



## Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)

*This meeting will be hosted virtually*

**November 3, 2022**

**8:30 AM – 10:45 AM**

### ***Agenda***

- 8:30-8:35 **Welcome and Introductions** – Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair
- 8:35-8:40 **Approval of the October Meeting Minutes** - Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair
- 8:40-8:50 **CDOT Update on Current Events (Informational Update)** – Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Director
- 8:50-9:00 **Transportation Commission Report (Informational Update)** – Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair
- Summary report of the most recent Transportation Commission meeting.
- 9:00-9:25 **TPR Representative and Federal Partners Reports (Informational Update)**
- A brief update from STAC members on activities in their TPRs and representatives from federal agencies.
- 9:25-9:40 **Legislative Report (Informational Update)** – Herman Stockinger, Andy Karsian, Jamie Grim  
**CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations (OPGR)**
- Update on recent federal and state legislative activity.
- 9:40-10:05 **Transit in Colorado 2022 Update (Informational Update)** – Ann Rajewski, Executive Director,  
**Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA)**
- An overview of Colorado transit service performance for 2022
- 10:05-10:25 **CDOT Budget Update (Informational Update)** – Jeff Sudmeier, CDOT’s Chief Financial Officer
- An overview of the CDOT budget process
- 10:25-10:40 **Federal Lands Access Program Overview (Action Item)** – Jerad Esquibel, CDOT Director of  
**Project Support, and Jill Locken, Federal Lands Access Program Manager**
- An overview of the Federal Lands Access Program and identification of a Programming Decisions Committee member
- 10:40-10:45 **Other Business** - Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair

## Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)—Meeting Minutes

Recording: <https://youtu.be/Oarzp7H3LG4>

Location: In-Person and Streaming

Date/Time: Thursday, October 6, 2022; 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Chair: Vince Rogalski, Gunnison Valley TPR

### Attendance -

Denver Area:	Nicholas Williams, Ron Papsdorf, Doug Rex	Pikes Peak Area:	John Liosatos, Holly Williams, Danelle Miller
Central Front Range:	Dick Elsner, Dwayne McFall	Pueblo Area:	Chris Wiseman and Eva Cosyleon
Eastern:	Scott Weaver, Chris Richardson, Kenneth Mooney	San Luis Valley:	Keith Baker, Vern Heersink
Grand Valley:	Dana Brosig, Rachel Peterson, Peter Baier	South Central:	Jennifer Oliver
Gunnison Valley:	Vince Rogalski, Michelle Haynes	Southeast:	Stephanie Gonzales
Intermountain:	Bentley Henderson	Southwest:	Jim Candelaria
North Front Range:	Kristin Stephens, Becky Karasko, Suzette Mallette, Johnny Olson	Upper Front Range:	Scott James, Elizabeth Relford
Northwest:	Heather Sloop	Southern Ute Tribe:	None
		Ute Mountain Ute Tribe:	None
		FHWA:	John Cater, Bill Haas, Aaron Bustow, Will Keenan
		FTA:	Kristin Kenyon, Emma Belmont
		Transportation Commissioners:	Eula Adams

### Highlights and Action Items Video Link

1. Welcome and Introductions – Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair ([Video Link 9:20](#))
- Approval of the September Meeting Minutes - Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair ([Video Link 16:09](#))
  - Motion by Scott James to approve the September, 2022 STAC Minutes was seconded and approved unanimously with no changes.
2. CDOT Update on Current Events (Informational Item) – Steve Harelson, CDOT Chief Engineer ([Video Link 16:41](#))
  - Pertinent CDOT updates included a notice of award for the Floyd Hill Grant of \$100 M, accounting for 12% of the annual construction budget. Also given was a brief update on projects that are finalizing or halting due to the incoming winter. Implementation of PMWeb, the project management software that feeds project status dashboards, will allow for more streamlined and accurate project status updates.
3. Transportation Commission (TC) Report (Informational Item) – Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair Summary report of the most recent TC meeting. ([Video Link 20:21](#))
  - The STAC Chair reported on the fact that the GHG Report(s) and 10 Year Plan was approved unanimously. Updates were given on the work that is starting on the budget for FY 23-24 as well as the burgeoning planning process for Asset Management Planning Budgets for FY 25-26. Various reports were given before the TC and many other resolutions were approved. On Wednesday 19th of October, TC is having its annual road trip, this year to Fort Collins.
4. TPR Representatives and Federal Partner Reports (Informational Update) ([Video Link 26:51](#))

