

Colorado Transportation Investment Office Memorandum

To: The Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO) Board of Directors

From: Piper Darlington, CTIO Director

Date: March 18, 2026

Subject: 10-Year Plan Project Strategy

Purpose

To brief the CTIO Board of Directors (Board) on recommended strategies it can implement to support the 10-Year Plan projects on I-25 and I-270.

Action

No formal action is requested. Staff is seeking Board support for initial next steps identified in the presentation.

Background

CDOT's 10-Year Plan is Colorado's roadmap for prioritizing and investing in critical transportation projects across the state over the next decade. It is an action plan that defines how and when transportation performance goals established in the recently adopted 2050 Statewide Transportation Plan will be achieved.

The 10-Year Plan is funded through "strategic funding", which fully or partially supports these initiatives. "Strategic funding" is flexible state and federal funding that is allocated to projects that address our performance goals of fixing our roads, advancing transportation safety, and sustainably increasing transportation choice. Major investment needs in the 10-Year Plan are identified through:

- Data analysis (For example, addressing poor assets like pavement condition)
- Community outreach
- Statewide planning and development studies
- Metropolitan and rural regional transportation plans

Approximately \$900 million in strategic funding is expected to be available for the plan during the initial four years (FY 2027 - FY 2030). An additional \$1.35 billion in strategic funding is projected from FY 2031 through the end of the plan. All CDOT Regions are actively working to ensure balanced resource allocation across their diverse communities, while simultaneously addressing the state's most pressing infrastructure requirements.

10-Year Plan Projects and Nexus with CTIO

Region 1 Regional Transportation (RTD) Director Jessica Myklebust and Region 4 RTD, Heather Paddock, highlighted the following projects during the joint workshop between the Board and TC in January 2026 that have a link to CTIO:

- I-25 Corridor Improvements
- I-270 Corridor Improvements

In addition to the joint workshop, the Board also received a briefing on these projects at the September 2025 Board Retreat. During those meetings the Board confirmed that in addition to prioritizing transit and rail projects, Express Lanes will continue to be a key pillar of CTIO's portfolio of projects as they serve as a critical tool for transit by providing buses with a reliable, congestion-free corridor that ensures consistent travel times, even during peak hours. The Board also requested additional information on these projects and possible ways that CTIO could support their implementation.

Next Steps:

- Pending support from the Board, staff will implement the next steps identified to help the advance the 10-Year Plan projects with a nexus to CTIO.
- The 10-Year Plan is under consideration by the TC and will be brought forward for adoption by the TC at a future meeting.
- In line with its mandates under SB 24-184, CTIO will finalize its Interim Multimodal Strategic Capital Plan to align with the adopted 10-Year Plan.

Attachments

Attachment A: 10-Year Plan Project Strategy