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Subject SHOULDER POLICY			Number 902.0
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PURPOSE

In 1996 CDOT adopted and began implementation of the Statewide Plan. One policy statement included in the Plan encouraged the consideration of bicycle access needs along Colorado state roadways. The purpose of this policy directive is to give direction for the consideration of shoulder improvements when upgrading roadways on the state highway system and when such improvements are on the High Priority Bicycle Corridors (HPBC).

AUTHORITY

Transportation Commission of Colorado and CDOT Executive Director

POLICY

It is the policy of the CDOT to incorporate the necessary shoulder improvements to enhance safety for the motoring public and bicyclists along state highways whenever an upgrade of the roadways and structures is being implemented and is technically feasible and economically reasonable.

CDOT strives to provide safe and efficient routes for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. Bicycling is allowed on all state highways, except where specifically prohibited due to major hazards or the existence of alternate or preferable routes. CDOT strives to ensure that all state and federally funded on-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities adhere to the state and federal safety and design standards. On-street facilities, such as roadway shoulders or curb lanes, should be wide enough to safely accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians next to motoring traffic lanes.

The HPBC have been identified in the Statewide plan. As TPR Regional plans are updated and revised, the HPBC routes shall also be given consideration for revision. Shoulders on the HPBC should be improved to meet AASHTO standards for bicycles as part of roadway improvement projects.

IMPLEMENTATION

This policy shall be implemented by the Divisions of Engineering and Maintenance and Transportation Development.

REVIEW DATE

This policy directive shall be reviewed in December 2010.

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 Transportation Commission Secretary

12/16/04

 Date