



Planning Connections - July 2016

CDOT planning news you can use.

Byways Corridor Plans on Website

Each Colorado Scenic and Historic Byway has a Corridor Management Plan that is available under the individual webpage at coloradodot.info/travel/scenic-byways. (The one exception is the newest byway, Tracks Across Borders, which has a conceptual plan.) The Corridor Management Plans are intended to ensure that the scenic and historic qualities of the byways are preserved for future generations. These plans can be accessed for additional information on specifically designated roadways. If you have questions, contact either the local byway representative or [Lenore Bates](#). Eleven of Colorado's 26 byways are nationally designated, the largest number of any state in the country. Other current Scenic Byway activities include the development of a Scenic Byways Strategic Plan with the Scenic Byways Commission, and completion of a study on the economic impact of Scenic Byways.

Economist joins Multimodal Planning Branch



Oana Deselnicu, an economist, recently joined the Multimodal Planning Branch. Oana will conduct economic analyses to support a number of planning activities including the Freight Program, Bike/Ped Program, development of the Multimodal Freight Plan, scenario planning, economic impact analysis, and project selection. Most of Oana's training, background, and skills are in data analysis, econometrics, and market research. She has experience working with product scanner data at the retail level to optimize prices and promotion activities for various consumer packaged goods. She also has extensive experience conducting new product testing, design, and pricing. Her work in the private sector includes analyses for a measurement and market insight company (Nielsen) and a tech company (Oracle). She has recently become more interested in public service. Oana has a master's degree in science in applied economics and a doctorate in agricultural and resource economics.

Updates in Brief

- **RUC Planning** - A CDOT pilot focusing on a road usage charge (RUC) method of collecting transportation revenues is under way. The first phase will involve up to 20 CDOT employees. In the second phase, 100-150 external participants will pilot a RUC December through April 2017. Methods of calculating mileage include a GPS-enabled mileage reporting device, a "pay and forget" method of signing up for the program once and having charges paid automatically out of a credit card, and simple odometer readings. Contact [Tim Kirby](#) for additional information.
- **Risk Assessments** - [Leslie Feuerborn](#) of Safe Routes to Schools program piloted an approach for assessing the risk to CDOT of certain sub-recipients that use federal funds. Project Support's Local Agency group developed the approach that Leslie tested. Leslie estimated that using the approach with the sub-recipients takes about an hour a week per sub-recipient.
- **Region 2 Bike-Ped Inventory** - An inventory of the existence and condition of state-owned bike-pedestrian facilities is about 90 percent complete in CDOT Region 2. The inventory uses such online tools as OTIS and Google Earth, as well as other resources. After the inventory is

complete, the project team and Region 2 staff will determine what information is missing and what resources are available to provide it before replicating the inventory method in other CDOT Regions. The intent is to complete a statewide inventory of bike and pedestrian facilities in 2017. Contact [Ken Brubaker](#) for additional information.

- **Main Street Guide** - CDOT, the Department of Local Affairs, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment are partnering on a main streets guide to help local communities work with CDOT to transform main streets that also are state highways. The guide is an illustration of best practices. Revisions to the first draft are expected to be completed by September. Contact [Betsy Jacobsen](#) for more information.
- **Bike to Work Day** - Bike to Work Day was June 29. [Betsy Jacobsen](#) said the numbers of CDOT employees statewide taking part in Bike to Work Day were encouraging, but still not up to the level of eight to nine years ago.
- **Together We Go** - The last telephone town hall of the Together We Go effort to inform CDOT organizational units, its planning partners, and the general public about CDOT issues and progress took place on July 19. The next Together We Go initiative is to begin distribution of materials ("meeting in a box") so that CDOT personnel outside the Multimodal Planning Branch can give presentations. Contact [Aaron Willis](#) if you are planning to give a presentation to organizations in your area.
- **FAC** - The Freight Advisory Council is meeting once every quarter instead of once a month, with FAC working committees carrying the work forward in between quarterly meetings. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for October 4.
- **Freight Network** - CDOT Regions are reaching out to their metropolitan planning organizations and rural transportation planning regions on the designation of Critical Rural and Urban Freight Corridors to add to the National Highway Freight Network. Freight projects must be on the network in order to be eligible for \$85 million in federal freight funding over the next five years. Colorado is permitted no more than 240 additional miles of freight corridors (160 miles, rural; 80 miles, urban).
- **AASHTO Appointment** - Ken Brubaker of the Bike-Pedestrian Section has been accepted as a member of the Committee on Non-Motorized Transportation of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). Ken will be commenting on an update of AASHTO's *Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities*, as well as other biking and walking issues. He attended his first meeting in June in Baltimore.
- **Planning Resources** - Two types of planning resources are available in Google Docs: [FAQs](#) on various planning topics and [technical memos](#) on different aspects of 2040 transportation plan development. The vetted FAQs cover a range of topics, from the ski train to transportation finance, and were developed primarily for the most recent round of transportation town halls. The technical memos include those on the statewide planning website, such as on Policy Directive 14, as well as those intended for internal use. A third resource on SharePoint is a [research library](#), which contains links to various webinars, PowerPoint slides, studies, videos, and fact sheets. The *TRB Newsletter* is the primary source for the research library.

Transportation Commission and STAC

- A summary of the [Transportation Commission's June 15-16 meeting](#) can be found on the STAC webpage.
- Notes from the June 24 STAC meeting will be available in the July packet, also located on the [STAC webpage](#).

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