- Transportation Planning Regions (TPRs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) reported primarily about their respective construction projects (both being finalized or being halted) in the wake of the changing weather and incoming winter. Some TPRs and MPOs reported on their planning processes around MPOF, CMAQ, TAP, TIP, etc. Some MPOs and TPRs also expressed concerns with limited funding and lack of staffing.
  - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): FHWA reported on its approval of the Colorado NEVI plan allowing CDOT to move forward with identification and authorization of funding for FY 22-23. FHWA reminded STAC of the NOFOs for the various IIJA related discretionary funds still available, recommends to sign up for email updates at FHWA BIL website
  - FTA: Reported on the Transit Bus Automation discretionary funding opportunity available through FTA
5. Legislative Report (Informational Item) - Herman Stockinger, Andy Karsian, and Jamie Grim, CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations (OPGR). [\(Video Link 1:01:07\)](#)
- The Transportation Legislative Review Committee (TLRC) finalized some bills, none that directly impact CDOT, including the following:
    - A bill regarding license plates for rental cars moved forward.
    - A bill about yielding to large commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) at roundabouts also moved forward.
    - A CMV safety law bill updating fines and laws around CMVs
    - A bill around the eAutomated Vehicle ID System usage and is seeking additional enforcement to protect cyclists will return at a future session.
    - A Commercial Chain Bill and a CMCA bill around increasing fees for speeding were also discussed.
    - A reminder that the Midterm Election is coming up in November.
    - Jamie informed STAC on the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Federal Bill that aims to decrease medical and healthcare costs and will invest in clean energy, primarily for electrification and GHG via tax credits. A reminder was given about a continuing resolution active around the State Budget.
- STAC Discussion
- Adding Transit Votes in the TPR/MPO negotiations bill is currently moving forward. Conversations to potentially allow TPRs/MPOs to dictate how to use that vote. As soon as draft language/legislation is created, it will be sent out. Various MPOs and TPRs expressed interest in further discussion.
6. STAC Officer Elections (Action Items) – Rebecca White, Director, Division of Transportation Development, [\(Video Link 1:13:29\)](#)
- Nominations for Vice Chair: Heather Sloop and Kristen Stephens; Motioned and Seconded
  - Nominations for Chair: Vince Rogalski and Keith Baker; Motioned and Seconded
  - Polling Results
    - Vice Chair: Heather Sloop (8-6)
    - Chair: Vince Rogalski (8-6)
7. Office of Innovative Mobility Grant Program (Informational Item) – Kay Kelly, Chief, Office of Innovative Mobility, [\(Video Link 1:49:44\)](#)
- The Office of Innovative Mobility (OIM) informed STAC of its launching of the CDOT OIM Grants Platform to provide grants to private, public, non-profit and local agencies to fund innovative mobility and electrification solutions in the state of Colorado. An overview of the various OIM grants was also given.
  - The purpose of the expanded OIM grant is to help stakeholders with financial assistance to implement programs and projects to support the goals and objectives of the Office of Innovative

Mobility's core mission. This grant encompasses funding and material opportunities from OIM's Mobility Services, Electrification & Energy, and Mobility Technology Programs.

- Notice of Funding for all discussed grants will go out on October 24. A webinar will be hosted November 9th. Grants will be due December 9th with a notice of awards scheduled for mid-January 2023
8. Highway User Tax Fund (HUTF) Funding Distribution (Informational Item) – Jeff Sudmeier, CDOT Chief Financial Officer ([Video Link 2:19:19](#))
    - STAC was provided an overview of the Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) as the largest source of state funding, representing 31% of CDOT revenue and nearly 60% of state revenue to CDOT. HUTF Revenue stems from Motor Fuel Taxes and Registrations, Faster Revenue, Road Usage Fees, Retail Delivery Fees, among other sources including an incoming Electrical Vehicle Fees.
  9. Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise (BTE) Program Update (Informational Item) – Patrick Holinda, BTE Manager ([Video Link 2:44:27](#))
    - The CDOT's Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise (BTE) provided an update on progress the enterprise has made since its inception. Programmatic changes to the BTE were also discussed including new fees to be imposed. The BTE also presented its 10-Year Plan scope with about \$1.1B in total BTE eligible projects left as part of the 10-Year Plan. The financial status of the BTE was also reviewed.
    - Two legislative proposals, a Bridge Preservation Proposal (preventive) and a Bridge Bundling Proposal (replacement) were discussed as additional flexibility for the use of BTE funding.
  10. Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO) Program Overview (Informational Item) – Nicolas Farber, Director, CTIO ([Video Link 3:13:43](#))
    - The Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO) gave an overview of the program's legal framework and mission, and its staff organization and governance.
    - An overview of the CTIO's Express Lanes Network and the CTIO Back Office was given before STAC as well as how CTIO supports key projects and initiatives, primarily via Managed Lanes, Private Investment and Alternative Financing.
  11. Other Business - Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair ([Video Link 3:58:42](#))
    - Next STAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 2022 and it will be held virtually

## DRAFT Transportation Commission (TC) Meeting Minutes

### **Workshops – Wednesday, October, 19, 2022, 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

Recording (YouTube): TC workshop 10/19: <https://youtu.be/28q-gsdXJIM>

#### **Call to Order, Roll Call**

All eleven Commissioners were present: Commissioners Don Stanton (TC Chair), Gary Beedy (TC Vice Chair), Karen Stuart, Kathleen Bracke, Mark Garcia, Lisa Tormoen Hickey, Barbara Vasquez, and Eula Adams, Yessica Holguin, Kathy Hall and Terry Hart.

