



## **Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO)<sup>1</sup> Board of Directors Minutes**

**Held: Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 10:00 a.m.**

The CTIO meeting was broadcast on YouTube Live. A recording of the meeting can be found [here](#). The recording will be available for six months on YouTube after the meeting has been held. After that time, it will be archived.

The regular meeting of the CTIO Board of Directors was convened in accordance with applicable statutes of the State of Colorado, with the following Directors present:

- Cecil Gutierrez, Vice-Chair (in-person)
- Shelly Cook (in-person)
- Gina Sacripanti (remote)
- Terry Hart (in-person)

### **Roll Call Regular Meeting**

All board members, except Director Moran, were present. The meeting began at 10:01 a.m.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment in person. However, the CTIO Board secretary noted that a written response to public comment had been provided to the Board. The Board thanked staff for the detailed and thorough response.

### **Comments from Directors**

There were no comments from CTIO Directors.

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<sup>1</sup> The High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) is now doing business as the Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO). CTIO is how the enterprise will refer to itself now and in the future, however, the HPTE name is retained for legislative and legal documents.

## Construction/Operations/Maintenance Questions from board members

CTIO staff reported to the Board that there had striping modifications to the I-25 reversible lanes northbound exit, Segment 2 (close to the Thornton Park and Ride), and also on Segment 3 at 144th Street. CTIO staff confirmed that these changes were made in response to public feedback.

CTIO staff and the Board also discussed the C-470 Express Lanes northbound entrance from I-25 on the corridor. Staff confirmed that they are reviewing how this intersection could be improved.

The Board thanked staff for their responsiveness to public feedback aimed at improving the safety of all roadway users.

## Director's Report

CTIO Director Darlington provided the Director's Report, which included information on the following:

- The Joint Service Principals held their first official Executive Oversight Committee (JSEOC) meeting recently at the RTD headquarters. The group elected a Chair, Debra Johnson, General Manager, and a Vice Chair, Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Director.
- RTD will be creating a simple webpage on the agency's website to serve as a repository for meeting agendas and publishing forthcoming JSEOC meeting times and locations. CTIO will link to this from the CDOT webpage, once the official one is established.
- The JSEOC Principals anticipate meeting monthly, and a coordinated communications plan for the Joint Service project is currently in development.
- Details were also provided on the CTIO Board Retreat and the upcoming rail and road trip with the Transportation Commission in October. CTIO staff confirmed they would share a detailed itinerary with the Board.

## Consent Agenda

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Director Cook and seconded by Director Hart, a vote was conducted, and Resolution #478, August 20, 2025 Minutes, was unanimously approved.

## Tolling Services Agreement (TSA) Eighth Amendment

Jason McEldowney, Technical Program Manager, presented to the board on the CTIO Commercial Back-Office System (CBOS) Program. It included information on the following:

- Overview of the program and associated goals
- E-470/CTIO Tolling Services Agreement wind-down
  - Activity since the May 2025 Board Update
  - Items for awareness and Board action

### Discussion

CTIO staff and the Board discussed the opportunity the CBOS presents for transit transactions, past experience with issues reading licence plates with the current system, and opportunities to process other types of transactions with CDOT and other state agencies.

## I-25 North Tolling Commencement

Nathaniel Benton, CTIO Toll Systems Specialist , and Tim Hoover, Deputy Director for Communications, CDOT, presented to the board on the initial toll rate setting for I-25 North (from Berthoud to Fort Collins) and the public outreach associated with the Safety and Toll Enforcement Program (STEP) that will begin when the tolling testing period commences. The presentation included information on the following:

- CTIO Tolling Policy and Toll Rate Setting Methodology
- Traffic and Revenue study and sensitivity analysis
- Calculating results
- Operational Policy
- Proposed toll rates
- Next Steps
- STEP rollout timeline
- STEP Communication Plan

### **Discussion**

CTIO staff and the Board discussed the current revenue capture rates, as well as the \$25 surcharge for vehicles with four or more axles.

**ACTION:** The Board requested that staff review the current surcharge rates and provide further information at a future meeting.

## First Amendment to Fiscal Year 2025/26 Annual Budget

Piper Darlington, CTIO Director, provided a brief overview of the amendments to the annual budget which are related to the Globeville and Elyria Swansea Connector, Mountain Rail, Joint Service, and tolling equipment installation costs.

### **Discussion**

- CTIO staff and board members discussed the sales tax and processing costs included in the budget.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Director Hart and seconded by Director Cook, a vote was conducted, and Resolution #479, First Amendment to Fiscal Year 2025/26 Annual Budget, was unanimously approved.

## Adjournment

The CTIO Board adjourned at 11:12 a.m.