



## Colorado Transportation Investment Office Memorandum

**To:** CTIO Board of Directors

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**Date:** May 20, 2026

**Subject: Fiscal Year 2026-27 Toll Rate Adjustment Board Memo for Time-of-Day Pricing and Dynamic Pricing Algorithm Criterion for CTIO Express Lanes**

### **Purpose:**

Staff are presenting recommended updates to the fiscal year (FY) 2026-27 toll rates for the I-25 North Segment 2, I-25 North Segment 3, I-25 South Gap, I-70 Central, and the I-70 Mountain Express Lanes (MEXL). The tables presented in this memo are a summary of the adjustments. For the detailed technical analysis used to develop the recommended toll rate adjustments, please refer to Attachment A, the 'FY 2026-27 Toll Rate Adjustment Technical Memo for Time-of-Day Pricing and Dynamic Pricing Algorithm Criterion for CTIO Express Lanes'.

### **Requested Action:**

This item is informational only and no action is requested at this time. The CTIO Board is being asked to consider the recommended updates to the time-of-day toll rates and dynamic pricing algorithm criteria at this month's meeting. The Board will be asked to take action on these recommendations at the June board meeting.

### **Recommended Adjustments to Toll Rates for I-25 Segment 2 (US 36 to 120<sup>th</sup> Ave) Express Lanes:**

For I-25 Segment 2, staff recommend a 4.5% increase to both Automatic Vehicle Identification and License Plate Toll rates, with all rates rounded up to the nearest \$0.05. Staff also recommend adjusting the 5:00 AM to 7:15 AM toll rates on I-25 Segment 2 Southbound to match the 7:15 AM to 8:15 AM time to mitigate the decrease in speed during the morning peak. This increase includes the 4.5% increase.

Table 1: I-25 Seg 2 Northbound Proposed Toll Rates

Time-of-Day Toll Rate Schedule	Current AVI	Current LPT	Proposed AVI	Proposed LPT
5:00 AM - 6:00 AM	\$1.50	\$5.00	\$1.60	\$5.25
6:00 AM - 6:45 AM	\$1.50	\$5.00	\$1.60	\$5.25
6:45 AM - 7:15 AM	\$1.50	\$5.00	\$1.60	\$5.25
7:15 AM - 8:15 AM	\$1.50	\$5.00	\$1.60	\$5.25
8:15 AM - 8:45 AM	\$1.50	\$5.00	\$1.60	\$5.25
8:45 AM - 10:00 AM	\$1.50	\$5.00	\$1.60	\$5.25
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	\$1.50	\$5.00	\$1.60	\$5.25
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	\$1.50	\$5.00	\$1.60	\$5.25
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	\$1.90	\$5.50	\$2.00	\$5.75
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	\$2.15	\$6.00	\$2.25	\$6.30
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	\$4.15	\$9.15	\$4.35	\$9.60
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	\$1.90	\$5.50	\$2.00	\$5.75
8:00 PM - 5:00 AM	\$1.50	\$5.00	\$1.60	\$5.25
Weekend	\$1.90	\$5.50	\$2.00	\$5.75

Table 2: I-25 Seg 2 Southbound Proposed Toll Rates

Time-of-Day Toll Rate Schedule	Current AVI	Current LPT	Proposed AVI	Proposed LPT
5:00 AM - 6:00 AM	\$1.90	\$5.50	\$3.40	\$8.00
6:00 AM - 6:45 AM	\$1.90	\$5.50	\$3.40	\$8.00
6:45 AM - 7:15 AM	\$1.90	\$5.50	\$3.40	\$8.00
7:15 AM - 8:15 AM	\$3.25	\$7.65	\$3.40	\$8.00
8:15 AM - 8:45 AM	\$2.15	\$6.00	\$2.25	\$6.30
8:45 AM - 10:00 AM	\$1.90	\$5.50	\$2.00	\$5.75
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	\$1.50	\$5.00	\$1.60	\$5.25
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	\$1.50	\$5.00	\$1.60	\$5.25
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	\$1.50	\$5.00	\$1.60	\$5.25
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	\$1.50	\$5.00	\$1.60	\$5.25
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	\$1.50	\$5.00	\$1.60	\$5.25
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	\$1.50	\$5.00	\$1.60	\$5.25
8:00 PM - 5:00 AM	\$1.50	\$5.00	\$1.60	\$5.25
Weekend	\$1.90	\$5.50	\$2.00	\$5.75

### Recommended Adjustments to Toll Rates for I-25 Segment 3 (120<sup>th</sup> Ave to Northwest Pkwy/E-470) Express Lanes:

For I-25 Segment 3, staff recommend a 4.5% increase to both Automatic Vehicle Identification and License Plate Toll rates, with all rates rounded up to the nearest \$0.05.