### **1. Budget Workshop (Jeff Sudmeier and Bethany Nicholas)**

**Purpose & Action:** To review the Proposed FY 2023-24 Annual Budget, set for approval in November 2022. The Division of Accounting and Finance (DAF) is requesting TC review of the Proposed FY 2023-24 Annual Budget Allocation Plan, and feedback to the Department in preparation for the approval of the Proposed FY 2023-24 Annual Budget Allocation Plan in November 2022. Staff will return in February 2023 to present the draft Final Budget Allocation Plan and the TC will be asked to adopt the final budget in March 2023.

#### **Discussion:**

- The debt service rates will not change throughout the 30-year plan as this is built into the plan at the onset.
- Three new line items related to the 10-Year plan are added totalling \$128.2M:
  - Capital Asset Management: \$68M
  - Capital Mobility: \$51.9M
  - Multimodal: \$8.4M
- Even with these additions, the plan still averages about \$325 million per year which was the original estimate.
- The approved FY24 budget was \$269M and will increase to \$278M to adjust for salary increases and funding for the employee housing stipend program. Further adjustments may be required for both of these items.
- Still to come:
  - Decision items which the TC will have an opportunity to review during the February 2022 Budget Workshop.
  - Administration Budget: There will likely be additional adjustments throughout the legislative budget process.
  - Maintenance Reserve and Contingency Funds may be reduced in the Final Budget.
- Timeline and Next Steps:
  - DAF will update the Administration Budget based on the final statewide common policies in November 2022 as well as present the FY 2023-24 Annual Budget Allocation Plan, both for TC approval.
  - The proposed budget may be updated in January 2023.
  - The TC will be asked to review and approve any decision items of \$1M or more in February 2023.
  - The TC will be asked to adopt and review the final FY 2023-24 plan in March 2023.
- FY21-22 Revenue Reconciliation includes \$19.7M in Inflexible Revenues and \$17.3M in Flexible Revenues
- Higher than expected revenues mainly came from the tax revenue associated with higher fuel cost.
- CO received \$102M through FHWA Redistribution.
- There is no formally established budget but the balance reserve is generally kept at about \$40M.

- Next steps:
  - November 2022: Staff will adjust budget allocation for the TC Program Reserve
  - November 2022: Staff will present a package of proposed budget amendments to utilize a portion of the TC Program Reserves for critical initiatives.
  - January 2023: Staff will provide an update on December's revenue forecast.
  - March 2023: the TC will be asked to adopt and review the final budget

## **2. Commission Tour of North I-25 with Elected Officials**

The TC left CDOT HQ directly after the Budget Workshop, and went to the Thornton Park and Ride (PnR), the Wagon Road PnR, a future project site at SH 7 and I-25, had lunch at the CDOT building in Firestone, then visited the Berthoud PnR (TC group was first bus to use it, even though it was not completed) and the TC toured this project in progress, then visited the Loveland/Centerra PnR, drove through the new port of entry, and turned around at Prospect Road to return to CDOT HQ.

During the trip, Jessica Myklebust, Regional Transportation Director (RTD) of CDOT Region 1, and Heather Paddock, CDOT RTD of Region 4, and their staff provided participants with educational information about the projects and the project needs. Commissioners were able to ask questions and discuss the community needs/wants as well with the elected officials present.

## **Regular Meeting - Thursday, October 20, 2022, 9:00 am to 10:30 am**

### **1. Call to Order, Roll Call**

Eleven Commissioners were present: Commissioners (TC Chair) Don Stanton (TC Vice Chair), Gary Beedy, Karen Stuart, Terry Hart, Yessica Holguin, Kathleen Bracke, Mark Garcia, Lisa Tormoen Hickey, Eula Adams, Kathy Hall and Barbara Vasquez

### **2. Public Comments** - None.

### **3. Comments of the Chair and Individual Commissioners**

- The Commissioners mainly discussed the recent I-25 North road trip taken on a Bustang bus, and noted how impactful and beneficial the trip was.
- Many noted that the road trip helped them gain a better understanding of the I-25 corridor and the needs of the surrounding local communities.
- Commission Chair, Don Stanton, noted the need to work to improve safety for the various types of vehicles and travelers that share the roadway system.
- Commission Vice Chair, Gary Beedy, spoke about issues regarding the conflict between passenger vehicles and freight vehicles, including trains.

