAC meeting he was able to share some good information in Jefferson County and hear from a number of different agencies. Finally he went to the dedication of the Veterans Memorial Twin Tunnels, which was a great end to a very helpful project for the I-70 Mountain Corridor.

Commissioner Thiebaut congratulated and welcomed the new commissioners. Additionally he complemented the citizens who came and talked to the commission, and assured them the commission is listening. Commissioner Thiebaut complemented the staff for their vision on the three peaks (Technology, a healthy intermodal system, and people) that will help CDOT become the best in the nation. Finally, he mentioned that Region 2 Director Karen Rowe is facing some health challenges, and that the commission extends to her their thoughts.

Commissioner Hofmeister is looking forward to Pedal the Plains taking place in his area. He will be working with some of the host communities for the event.

Commissioner Gifford attended a town hall at the Swansea Rec. Center to discuss the I-70 East Project. She thought the staff did a great job answering questions at a very productive meeting.

Commissioner Hall expressed how happy she is to serve on the commission. Being on the western slope, transportation is a very important issue to her and the area. She looks forward to working with the state of Colorado, the staff, and the citizens. She thanked the public for coming to speak to the commission.

Commissioner Schriener has been meeting with various councils of governments, Mayors and others in his first month as commissioner. He is excited to be on the commission, and has learned a lot over the past few days with staff, and is looking forward to learning more as he serves on the commission.

Commissioner Barry thanked the City and County of Broomfield for hosting Bagels with Barry, which had a great discussion this month. She thanked the Highlands Ranch group for speaking to the commission, it's very important for the commission to hear their comments so they can best work through the issues. She also welcomed the new commissioners and looks forward to working with them. Finally she complimented Chairwoman Connell on a good Commission retreat that took place earlier in the week.

Commissioner Gilliland welcomed the new commissioners, and looks forward to working with them. She attended the I-70 Town Hall at the Swansea Rec Center last month and complimented staff for their job describing the project and answering questions from the public. She stated how valuable it is to hear the concerns of the public, and thanks the C-470 group for expressing their concerns.

Vice Chair Reiff stated how much he appreciates the Highlands Ranch group for coming. He stated how complex the NEPA process is, and at its core it relies on citizen participation. He and Commissioner Gifford attended a meeting with the US 36 group with Plenary and elected officials that was very informative and productive. He thanked Commissioner Gifford for hosting dinner at her home for the Commission. Finally, Vice Chair Reiff stated how fond of Mike Cheroutes he is, and how CDOT has Mike to thank for the creation of HPTE and all the projects it has brought to the state. Vice Chair Reiff thanked Mike for his work, and wished him well in his next endeavor.

Chairwoman Connell thanked staff and commissioners for a productive staff retreat on Wednesday. She echoed the rest of the commission on encouraging public comment in all processes in CDOT to help make the best decision to help the greater good.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Shailen Bhatt made a commitment to follow the NEPA laws for the C-470 project and that the process will be followed the right way. He stated his goal is for people to feel like CDOT is doing transportation with them, rather than to them.

Executive Director Bhatt echoed Vice Chair Rieff in expressing how valuable Mike Cheroutes is to the CDOT team, and that he will be missed.

Governor Hickenlooper announced a decision to commit significant resources to cycling to make Colorado the most bike friendly state in the nation. To clarify, this plan does not redirect funds from existing projects towards cycling, rather it identifies funds that are already directed towards bicycling.

Director Bhatt noted Tony DeVito and the Central 70 team for their hard work on hitting deadlines that are essential to the project. Additionally, he extended an invitation to the Transportation Summit focusing on technology on Oct. 28.

Chief Engineer's Report

Chief Engineer Josh Laipply touched base on the FASTER Audit, and that the Commission should see a monthly update on how staff is addressing the audit. After the last Commission meeting Josh and Johnny Olson discussed with BNSF Railroad about the US 85 corridor. He believes they are making good progress on reaching an agreement with the railroad in the area. Finally, Mr. Laipply thanked the City of Idaho Springs and Clear Creek County for their patience during the construction on the Veterans Tunnels.

HPTE Director's Report

HPTE director Mike Cheroutes appreciated all the kind comments and expressed his thanks for the collaborative efforts between the Commission and the Staff through his years.

In the I-70 Mountain Corridor town hall meetings will begin for setting the toll policy the Peak Period Shoulder Lanes. The goal is to have a reliable lane for people coming back from the mountains, and the policies must reflect this goal. After the first few months, the US 36 has had over a million toll transactions.

