



Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO)¹ Board of Directors Minutes

Held: Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 11:30 a.m.

The CTIO meeting was broadcast on YouTube Live. A recording of the meeting is available [here](#) for the 11:30 am - 12:30 pm section, and this [link](#) is for the recording of the joint workshop with the TC at 1:00 pm. The recordings will be available on YouTube for six months after the meeting. 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, Chair (in-person)
- Nellie Moran, Vice-Chair (in-person)
- Shelly Cook (in-person)
- Gina Sacripanti (in-person)
- Terry Hart (in-person)
- Patricia Canonico (in-person)

Roll Call Regular Meeting

All board members were present. The meeting began at 11:32 a.m.

Public Comment

The CTIO Board received a written public comment from Kurt Huffman regarding the Safety and Toll Enforcement Program (STEP) and from Becky English, Colorado Sierra Club Transportation Chair, regarding funding for multimodal projects.

New Board Member Swearing In

Patricia Canonico was sworn in as the newest board member representing the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Region. CTIO board members and staff welcomed Director Canonico to the board.

¹ 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. publicMetropolitan

Comments from Directors

Director Sacripanti highlighted the letter she received from the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) regarding a traffic and revenue analysis. Following a discussion, the CTIO Board directed staff to meet with PPACG to further explore this request.

Board members also discussed a recent trip by one of the members to San Francisco and their observations on the transportation system relating to road striping.

Director's Report

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

- Participation in a recent Commuting Solutions Legislative Breakfast.
- Update on publication of the Annual Legislative Report ahead of the January 15, 2026, deadline.
- The Globeville and Elyria Swansea Tolling Equity Program Annual Report is included in the informational-only section of the agenda.
- Participation in a meeting of the Joint Service Executive Oversight Committee (JSEOC). An executive session between the CTIO Board and the Transportation Commission regarding recent negotiations with Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) was discussed as potentially taking place on January 27.

Construction/Operations/Maintenance Questions from board members

Board members and staff discussed the target opening date for the I-25 North Berthoud to Johnstown project.

Consent Agenda

ACTION: Upon a motion by Director Sacripanti, seconded by Director Hart, a vote was held, and Resolution #485, December 19th, 2025, Minutes, was unanimously approved.

Tolling Equipment Financing Agreement (TEFA)

CTIO Director Darlington provided a presentation on the Tolling Equipment Financing Agreement (TEFA) and the associated budget amendment.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Director Cook, seconded by Vice-Chair Moran, a vote was held, and Resolution #486, Second Amendment to the FY 2025-26 Final Budget Allocation Plan re TEFA, was unanimously approved.

The CTIO board took a break at 12:07 a.m.

The CTIO board returned at 1:04 p.m.

Joint workshop with the Transportation Commission on CDOT's 10-Year Plan

The CTIO Board held a joint workshop with the Transportation Commission on CDOT's 10-Year Plan.

Presentations from CDOT staff (available [here](#)) focused on priority projects for Regions one and four and included details on projects that could, in the future, have a financial contribution from CTIO including I-270, I-25 (segments 2a, 2b, 3b, and 4), and Bustang.

Discussion

CDOT and CTIO staff, Commissioners, and CTIO board members discussed the following:

- Bustang funding as it relates to Express Lanes.
- The funding gap for Bustang needs to be addressed, along with the associated timeline for closing it.
- Bustang ridership and modeling.
- CTIO Board members expressed support for transit projects, including Bustang, noting they look forward to learning more about the funding request. They also highlighted that Express Lanes will remain part of the solution to improve transit and multimodal transportation.
- I-25 Segment 4 safety statistics and greenhouse gas emissions reductions resulting from Express Lanes.

Adjournment

The CTIO Board adjourned at 2:33 p.m.