



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

**Held: Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 10:45 a.m.**

The CTIO meeting was broadcast on YouTube Live. A recording of the first part of the meeting can be found [here](#) and the second part is available [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 (in-person)
- Gina Sacripanti (in-person)

### Roll Call Regular Meeting

All board members, with the exception of Director Sacripanti, were present. The meeting began at 10:45 a.m.

### Public Comment

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

### Comments from Directors

There were no comments from CTIO Directors.

### Director's Report

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

- Update on collections of the Congestion Impact Fee.

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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.

- Update on the Winter Park Ski Train expansion ridership - an increase of 150% compared to last year.
- Confirmation that CTIO published reports as required as part of Senate Bill 24-184 by March 1, 2025.
- Overview of recent participation in various rail meetings including the RTD board meeting and Front Range Passenger Rail Board meeting.

Director Sacripanti joined the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

## **Construction/Operations/Maintenance updates and questions from Directors**

### **Discussion**

- CTIO Board members and staff discussed the possible timing of tolling commencement on I-25 North (Berthoud to Fort Collins) based on the equipment installation and testing schedule.

## **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 as well as various questions from Joint Budget Committee members regarding CTIO revenues.

## **Communications Update**

Tim Hoover, CDOT Deputy Director of Communications - Policy and Programs, provided a brief presentation to the board related to communication and outreach associated with STEP. The presentation included information on the following:

- I-70 Mountain Corridor Text Alert Service
- Media and Advertising
  - Direct media sponsorships
  - Print advertising
  - Influencer partnerships
  - Grassroots partnerships
- Creative and video production
- Website updates

### **Discussion**

- CTIO Board members thanked staff for the update and commended them on the significant outreach efforts undertaken to date to reduce the number of people inappropriately using the Express Lanes under STEP.
- CTIO Board members and staff discussed possible additional avenues to explore with outreach. Staff agreed to consider board member comments to improve the outreach efforts.

## **Consent Agenda**

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Gutierrez and second by Director Adams, a vote was conducted and Resolution #464, February 19, 2025 minutes, was unanimously approved.

## **Fiscal Year 2025-26 Fee for Service Intra Agency Agreement (IAA)**

Piper Darlington, CTIO Director, presented information on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Fee for Service IAA, noting that this had been discussed with the board at a previous meeting, and asked for approval.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Gutierrez and second by Director Adams, a vote was conducted and Resolution #465, Fiscal Year 2025-26 Fee for Service IAA, was unanimously approved.

## **Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget**

Piper Darlington, CTIO Director, presented information on the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget, noting that this had been discussed with the board at a previous meeting and asked for approval.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Gutierrez and second by Director Cook, a vote was conducted, and Resolution #465, Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget, was unanimously approved.

## **Executive Session**

CTIO Board Chair Stuart proposed a motion to convene the Board in a joint executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice and an update on litigation against CTIO regarding toll evasion violations. The executive session discussion is required to be kept confidential pursuant to Sections 24-6-402(3)(a)(II) and (III). Upon a motion by Director Cook and second by Director Sacripanti, the CTIO Board entered the Executive Session at 11:43 am. Members of the public were excused.

The CTIO Board exited the executive session at 12:05 p.m. The public was invited to return.

## **Joint Workshop with the Transportation Commission related to Senate Bill 24-184 Joint Service Update**

Diane Barrett (special advisor to the Governor), Del Walker (HNTB), and Tom Rousakis (EY) provided a presentation on a Senate Bill 24-184 report that required coordination with various transportation agencies to implement the completion of construction and operation of the Northwest Fixed Guideway Corridor, including an extension of the corridor to Fort Collins, as the first portion of Front Range Passenger Rail. The presentation included information on the following:

- Lowest cost option for joint starter service
- Starter joint service base investment assumptions
- Cost savings overview and process, including the estimated gap in funding.
- Planning-level capital costs
- Annual operations and maintenance costs for three round trips daily
- Capital and operating funding sources
- SB 24-184 and SB 24-230 revenue forecast
- SB 24-230 Clean Transit Enterprise Fund
- RTD financial snapshot
- RTD five-year financial forecast
- Preliminary Scenario Output

### **Discussion**

- TC, CTIO Board members, CDOT staff, and the presenters discussed the costs associated with the plan, the funding gap, the next steps and the timeline.

## **Adjournment**

The CTIO Board adjourned at 1:07 p.m.