FHWA Division Administrator Report

FHWA Division Deputy Administrator Alicia Nolan noted that Sept. is the last month of the Federal fiscal year. This year, the planned end of year shutdown period of project allocation will be longer (4 weeks) to update software.

She went on to mention at the end of September, Congress must act on the Appropriations act, or the government will shut down, however, if this happens. FHWA will not shut down. At the end of October, if the appropriations act is not passed, then FHWA will shut down. Finally, on October 1, Colorado will be recognized nationally in a webinar that covers innovation.

Act on Consent Agenda

Chairwoman Connell entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Gilliland moved for approval of the resolution, and Commissioner Thiebaut seconded the motion. In discussion, Commissioner Thiebaut expressed his support for the Safe Routes for School Program, and that he hopes the funding for the program will be increased in the future. Additionally, he asked for Staff to look at

the compilation of the Safe Routes to School Committee to make sure rural communities throughout the state are getting the pedestrian and bike paths the need. Upon vote of the Commission, the resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution #TC-15-9-1

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Transportation Commission's Regular Meeting Minutes for Aug. 20, 2015, are approved.

Resolution #TC-15-9-2

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Adopt Policy Directive 6.0 "Fuels Control for CDOT Fleet" (formerly known as "Vehicle Fuels Control")

Approved by the Transportation Commission on Sept. 17, 2015

WHEREAS, § 43-1-106 (8)(a), C.R.S. gives authority to the Transportation Commission of Colorado ("Commission") to formulate the general policy with respect to the management, construction, and maintenance of public highways and other transportation systems in the state; and

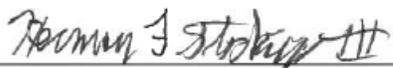
WHEREAS, current Policy Directive 6.0 was adopted by the Transportation Commission on February 21, 2013; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the Department has implemented improved processes with an ever-increasing reliance on technology to report fuel expenditures;

WHEREAS, the Department has developed a Fuel Control Protocol which sets forth in detail the required processes for tracking fuel expenditures; and

WHEREAS, updated Policy Directive 6.0 establishes the Commission's support of the Department's development of more efficient monitoring procedures as set forth in the Fuels Protocol.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission herein approves Policy Directive 6.0 "Fuels Control for CDOT Fleet"



Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado

9-21-15
Date

Resolution #TC-15-9-3

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Disposal of property 46-Rev2-X in Region 3

Approved by the Transportation Commission on Sept. 17, 2015

WHEREAS, CDOT acquired Parcel 46 Rev .2 right of way for the purposes of the construction of Interstate 70 and associated frontage roads as part of project I70-2(10) Unit 1;

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation, Region 3, has determined that a portion of Parcel 46 REV. 2, containing 0.771 acres, is excess land not needed for State transportation purposes;

WHEREAS, the 0.771 acres of excess land of Parcel 46 REV. 2 is named Parcel 46 Rev. 2-X;

WHEREAS, Parcel 46 Rev. 2-X contains 0.771 acres / 33,607 square feet;

WHEREAS, the adjacent property owner has requested to acquire Parcel 46 Rev. 2-X;

WHEREAS, the disposal of the property will not affect the operation, maintenance, safety, design, construction or utility of Interstate 70 or the adjacent Interstate 70 North Frontage Road;

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation, Region 3 has declared through Joshua Laipply as Chief Engineer, that the 33,607 sf is not needed for transportation purposes;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S) 43-1-210(5)(a)(I) The Department of Transportation is authorized, subject to approving resolution of the Transportation Commission, to dispose of any property or interest therein which is no longer needed for transportation purposes;

WHEREAS, the Department has determined that the 33,607 sf of I70 right of way is of use only to the adjacent property owner;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S) 43-1-210(5)(a)(III) when a parcel that is no longer needed for transportation purposes has value to only one adjacent owner, that owner shall have first right of refusal to purchase said property for fair market value;

WHEREAS, the adjacent property owner desires to exercise its right of refusal to purchase Parcel 42 Rev. 2-X for fair market value;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of the C.R.S, 43-1-210(5) and 23 CFR 710.403 the Department of Transportation shall be given authority to declare Parcel 46 Rev. 2-X as excess property and dispose of the 33,607 sf of I70 right of way which is no longer needed for transportation purposes for fair market value.

FURTHER, funds from the sale of the property shall be disbursed in accordance with Section 7.2.15 of the CDOT Right-of-Way Manual.