### **4. Executive Director's Management Report (Shoshana Lew)**

- CDOT has a heavy construction season coming.
- Director Lew attended the groundbreaking for the Floyd Hill project yesterday.
- The I-25 North TC roadtrip pointed to local community needs and helped to identify better approaches for coordination with the local communities.
- CDOT is working on approaches to attract maintenance staff and to hire staff in general.
- Working on the Eisenhower Johnson Memorial Tunnel where maintenance improvements are being implemented.

## **5. Chief Engineer's Report (Steve Harelson)**

- Acknowledged departure from CDOT of Andrew Knapp, a wonderful engineer from Region 3, who did notable work on Glenwood Canyon.
- Vanessa Halladay, Region 1 Environmental Manager who contributed to key environmental work on I-70 WBPSL, and Central 70.
- For research funds, CDOT twice a year reviews research proposals. Regarding material performance and sustainability, a new technique to use recycled plastic as binding agent for pavement is exciting, also safety and environmental impacts relate to this finding.
- The Chief Engineer Book of the Month is an ig nobel 2022 award winner for their economic category. See: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1802.07068.pdf> to access this 30-page report.

## **6. Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO [Formerly HPTE]) Director's Report (Nick Farber)**

- CTIO Board of Directors (BOD) paid off the I-25 North project 2016 Bank of America loan of \$23.6M. This is the CTIO's first major loan to pay off, with more work forthcoming that will require more funds such as tolling equipment, etc. Commissioners asked about savings on interest and other benefits of this payoff.
- The CTIO BOD approved the scope of work for the pilot agreement to allow CTIO to implement Toll Enforcement Rules adopted by the BOD back in June and went into effect in August. This agreement is the result of the passage of HB 22-1074 to enforce usage of Mountain express toll lanes (ETLs). The hope is to be up and running with enforcement by the beginning of 2023. The business rules to be discussed next week in more detail with the BOD.
- Gave the TC a CTIO overview presentation, and also provided a similar presentation to the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC). The North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) - requested more CTIO involvement in their projects. Also see the need to potentially meet with the MPOs - in particular, Pikes Peaks Area Council of Governments (PPACG) and the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). CTIO plans to meet with NFRMPO on this very soon.

## **7. FHWA Division Administrator's Report (Andy Wilson)**

- On the FHWA BIL/IIJA webpage interested parties can sign up for notifications on updates.
- Three Rebuilding America's Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants were awarded in Colorado - \$4.8M - Alamosa Rio Grande Intermodal Transportation Center/Pedestrian Bridge; Pueblo Westside Connector received \$16.8M; and another \$24.2M was awarded to the Westword 3 Project - Grand Junction, Rifle, and Glenwood Springs Mobility Hub improvements.
- \$750K for Bridge Planning will go to the Fillmore Street Bridge Improvements.
- \$100M of INFRA grant money was awarded to the I-70 Floyd Hill Project.
- County Commissioner Wheelock has trust with CDOT which demonstrates that the collaboration has been very effective.
- More grants are coming - large and small bridges and MEGA projects.
- A continuing resolution for federal authorization will end on December 16, and FHWA Colorado received the formula obligation limit of almost \$129M.

## **8. Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Report (Vince Rogalski)**

- STAC met on October 6th.
- Heard of INFRA grant award of \$100M for Floyd Hill.
- Use of PM Web product - for better reporting of project tracking and status.
- Transportation related bills that impact CDOT during legislative update were presented.
- Adding transit agencies as eligible TPR members is a concern with STAC members. Need more clarity on how this will all work.

- STAC election occurred for the next two-year term. Kristin Stephens and Keith Baker were other candidates. Vince was elected for another two-year term as Chair, and Heather Sloop was elected as Vice-Chair.
- The Office of Innovative Mobility announced Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and Electrification Solution grants presented with a call potentially starting on October 24, with a webinar on November 9, and applications due December 9.
- Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) explained by Jeff Sudmeier, CDOT Chief Financial Officer
- A Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise Overview was presented by Patrick Holinda.
- A CTIO overview was presented to the STAC by Nick Farber.
- Next meeting is scheduled for November 3. Vince plans to attend the future STAC meetings in-person.

**9. Discuss and Act on Consent Agenda**

A Motion by Commissioner Hickey to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, passed unanimously.

- a) Proposed Resolution #1: Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2022 (Herman Stockinger)
- b) Proposed Resolution #2: IGA Approval >\$750,000 (Steve Harelson)
- c) Proposed Resolution #3 Adoption of Policy Directive 1900.0 Noise Mitigation Policy (Herman Stockinger and Sari Weichbrodt)

**10. Discuss and Act on Proposed Resolution #4: Budget Supplement of FY 2023 (Jeff Sudmeier and Bethany Nicholas)**

A Motion by Commissioner Garcia to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Beedy, passed unanimously.