Table 3: I-25 Seg 3 Northbound Proposed Toll Rates

Time-of-Day Toll Rate Schedule	Current AVI	Current LPT	Proposed AVI	Proposed LPT
5:00 AM - 6:00 AM	\$1.40	\$4.20	\$1.50	\$4.40
6:00 AM - 6:45 AM	\$1.40	\$4.20	\$1.50	\$4.40
6:45 AM - 7:15 AM	\$1.40	\$4.20	\$1.50	\$4.40
7:15 AM - 8:15 AM	\$1.40	\$4.20	\$1.50	\$4.40
8:15 AM - 8:45 AM	\$1.40	\$4.20	\$1.50	\$4.40
8:45 AM - 10:00 AM	\$1.40	\$4.20	\$1.50	\$4.40
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	\$1.40	\$4.20	\$1.50	\$4.40
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	\$1.40	\$4.20	\$1.50	\$4.40
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	\$2.30	\$5.60	\$2.45	\$5.90
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	\$2.95	\$6.60	\$3.10	\$6.90
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	\$2.95	\$6.60	\$3.10	\$6.90
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	\$2.30	\$5.60	\$2.45	\$5.90
8:00 PM - 5:00 AM	\$1.40	\$4.20	\$1.50	\$4.40
Weekend	\$1.40	\$4.20	\$1.50	\$4.40

Table 4: I-25 Seg 3 Southbound Proposed Toll Rates

Time-of-Day Toll Rate Schedule	Current AVI	Current LPT	Proposed AVI	Proposed LPT
5:00 AM - 6:00 AM	\$1.40	\$4.20	\$1.50	\$4.40
6:00 AM - 6:45 AM	\$1.40	\$4.20	\$1.50	\$4.40
6:45 AM - 7:15 AM	\$2.70	\$6.15	\$2.85	\$6.45
7:15 AM - 8:15 AM	\$2.95	\$6.60	\$3.10	\$6.90
8:15 AM - 8:45 AM	\$2.95	\$6.60	\$3.10	\$6.90
8:45 AM - 10:00 AM	\$1.85	\$4.70	\$1.95	\$4.95
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	\$1.40	\$4.20	\$1.50	\$4.40
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	\$1.40	\$4.20	\$1.50	\$4.40
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	\$1.40	\$4.20	\$1.50	\$4.40
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	\$1.40	\$4.20	\$1.50	\$4.40
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	\$1.40	\$4.20	\$1.50	\$4.40
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	\$1.40	\$4.20	\$1.50	\$4.40
8:00 PM - 5:00 AM	\$1.40	\$4.20	\$1.50	\$4.40
Weekend	\$1.40	\$4.20	\$1.50	\$4.40

### Recommended Adjustments to the Dynamic Pricing Algorithm Criterion for the Central 70 Express Lanes:

For I-70 Central, staff recommend a 4.5% increase to both Automatic Vehicle Identification and License Plate Toll rates, with all rates rounded up to the nearest \$0.05. Due to the speed of I-70 Central WB, staff is recommending an increase of \$1.00 to the maximum toll rate criterion to improve speed in the express lane. This increase includes the 4.5% increase.

Table 5: Dynamic Pricing Algorithm Criterion Summary Central 70 Westbound

Dynamic Pricing Criterion	Current	Proposed
Minimum AVI Toll Rates	\$1.55	\$1.65
Minimum LPT Toll Rates	\$3.90	\$4.15
Maximum AVI Toll Rates	\$6.00	\$7.00
Maximum LPT Toll Rates	\$15.00	\$17.50
Maximum AVI Increase*	\$4.00	\$5.35
Maximum AVI Decrease*	\$4.00	\$5.35

Table 6: Dynamic Pricing Algorithm Criterion Summary Central 70 Eastbound

Dynamic Pricing Criterion	Current	Proposed
Minimum AVI Toll Rates	\$1.55	\$1.65
Minimum LPT Toll Rates	\$3.90	\$4.15
Maximum AVI Toll Rates	\$6.00	\$7.00
Maximum LPT Toll Rates	\$15.00	\$17.50
Maximum AVI Increase*	\$4.00	\$5.35
Maximum AVI Decrease*	\$4.00	\$5.35

\*LPT Surcharge Applies

## Recommended Adjustments to the Dynamic Pricing Algorithm Criterion for the I-25 South Gap Express Lanes:

For I-25 South Gap, staff recommend a 4.5% increase to both Automatic Vehicle Identification and License Plate Toll rates, with all rates rounded up to the nearest \$0.05. No changes are suggested to the maximum increase and decrease.