Herman J. Stockinger III
Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado

9-21-15
Date

Resolution #TC-15-9-4

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Relinquishment of Owl Creek Road to Pitkin County

Approved by the Transportation Commission on Sept. 17, 2015

WHEREAS, CDOT acquired Parcel 109A for Project NH 0821-051 to combine three separate accesses to SH82;

WHEREAS, CDOT entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Pitkin County on August 9, 2000, for improvements to State Highway 82, including the realignment of three access points (Owl Creek Road, West Buttermilk Road and the Buttermilk Ski Area) to be combined with Owl Creek Road;

WHEREAS, CDOT is obligated by said IGA to convey to the County property CDOT acquired for the operation and maintenance of Owl Creek Road, a County facility in this location;

WHEREAS, Parcels 109A consists of 274,999 square feet;

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation would like to relinquish Parcel 109A to the County of Pitkin;

WHEREAS, if the 274,999 sf comprising Parcel 109A to be conveyed to Pitkin County ever ceases to be used as a County transportation facility, it will revert back to CDOT ownership;

WHEREAS, the disposal of Parcel 109A will not affect the operation, maintenance, use or safety of SH 82;

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation, Region 3 has declared through Joshua Laipply as Chief Engineer, that the 274,999 sf is not needed for State Highway purposes;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S) 43-2-106 The Department of Transportation is authorized, subject to approving resolution of the Transportation Commission, to relinquish a section of State Highway to a jurisdictional county or municipality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of the C.R.S, 43-2-106 the Department of Transportation be given authority to relinquish Parcel 109A to Pitkin County under the condition that if the Parcel ever ceases to be used as a County transportation facility title to the Parcel will revert to CDOT.

Herman J. Stockinger III
Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado

9-21-15
Date

Resolution #TC-15-9-5

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Repeal Policy Directive 1501.0, "Roadside Memorial Signing"

Approved by the Transportation Commission on Sept. 17, 2015

WHEREAS, § 43-1-106 (8)(a) C.R.S. gives authority to the Transportation Commission of Colorado ("Commission") to formulate the general policy with respect to the management, construction, and maintenance of public highways and other transportation systems in the state; and

WHEREAS, current Policy Directive 1501.0 was adopted by the Transportation Commission on September 24, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the review date for Policy Directive 1501.0 was August 2015; and

WHEREAS, Policy Directive 1501.0 set forth the requirements for signage on state highways to commemorate private citizens involved in an accident which resulted in a fatality; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director approved updated Procedural Directive 1501.1 on August 7, 2015, which incorporates the guidance set forth in Policy Directive 1501.0; and

WHEREAS, the updated Procedural Directive 1501.1 meets the requirements of § 42-4-104 C.R.S., for overseeing a uniform system of traffic control devices for use upon highways within Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Commission supports CDOT's goal of eliminating unnecessary Directives where possible and consolidate those that still provide value.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission herein repeals Policy Directive 1501.0 "Roadside Memorial Signing."

Herman J. Stockinger III
Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado

9-21-15
Date

Resolution #TC-15-9-6

Resolution # TC-15-9-6

43 CRS 1-1303 (2) Report to the TLRC for Prioritization of Railroad Corridors for Acquisition, Use & Preservation

Approved by the Transportation Commission on Sept. 17, 2015

WHEREAS, the abandonment of rail lines in Colorado is considered to be of statewide importance because of the impacts these abandonments may have on local communities as well as the "market", including shippers, receivers and consumers; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission of Colorado has been given statutory responsibility by the State for approving the acquisition of rail lines or railroad right-of-way under 43 C.R.S. 1-1303(2); and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation (Department) has identified a list of criteria for prioritization of rail corridors for preservation in a Rail Corridor Preservation Policy, PD 1607, dated August 22, 2014; and

WHEREAS, preliminary analysis has been performed by Department staff to determine which rail lines are in jeopardy of being lost due to potential abandonment; and

WHEREAS, the Department has responded to the provisions set forth in Senate Bill 09-094 by establishing the Division of Transit and Rail which shall, in coordination with other transit and rail providers, plan, promote, and implement investments in transit and rail services statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Department, in conjunction with other interested parties, is in the process of updating a State Freight and Passenger Rail Plan, and has completed the Colorado Interregional Connectivity Study (ICS) and an Advanced Guideway Feasibility Study (AGS), and completed the North I-25 Commuter Rail plan update as a means of better planning passenger and freight rail improvements into the future; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 43-1-1303(3) requires the Executive Director of Colorado Department of Transportation to submit a prioritized list of proposed railroad acquisitions and their proposed uses to the Transportation Legislative Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Transit and Rail has examined rail lines that meet the preservation criteria that have been abandoned, or have been proposed to be abandoned, during the past year and determined that none were Rail Corridors of Statewide Significance; and

WHEREAS, there are no rail lines of statewide significance that are at immediate risk of abandonment and in need of acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission wishes to keep the TLRC informed of rail activities that could impact rail service in the State.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Executive Director is hereby directed to submit the following list of recommendations to the Transportation Legislation Review Committee:

The **first priority** is to monitor the status of the Raton Pass line (re: Amtrak Southwest Chief) and to participate in the Southwest Chief Commission. Recent history suggests risk of the New Mexico segment being abandoned, but not the Colorado segment.