**11. Meeting Adjourned: 10:14 am**





# COLORADO

## Department of Transportation

Division of Transportation Development

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### MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STAC)  
**FROM:** REBECCA WHITE, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT  
**DATE:** NOVEMBER 3, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** COLORADO TRANSIT UPDATE 2022

#### Purpose

This memo provides an update on some of the wins and challenges transit agencies in Colorado are facing as well as an overview of the 2022 Ozone Season Transit Grant Program

#### Action

For informational purposes only

#### Background

CASTA, the Colorado Association of Transit Agencies, has over 50 transit agency members from across the state and approximately 40 business members. 2022 has been a year that has brought some exciting new funding options but also some new challenges for transit agencies in Colorado. In 2022 CASTA administered the Ozone Season Transit Grant program for transit agencies in the state other than RTD.

#### Attachments

Colorado Transit Update 2022





# Transit in Colorado 2022 Update

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# Transit Wins

- Increased funding at the Federal level in areas that align with the state's focus like electric transit vehicles and facilities and general formula funding
  - Colorado received funding for 6 transit projects through the 2021 Congressionally Directed Spending process
  - Increased and new state funding of transit and multimodal transportation
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# Challenges Facing Transit

## Supply Chain Issues/ Materials Cost Increases

- Small buses (body-on-chassis) increasing by up to 60%
- Large buses increasing by 10-15%
- Materials for facility construction increasing exponentially

- Buses are being delivered a year or more late
- Bus orders are being cancelled
- Bus parts are hard to come by

## Other Challenges

- Staffing at all levels of agencies
  - Staffing costs
  - Affordable employee housing
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# Transit Post COVID

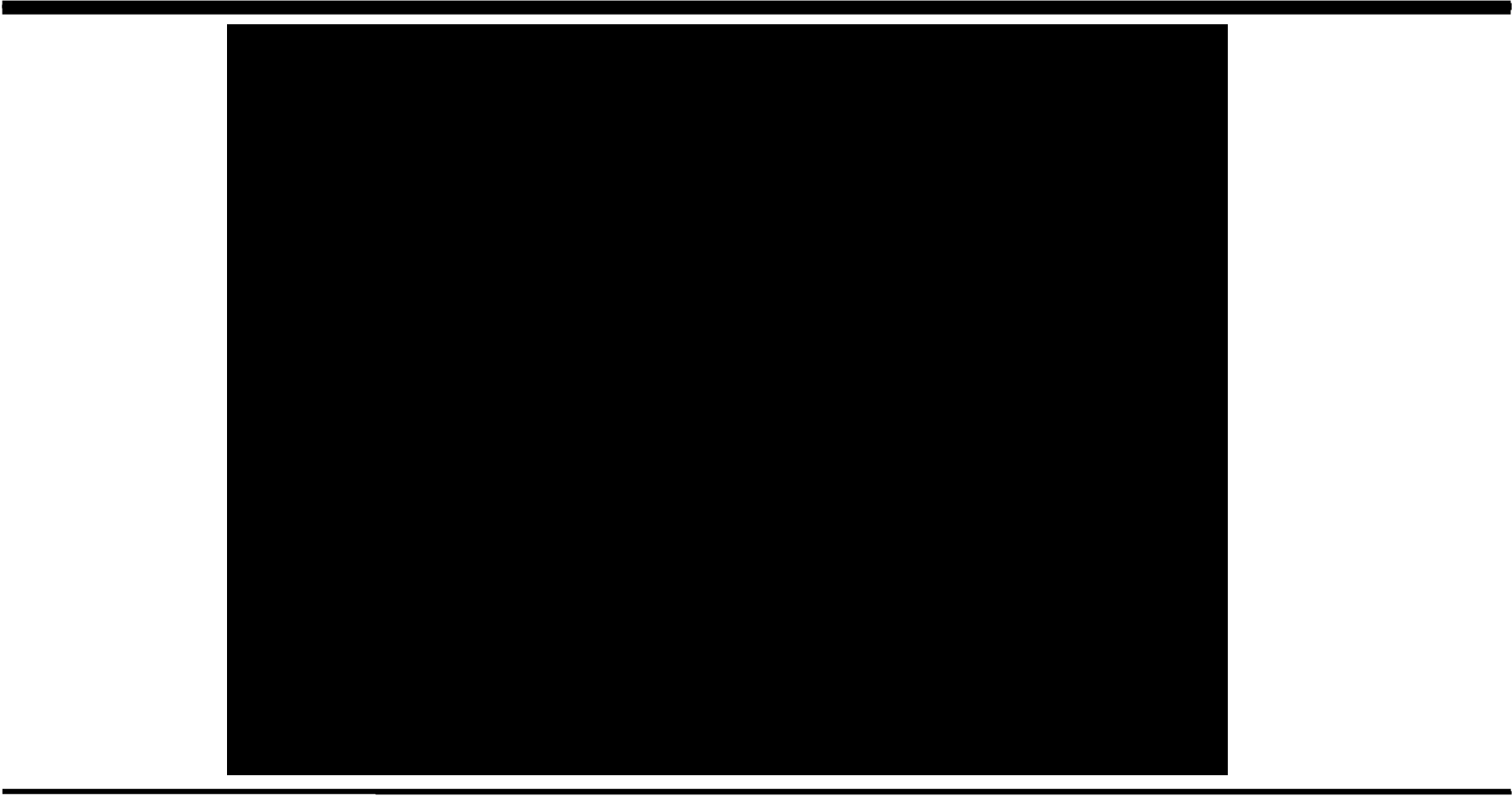
**Urban agencies**-continuing to experience reduced ridership due to hybrid work schedules and other COVID impacts

