

# CDOT Statewide Transportation Policy

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## **CDOT MISSION**

The Mission of the Colorado Department of Transportation is to provide Colorado with the best possible multimodal transportation system that will effectively move people, goods, and information.

## **CUSTOMER FOCUS**

CDOT will strengthen its relationships with the increasingly informed and interested citizenry by reinforcing the public participation process to include out-reach, early involvement and review, candid and understandable presentations, and consistency in follow-up. The process must include local governments, interest groups, and formal organizations, along with methods to solicit and respond to the views of all those impacted by transportation performance, improvements and financing.

## **LEADERSHIP**

CDOT will bring together varied interests to address the transportation needs and issues of Colorado's ever-changing social and physical environment. With a commitment to its vision, CDOT will utilize its unique statewide perspective and range of expertise in reaching optimal transportation solutions with its broad customer base.

## **MANAGEMENT OF THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

CDOT will ensure through partnership that a unified statewide transportation system is planned, developed, coordinated, operated and maintained by considering the full range of alternatives available to service transportation needs. The management process should facilitate the movement of people, goods, information, and services. System management should promote efficient use and enhancement of existing facilities and preserve corridors for future transportation demand.

## **INTERMODALISM**

CDOT will develop a balanced intermodal transportation system that provides the most appropriate transportation options, and takes advantage of the inherent efficiencies of each mode. CDOT will go beyond the traditional single-occupancy vehicle highway improvements by emphasizing a multimodal and intermodal approach to transportation planning, development, and maintenance. Such an approach is necessary to respond to the diverse needs of both urban and rural customers, to preserve and improve the environment, and to ensure the connectivity and interaction of modes.

## **PARTNERSHIP**

CDOT will develop, support and/or participate in the formation of formal and informal partnerships for the quality development and implementation of Colorado's transportation goals. Through cooperative efforts and shared responsibilities, these partnerships will help to leverage the limited resources available, and tap new sources of support for transportation development in Colorado.

## **INTEGRATE REGIONAL AND STATEWIDE PRIORITIES**

CDOT will collaborate with our partners to build consensus for the integration of local, regional

and statewide transportation priorities. In order to optimize a limited resource base, effective integration requires mutual respect while addressing the issues and priorities of competing interests.

## **FINANCE**

CDOT will pursue diverse and cooperative funding options to reflect the interrelated nature of all modes within the transportation system. Public understanding of the financial requirements of the transportation system is a prerequisite for developing additional funding options that are reliable, equitable, flexible, adequate and acceptable. In an increasingly competitive environment for already limited resources, CDOT acknowledges and shares the public's concern over the cost and efficiency of government services. CDOT will continue to enhance its financial management practices to demonstrate accountability toward achieving established benchmarks.

## **SAFETY**

CDOT will work cooperatively to promote safety in transportation through education, engineering and enforcement. CDOT will support innovative programs to enhance user, worker and vehicular safety, to improve conditions and facilities, and to reduce the risk of injuries, fatalities, and related costs.

## **BALANCE QUALITY OF LIFE FACTORS**

CDOT recognizes the complex interrelationship of the environment, economic vitality and mobility, and is committed to balancing these factors in the development and implementation of the statewide transportation plan. By working with local, regional and state interests, CDOT will advocate the development of a coordinated decision-making process that balances the long range transportation, land use and quality of life needs in Colorado. It is not the intent of the Commission or CDOT to prohibit or interfere with local land use decisions.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

CDOT will promote a transportation system that is environmentally responsible and encourages preservation of the natural and enhancement of the created environment for current and future generations. We will incorporate social, economic, and environmental concerns into the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operations of the state's existing and future transportation system. With the active participation of the general public, federal, state and local agencies, we will objectively consider all reasonable alternatives to avoid or minimize adverse impacts.

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

CDOT will promote a transportation system that is reliable and accessible to potential users. Including the transportation disadvantaged. Accessibility includes the availability of modal choices and connectivity, ease of use, relative cost, proximity to service and frequency of service. CDOT encourages multimodal accessibility to employment, medical care, shopping and other commerce, housing and leisure.

## **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

CDOT recognizes the value of human capital in achieving state goals, and maintains a commitment to fostering nondiscriminatory practices in a safe and healthy work environment. Our commitment to fair and equitable business practices encompasses the interests of all of our customers. Overall, the general welfare of the total public will be continually reflected in CDOT's decision-making processes. ❖