

Resolution
No: 23-01

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING A CHANGE TO THE SOUTHEAST AND SOUTH CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING REGION BOUNDARIES.

WHEREAS, the Southeast Transportation Planning Region responsibilities include the planning efforts for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Southeast Colorado within the Region 6 planning area; and

WHEREAS, membership is comprised of representatives from the twenty-six municipalities and six counties of Southeast Colorado counties of Baca, Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero and Prowers and officially make up the Southeast Transportation Planning Region (TPR); and

WHEREAS the Colorado Department of Transportation initiated legislation for the 2023 General Assembly to review the TPR boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the legislation passed creating a process for reviewing the TPR boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, 2 CCR 601-22 Section 2.02.1 specifically identifies the conditions which must be met for requesting changes to TPR boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.02.1.3 states "A statement of justification for the change considering transportation commonalities."; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.02.1.4 states "A copy of the resolution stating the concurrence of the affected Regional Planning Commission."; and

WHEREAS, The Southeast Transportation Planning Region members feel that any change to the TPR boundary for the Southeast and South Central TPRs will be detrimental to the planning process that has been in place for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be no benefit to the Southeast and South Central TPRs in support of combining while another area of the State gains a vote on the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, repeated objections from representatives from both Southeast and South Central TPRs have been voiced to the CDOT representatives regarding the proposed boundary changes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Southeast Transportation Planning Region of Region 6 planning area that the proposed change in boundaries of the Southeast TPR is hereby opposed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of the Southeast Transportation Planning Region that copies of this resolution be sent to the Transportation Commission, CDOT Headquarters, and the Governor of the State of Colorado.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THE 25th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.

ATTEST:

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Stephanie Gonzales, SE TPR Chair

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