

Colorado Transportation Investment Office Memorandum

To: The Transportation Commission and the CTIO Board of Directors

From: Simon Logan, Special Projects Lead and Policy Analyst

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Subject: Globeville and Elyria Swansea (GES) Tolling Equity Program Eligibility Changes

Purpose:

To seek approval of changes to the GES Tolling Equity Program by the Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO)¹ Board of Directors related to eligibility, as discussed during the January meeting.

Requested Action:

CTIO staff is seeking approval of Resolution #461 which amends the income eligibility requirement of the program for GES residents from Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to Area Media Income (AMI).

Key Considerations:

The 2017 Record of Decision (ROD) for the Central 70 project included a commitment for CTIO to explore ways to provide discounted access to the Express Lanes for low-income residents of the GES neighborhoods. As a result, CTIO embarked on a year-long process to comply with this commitment and identify a program to bring to the CTIO Board of Directors for approval. This effort included significant engagement with peer agencies nationwide, the GES community, and other local stakeholders. The CTIO Board of Directors (CTIO Board) approved the program in April 2022.

In January, CTIO staff presented feedback from a GES community survey that was conducted as part of door-to-door outreach that sought to enroll more residents in the toll credits element of the program (More details on the survey are available via the link in attachment B below).

One of the consistent pieces of feedback was the income restriction was too low and didn't reflect the cost of living in GES. Given the lower-than-anticipated enrollment in the toll credits element of the program (despite significant and varied methods of outreach to increase this), and the length of time that has passed since the program began enrollment CTIO staff feel this change is warranted to make it more equitable.

¹ The High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) is now doing business as the Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO). CTIO is how the enterprise refers to itself now and in the future. However, the HPTE name is retained for legislative and legal documents.

The table below details what the change would mean for income eligibility. It would increase the number of residents eligible to around half of the GES community (estimated 5300 residents).

Household Size	200% FPL- Current Criteria	100% AMI- New Criteria
1	\$30,120	\$48,834
2	\$40,880	\$56,372
3	\$51,640	\$63,867
4	\$62,400	\$70,574
5	\$73,160	\$76,013
6	\$83,920	\$81,451

Options and Recommendation

- Review and approve Resolution #461 - **Staff Recommendation.**
- Review Resolution #461 but with instructions to add to the language. Staff would make the necessary revisions and return with a revised resolution.
- Do not approve Resolution #461.

Next Steps

- 1) If approved, CTIO Staff will work with community partners to notify GES residents of the change to the program and encourage them to enroll.
- 2) CTIO staff will update all communication material, including online, to reflect the change.
- 3) CTIO will provide another progress report on or before January 2026.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution #461
- Attachment B: [GES Tolling Equity Program Progress Report Memo and Presentation, Summary of Survey of GES Residents \(door-to-door outreach re toll credits\), Toll Credits Dashboard and Toll Credit Users Survey](#)