**Resort agencies**-some experienced higher ridership during COVID than ever before

- Feeling safe participating in outdoor recreation
- More people living full time in what used to be a second home
- Service industry workers still need access to jobs

**Rural agencies**-often carry a higher portion of transit dependant riders seeking access to employment, medical care, nutrition sites and other necessities. Their ridership took a dip but for many they have for the most part recovered.

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# Zero Fare Program Summer 2022



## Participants

- 14 agencies participated (plus one agency that self funded)
- 17 agencies are fare free year round

## Other agencies

- 2 agencies have a mix of fared and always fare free services
  - 3 agencies are larger and provide fixed route service
  - 10 agencies did not participate but are very small and do not provide fixed route service
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# Why not participate?

- Lack of bus drivers
  - Lack of staff capacity
  - Not enough time to put overflow measures into place
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# Zero Fare Grant Requests

Bent County Golden Age Transportation System	\$300.00	NECALG/Prairie Express	\$2,329.42
Bent County Transit	\$4,000.00	City of La Junta Transit	\$1,702.00
Mountain Metropolitan Transit	\$674,109.00	Southern Colorado Community Action Agency	\$4,393.00
Archuleta County Mountain Express	\$560.00	San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation	\$2,500.00
Pueblo Transit	\$135,775.00	Durango Transit, City of Durango	\$24,893.00
City of Greeley - Greeley Evans Transit	\$30,000.00	South Central Council of Governments	\$750.00
Prowers Area Transit	\$5,500.00		<b>\$886,811.42</b>

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# Zero Fare Preliminary Ridership Increases!\*

- Archuleta County: 56%
- Bent County: 10%
- Bent County GATS: 28%
- City of Fountain: 39%
- Durango Transit: 36%
- Greeley (GET): 38%
- La Junta Transit: Up 9%
- Mountain Metro: 48%
- Northeastern Colorado Association of Local Governments: 17%
- Pueblo: 59%
- Prowers Area Transit: 23%
- San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation: 2.8%
- South Central Council of Governments: 2%
- Southern Colorado Community Action Agency/RoadRunner Transit: 40%

\*August 2022 compared to August 2021

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# COLORADO

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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** REBECCA WHITE, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT  
**DATE:** THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** FEDERAL LANDS ACCESS PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND CO PROGRAMMING DECISIONS COMMITTEE MEMBER SELECTION

### Purpose

Provide an overview of the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) and the role of the Programming Decisions Committee (PDC). Identify a replacement local representative to participate on the PDC.

### Action

Identify a replacement local representative to participate on the PDC (to replace former representative, Bentley Henderson).

### Background

FLAP was established in 2012 under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21). It has continued under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) and now the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The PDC is established within each State to make programming decisions and develop a multi-year program of projects in consultation with each applicable Federal agency.

### Next Steps

Identify and approve of a replacement local representative to participate on the PDC (to replace former representative, Bentley Henderson).

### Attachments

*Central Federal Lands, the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) and the role of the Programming Decisions Committee (PDC) presentation.*



# FEDERAL LANDS ACCESS PROGRAM

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## *Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)*

*Jill Locken, CFL, Federal Lands Access Program Manager,  
Federal PDC Representative*