The **second priority** is to monitor the status of the Tennessee Pass line. While there is no indication that the UP will abandon this line in the near future, the line has not been used for over 15 years. If this line is abandoned, the State should purchase it to preserve it for freight service in the future.


Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado

9-21-15
Date

Resolution #TC-15-9-7

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Adopting a request to the Capital Development Committee of the General Assembly for FY 2016-17 Capital Construction Funds

Approved by the Transportation Commission on Sept. 17, 2015

WHEREAS, in accordance with C.R.S. 2-3-1304(1)(a.5) and C.R.S. 43-1-113(2.5), the Capital Development Committee of the General Assembly shall determine certain projects that may be funded with Capital Construction Fund monies for state highway reconstruction, repair, or maintenance projects; and

WHEREAS the Transportation Commission shall submit an annual request to the Capital Development Committee (CDC) for Capital Construction Fund monies; and

WHEREAS, such request shall consist of a prioritized list of recommended state highway reconstruction, repair, and maintenance projects; and

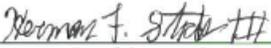
WHEREAS, the Department developed a project list which can utilize Capital Construction Fund monies during Fiscal Year 2016-17; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes that approval and funding of this project list are contingent upon available revenue and other statewide priorities for Capital Construction Fund monies as determined by the Governor and the General Assembly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission approves a request of:

- Priority 1: I-25 Pueblo to New Mexico Fiber and Connected Vehicle Infrastructure
- Priority 2: Mountain Pass Chain Up Station Improvements; and
- Priority 3: I-70 Frontage Road /Fall River Road Pedestrian Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Department staff is instructed to submit the request to the Capital Development Committee for consideration and approval for funding.



Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado



Date

Resolution #TC-15-9-8

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Funding for Safe Routes to School

Approved by the Transportation Commission on Sept. 17, 2015

WHEREAS, in 2004, C.R.S. 43-1-1604 required the Transportation Commission of Colorado to establish and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to administer a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program to distribute funds to eligible projects that enable and encourage children K-8 to bicycle and walk to school; and

WHEREAS, since 2005, Colorado has been a national leader in SRTS; funding programs that have reached more than 790 schools and more than 300,000 students statewide; and

WHEREAS, a study of Colorado schools found SRTS programs or projects increased the number of students walking and biking to school from 21% to 25%; and

WHEREAS, schools with SRTS programs have also demonstrated a drop in the number of children arriving at school by car from 49% to 45% as compared to an increase nationally from 51% to 55%; and

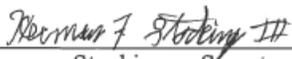
WHEREAS, successful SRTS programs are designed around the 5 Es of engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation; and

WHEREAS, SRTS has been a strong component of CDOT's commitment to multi-modal transportation; and

WHEREAS, SRTS equitably supports the diverse transportation needs of Colorado youth at all abilities, income levels, races and national origins.

WHEREAS, SRTS contributes to Colorado's quality of life through healthier lifestyles, expanded commuting options, and easier access to schools and neighborhoods; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Transportation Commission approves the continuation of the SRTS program by committing to fund the program with \$2 million for infrastructure projects and \$0.5 million for non-infrastructure projects annually, beginning in FY 2016.



Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado

9-21-15

Date

Resolution #TC-15-9-9

BE IT SO RESOLVED, that the 3rd Supplement to the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget as amended be approved by the Commission.

Discuss and Act on 3rd Budget Supplement of 2016

Chief Financial Officer Maria Sobota explained the typical layout of the budget supplement for the benefit of the new commissioners. Mrs. Sobota opened the floor to questions on the budget supplement. Vice Chair Reiff noted there was a change in the cost of the Arapahoe and I-25 RAMP Project. This change will be included in the final resolution.

Chairwoman Connell entertained a motion to approve the Budget Supplement. Vice Chair Reiff moved for approval of the resolution, and Commissioner Thiebaut seconded the motion. Upon vote of the Commission, the resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution #TC-15-9-10

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Adopt Amendments to the Rules Pertaining to Transport Permits for the Movement of Extra-Legal Vehicles or Loads ("OSOW Rules"), 2 CCR 601-4.