Table 7: Dynamic Pricing Algorithm Criterion Summary I-25 South Gap Northbound

Dynamic Pricing Criterion	Current Zone 1	Current Zone 2	Proposed Zone 1	Proposed Zone 2
Minimum AVI Toll Rates	\$ 2.10	\$ 1.85	\$2.20	\$1.95
Minimum LPT Toll Rates	\$ 5.25	\$ 4.65	\$5.50	\$4.90
Maximum AVI Toll Rates	\$2.50	\$2.25	\$2.65	\$2.40
Maximum LPT Toll Rates	\$6.25	\$5.65	\$6.65	\$6.00

Table 8: Dynamic Pricing Algorithm Criterion Summary I-25 South Gap Southbound

Dynamic Pricing Criterion	Current Zone 1	Current Zone 2	Proposed Zone 1	Proposed Zone 2
Minimum AVI Toll Rates	\$1.85	\$2.10	\$1.95	\$2.20
Minimum LPT Toll Rates	\$4.65	\$5.25	\$4.90	\$5.50
Maximum AVI Toll Rates	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$2.40	\$2.65
Maximum LPT Toll Rates	\$5.65	\$6.25	\$6.00	\$6.65

## Recommended Initial Dynamic Pricing Algorithm Criterion for the I-70 Mountain Express Lanes:

I-70 EB MEXL is currently a time-of-day corridor, however, CTIO staff is recommending that the corridor be converted to dynamic pricing on July 1, 2026. The recommended initial dynamic pricing algorithm criterion, for MEXL Fiscal Year 2025-26 (November 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>), is

recommended to match the current WB MEXL dynamic pricing criterion. This criterion is shown in the table below:

Table 9: Initial Dynamic Pricing Algorithm Criterion Summary I-70 MEXL Eastbound

Dynamic Pricing Criterion	Current
Minimum AVI Toll Rates	\$6.00
Minimum LPT Toll Rates	\$12.00
Maximum AVI Toll Rates	\$9.00
Maximum LPT Toll Rates	\$18.00
Rate Change Interval	5-15 minutes
Maximum AVI Increase*	\$3.00
Maximum AVI Decrease*	\$3.00

\*LPT Surcharge Applies

## Deferred Adjustments for I-25 Segments 6, 7, and 8, C-470, and I-70 MEXL Express Lanes:

While the technical analysis provides justification for network-wide adjustments, certain corridors will be deferred for formal approval later in the fiscal year to better align with the timeline of toll adjustments.

- I-25 Segments 6, 7, and 8: These segments commenced tolling operations on April 7, 2026. Current traffic data is currently deemed insufficient for immediate adjustments. Recommendations for these segments will be deferred according to historical dynamic pricing corridor go-live timelines.
- C-470: To account for the transition to the Next Generation Lane Toll System (NGLTS), FY27 toll rate adjustments for C-470 will be deferred until the system conversion is complete to ensure technical consistency across platforms. Staff will return with recommendation for dynamic pricing algorithm criteria—incorporating the 4.5% CPI and O&M increases—to be implemented once the corridor is ready for dynamic pricing go-live.
- I-70 MEXL: The fiscal year for the Mountain Express Lanes runs from November 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>. Toll rate adjustments on this corridor are aligned with the MEXL fiscal year. Staff will return with recommendations for dynamic pricing algorithm criteria—incorporating the 4.5% CPI and O&M increases—to be implemented on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Next Steps:

- The CTIO Board is encouraged to provide feedback on the recommended updates to the toll rates and dynamic pricing algorithm criteria for all corridors.
- CTIO staff will integrate any requested changes and return at the next board meeting with a resolution for CTIO Board approval of the updated toll rates and dynamic pricing algorithm criterion.

## Attachments:

Attachment A - FY27 Toll Rate Adjustment Technical Memo for Time-of-Day Pricing and Dynamic Pricing Algorithm Criterion for CTIO Express Lanes

Attachment B - Tolling Policy and FY27 Toll Rate Adjustment PowerPoint