*Jerad Esquibel, Director of Project Support, CDOT, State PDC  
Representative*

CENTRAL FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY DIVISION



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of Transportation

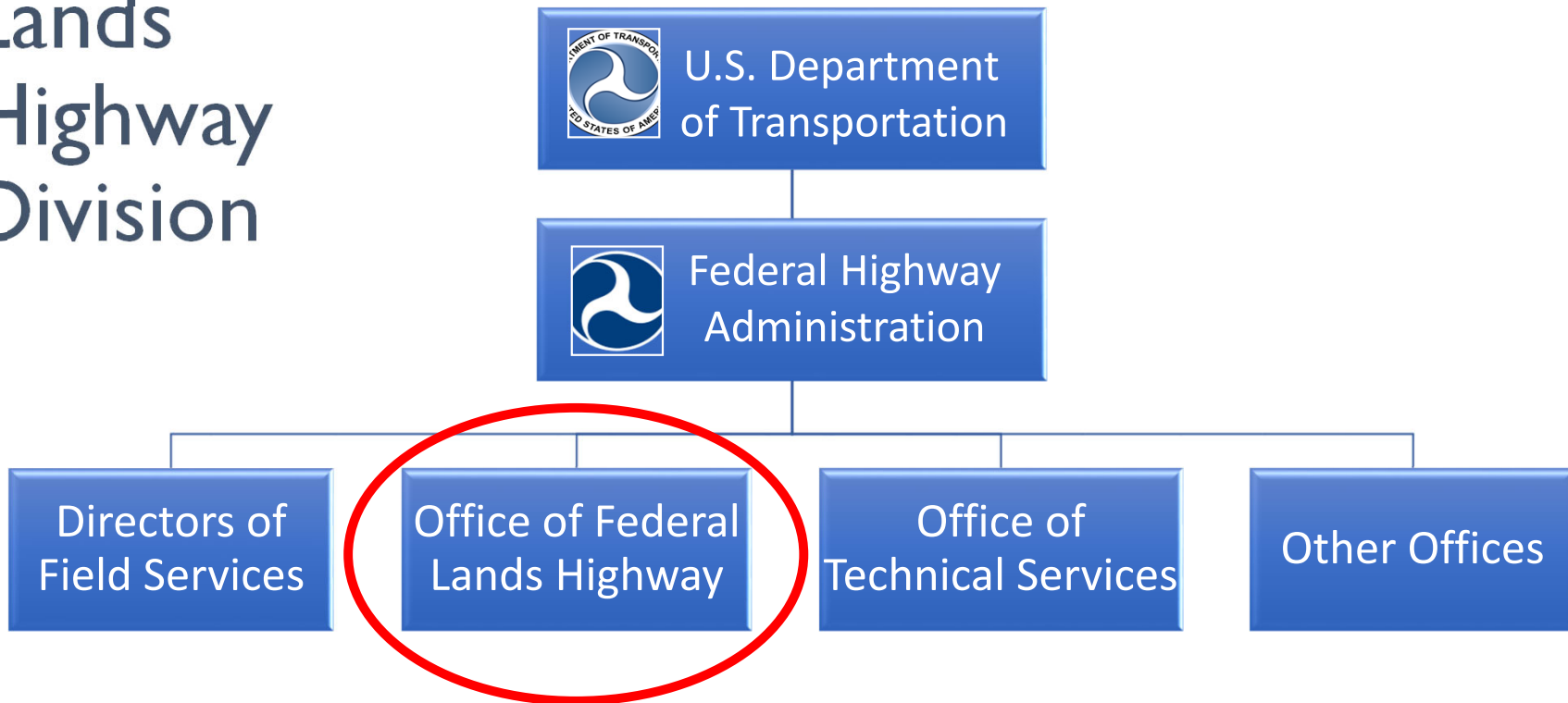
**Federal Highway  
Administration**



# Overview

- Who is Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD)?
- FLAP Program Background
- Programming Decisions Committee
- Questions

# Federal Lands Highway Division





# Federal Lands Highway

***Who We Are:** Administer many different programs and types of funds to facilitate transportation improvements for our federal partners.*

***What We Do:** Assist federal land agencies in the design and construction of aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sensitive highway and bridge projects*





# Central Federal Lands



- FLH is at the forefront of delivering distinctive, sensitive, innovative, and sound engineering projects.
- “Cradle to Grave” transportation engineering services of highways and bridges providing access to/through federal lands.



# FLAP Program

- Background
  - First created in 2012
  - Approximately \$300 million annually
- Goals
  - Improve transportation facilities that provide access to, adjacent to, or are located within federal lands.
  - Emphasis on high-use federal recreation sites and federal economic generators.

# FLAP Funding (Allocated by Formula)

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## Category I:

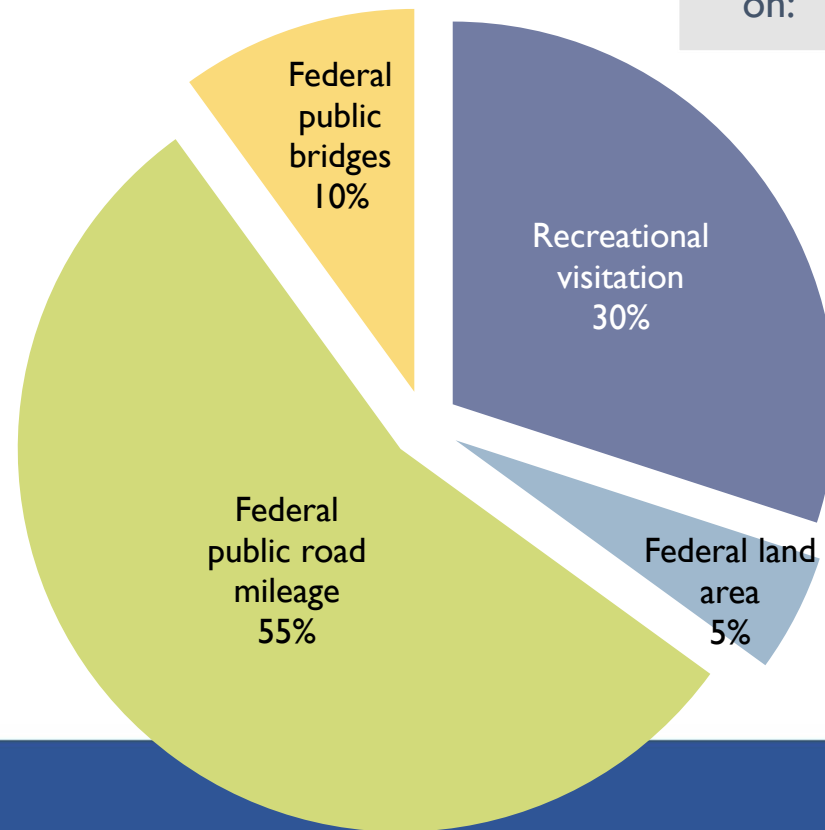
80% of funds go to states with 1.5% or more of federal land viewed on a national scale

## Category II:

Remainder goes to states with less than 1.5% of federal land viewed on a national scale

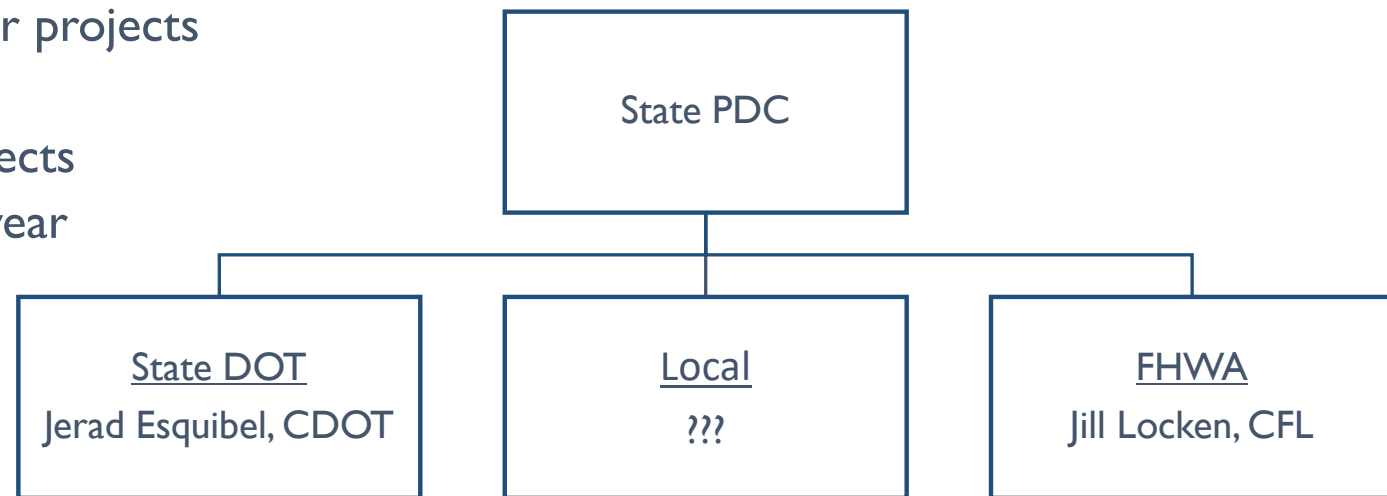
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Within each category, the funds are further allocated based on:



# Who Makes FLAP Decisions?

- Each state has a Programming Decisions Committee (PDC).
- PDC responsibilities include:
  - Develop their own processes and evaluation criteria
  - Establish the next call for projects
  - Review applications
  - Shortlist and select projects
  - Provide input on the 7-year Program of Projects



# PDC Local Representative

- The representative for an appropriate political subdivision of the State (i.e., the local government) should be from an organization or entity that is suited to represent the local entities responsible for building, operating, or maintaining publicly accessible transportation facilities that are located on, are adjacent to, or provide access to Federal lands.
- The local rep should work cooperatively with representatives of local public transportation service providers that provide access to, or which operate within Federal recreation areas within the State and represent local interests for access to Federal lands statewide.
- The local representative may not be affiliated with or work for the Executive Branch of the Federal or State government.



# PDC Commitment

- The PDC usually meets once or twice each year
- Meetings can be in person or virtual
- Heavier lift during a Call for Projects when the PDC reviews submitted applications (every few years)

## QUESTIONS?