Approved by the Transportation Commission on Sept. 17, 2015

WHEREAS, § 42-4-510(1)(b)(I), § 42-4-510(1.7)(b)(II)(B), § 42-4-511(1) and § 43-1-106(8)(k) C.R.S. authorize the Transportation Commission of Colorado ("Commission") to promulgate rules regarding permits for extra-legal vehicles or loads; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution TC-15-6-3, dated June 23, 2015, the Commission delegated authority to an Administrative Hearing Officer for the purposes of conducting a rule making hearing, making a complete procedural record of the hearing, and submitting that record and any recommendations to the Commission for its review and action concerning proposed amendments to the OSOW Rules; and

WHEREAS, a hearing was held on July 31, 2015, with Administrative Hearing Officer Chris Frenz presiding; and

WHEREAS, Hearing Officer Frenz made findings after considering public comment recommending that the Commission adopt the OSOW rules; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the OSOW Rules are based on HB14-1160, codified at § 42-4-510(11)(a)(VII)(D), C.R.S., which established a new annual fleet permit for non-interstate overweight divisible loads with power units utilizing a trailer with two or three axles; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments include the Department's implementation of an electronic permitting system; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments conform Auxiliary Power Unit ("APU") requirements based on changes in the federal regulations made pursuant to MAP-21 found at 23 U.S.C. 127 which increased the weight allowance from 400 to 550 lbs. for permitted vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments clarify height restrictions in § 42-4-504(1), C.R.S.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, after review and consideration of the rule making record and the findings of the Administrative Hearing Officer, the Commission herein adopts the proposed amendments to the Rules Pertaining to Transport Permits for the Movement of Extra-Legal Vehicles or Loads, 2 CCR 601-4.



Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado

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Discuss and Act on Adoption of OSOW Rules

Kyle Lester presented the new proposed Oversized Overweight Rules to the Transportation Commission. A hearing was held with members of the public to discuss the proposed rules. Using the findings from this hearing the rules in the packet were created. There are four main elements to the new rules:

- Legislation passed for a new annual permit
- Implementing a new electronic permitting system
- Confirming the rate on auxiliary power units to reduce idle time
- Rules denoting low clearance bridges

Chairwoman Connell entertained a motion to approve the adoption of the OSOW Rules. Commissioner Peterson moved for approval of the resolution, and Commissioner Gifford seconded the motion. Upon vote of the Commission, the resolution passed unanimously.

Introduction of RoadX

Director of Communications Amy Ford walked the Commission through the new RoadX project. Transportation is transforming through cell phones, self-driving cars and other new technologies. If CDOT does not address and adapt to this new technology, it is impossible for the department to reach all of its goals. The RoadX proposal is an effort to make CDOT one of the most tech advanced department in the country. That means examining at every level how we operate and deploying projects throughout the department to bring a level of innovation to CDOT. RoadX will have different efforts in deployment, from projects on the road to planning projects.

Ryan Rice went further on what RoadX will look like. First off, the program focuses on public and private partnerships that will help support the department's technology initiatives. Next, roadway management is a huge aspect of the project. This area optimizes CDOT systems through technology to optimize traffic flow and safety. Third, connected vehicles offer a large portion of the project by utilizing all the information a single car can gather on a road condition and leveraging that information to understand what is happened on the roadways. Fourth, dedicated short range communication of vehicles will be mandated within the next 3-5 years. This is something that CDOT must begin to look at to deploy the complementary infrastructure for these rules. Additionally, CDOT's fleet can benefit for a number of reasons by being connected fully to the system. Finally, a wild card in all of RoadX is autonomous vehicles. This is the game changer that could change ownership models of vehicles and drastically improve vehicle safety and traffic operations.

Potential projects that have been identified by RoadX are:

- Working with industry to know what areas of technology are most mature and ready for deployment.
- Installing technology on I-25 and I-70 to communicate with vehicles via smart phone and in vehicle information systems to improve safety.
- A freight pilot that utilizes freight platooning that increases fuel efficiency and reduces the space trucks occupy.
- Safety modifications in rural areas

Chairwoman Connell commented that the commission is very excited about this program, and stressed that RoadX are looking at solutions that work throughout the state, not just the urban areas.

Kathy Gilliland complemented staff on the work they've done. She believes this is a new step that will make the system better while managing the growth that is occurring in the state in both urban and rural areas. She is also encouraged in the safety gains that technology will help CDOT achieve.

Executive Director Bhatt echoed that safety is CDOT's number one priority. He noted that connected vehicles can help prevent up to 80% of crashes that currently occur.

Adjournment

Chairwoman Connell closed the September Transportation Commission meeting at 10:05 a.m.