



August 29, 2023

To: Transportation Planning Region Boundary Study Advisory Committee Members
Transportation Commissioners
Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee Members
CC: Shoshana Lew, CDOT Executive Director

RE: Opposition to modifying TPR/MPO boundaries in CDOT Region 3

Dear Transportation Planning Region Boundary Study Advisory Committee Members,
Transportation Commissioners and Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee Members,

On behalf of the City of Steamboat Springs City Council, I am writing this letter to support the Northwest Transportation Planning Region's opposition to modifying the TPR/MPO boundaries in CDOT Region 3. The Northwest TPR is located in CDOT's Region 3 and is comprised of five counties (Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt) as well as the 10 municipalities within those counties. **In regard to the potential changes in TPR boundaries, we request that our Northwest Transportation Planning Region stay the same and that there are no additions or deletions of the members currently within the NWTPR boundary.**

Our agencies confirm participation in an Intergovernmental Agreement each year, which includes acknowledging our cooperation in developing and maintaining a long-range Regional Transportation Plan, committing to participation in the Northwest Transportation Planning Region, and voting on chair and vice chair and representatives for STAC. Our TPR has worked together for many years with the goal to support the needs of all of the participating agencies in our rural NWTPR, even though there are differing priorities and there is never enough funding for all the needed projects.

We appreciate that CDOT is looking to ensure consistency and transparency of the TPR process throughout the state, and we are happy to assist with that endeavor. However, we believe our current boundaries and participating counties of the NWTPR are appropriate and should remain unchanged. Furthermore, we feel that all of the TPR boundaries within Region 3 work well for participating agencies and should stay as is.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robin Crossan".

Robin Crossan
City Council President
City of Steamboat Springs