



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

**Held: Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 10:00 a.m.**

The CTIO meeting was broadcast on YouTube Live. A recording of the first part of the meeting can be found [here](#) for six months after it was 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:

- Karen Stuart, Chair (in-person)
- Cecil Gutierrez, Vice-Chair (in-person)
- Nellie Moran (in-person)
- Nissa Erickson (remote)
- Eula Adams (in-person)
- Shelly Cook (remote)
- Gina Sacripanti (in-person)

### **Roll Call Regular Meeting**

All board members were present. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Kurt Huffman provided public comment on the Express Lanes Safety and Toll Enforcement Program. Information was also provided in hard copy by Mr. Huffman related to his public comment.

### **Comments from Directors**

CTIO Directors provided brief comments related to possible future agenda items, including Plenary Roads Denver (PRD) presenting to the board, and also conducted a round of introductions for new CTIO staff.

Chair Stuart asked the new CTIO staff to introduce themselves and the Board introduced themselves.

### **Director's Report**

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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.

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

- Update on the Safety and Toll Enforcement Program (STEP), which went live on Central 70 and I-25 South Gap.
- Attendance at the Commuting Solutions Annual Legislative Breakfast.
- Peer exchange with NYSDOT and CDOT to tour Central 70 and I-70 Mountain Express Lanes (MEXL)
- Update on the I-25 North road closures associated with Segment Five.
- Overview of the 2024 Annual Legislative Report.

## **Legislative Update**

Emily Haddaway, CDOT Legislative Liaison, provided the legislative update to the board, which included details on the CDOT legislative priorities for the transportation bills introduced so far in the session.

### **Discussion**

- CTIO Board members and CDOT staff discussed a bill related to an additional Transportation Planning Organization (TPR).

## **Consent Agenda**

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Gutierrez and second by Director Adams, a vote was conducted, and Resolution #459, November 20, 2024 minutes, was unanimously approved.

## **Annual Financial Statements Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024**

Kay Hruska, CDOT Controller, presented the Annual Financial Statements to the board, noting the process followed and the support from CDOT and CTIO staff in ensuring another successful audit without any findings.

### **Discussion**

- CTIO Board members thanked the CDOT team for all their work on the audit, discussed the audit process for contractors, and how this could be included in the future.

## **Senate Bill 24-184 (Support Surface Transportation Infrastructure Development) Update**

Piper Darlington, CTIO Director, provided a short overview of the key activities related to the implementation of Senate Bill 24-184, which included:

- Update on ticket sales for the Winter Park Express (Ski Train) - 90 percent of all weekend service is fully booked.
- Update on bringing together different entities (RTD, FRPR, CTIO, CDOT, etc.) related to the North West Corridor Project and a possible intergovernmental agreement.
- Update on progress to develop the Multimodal Strategic Capital Plan and when the board will see a draft.

### **Discussion**

- CTIO Board members and staff discussed the ski train and its impact on I-70 congestion, and if that could be tracked in the future.

## **CDOT's 10-Year Plan Overview**

Darius Pakbaz, Director of the Division of Transportation Development, provided a brief overview of the process that CDOT follows related to the 10-Year Plan. The presentation focused on the following:

- Desired Outcomes of Planning
- Multimodal Planning at CDOT
- Planning Partner Engagement
- Public Engagement
- Key Planning Documents
- Plan Development
- Performance Based Planning
- Planning Cycle Goals
- Transparency and Accountability
- The Green House Gas (GHG) Planning Standard
- 2050 Statewide and Regional Plan Timeline
- 10-Year Plan Development Timeline
- Transition Between Plans

### **Discussion**

- CTIO Board members and staff discussed the GHG reduction targets, how the CTIO Multimodal Strategic Capital Plan will fit into CDOT's 10-Year Plan, how it considers financing, alignment with Policy Directive 14, and the next time the CTIO Board can expect an update (August was agreed on as the best time).

## **I-70 Peak Period Shoulder Lanes (PPSL) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Update**

Piper Darlington, CTIO Director, provided a presentation to the board on the I-70 Peak Period Shoulder Lane Expansion of Operations. It included information on the following:

- 2024 timeline of activities
- Project leadership team purpose
- Selected solution: hours and days with a flexible allowance
- Next steps

### **Discussion**

- CTIO Board members congratulated staff on the resolution and discussed the process of finalizing the new operational parameters.

## **Globeville and Elyria Swansea Tolling Equity Program Update**

Simon Logan, CTIO Special Projects Lead and Policy Analyst, provided a presentation on the progress of the Globeville and Elyria-Swansea Tolling Equity Program to the board which focused on the following:

- Background on the program and why it was developed

- Approved program
- Benefits distributed to date
- Possible changes to the program

### **Discussion**

- CTIO board members and staff discussed the benefit distribution and proposed changes, as well as possible alternative uses of the funds to be explored (such as e-bikes).
- The CTIO Board agreed that the proposed changes would likely improve the program and invited staff to return with a resolution detailing what was discussed.

## **Safety and Toll Enforcement Program - Safety Patrol Sponsorship**

Josh Gerace, Deputy Chief of Tolling Operations, provided a presentation on the possible STEP Safety Patrol Sponsorship. The presentation included information on the following:

- Discussion to date and key details of the proposal
- Initial concepts
- Next steps

### **Discussion**

- The CTIO Board members and staff discussed the proposal, agreed that it would be a good use of STEP funds, and directed staff to return with a proposal at a future meeting.

## **Adjournment**

The CTIO Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m.