



Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)

This meeting will be hosted virtually

April 6, 2023

8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Agenda

- 8:30-8:35 **Welcome and Introductions** – Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair
- 8:35-8:40 **Approval of the March 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)**
- Updates from STAC members and federal agencies
- 9:25-9:55 **Legislative Report (Informational Update)** – Emily Haddaway and Jamie Grim CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations (OPGR)
- Update on recent federal and state legislative activity
- 9:55-10:05 **Break**
- 10:05-10:30 **Revitalizing Main Streets and Multimodal Options Updates (Informational Update)** – Michael Snow and Neysa Bermingham, Division of Transportation Development
- Program status on Revitalizing Main Streets and Multimodal Options Fund and funding expiration challenges
- 10:30-10:50 **Freight Plan Overview (Informational Update)** – Craig Hurst, Manager, Freight Mobility & Safety Branch, Division of Transportation Development
- An overview of the 2024 Statewide Freight Plan
- 10:50-11:10 **Featured Region of the Month: Region 4 (Informational Update)** – Heather Paddock, Region 4 Transportation Director
- Region 4 project highlights
- 11:10-11:30 **Other Business** - Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair
- May In-Person STAC Meeting

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Meeting Notes

Chair: Vince Rogalski, Gunnison Valley TPR

Date/Time: Thursday, March 2, 2023; 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Virtual Only

Recording: March 2, 2023 STAC: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m2NXA9hxrGQ>

Attendance:

Denver Area:	Nicholas Williams, George Teal, and Ron Papsdorf	Pueblo Area:	Eva Cosyleon
Central Front Range:	Dick Elsner, Dwayne McFall, and Samantha Hughes	San Luis Valley:	Keith Baker
Eastern:	Chris Richardson and Scott Weaver	South Central:	Jennifer Oliver and John Galusha
Grand Valley:	Rachel Peterson	Southeast:	Stephanie Gonzales and Ron Cook
Gunnison Valley:	Vince Rogalski and Roger Rash	Southwest:	Jim Candelaria and Sarah Hill
Intermountain:	Brian Pettet	Upper Front Range:	Kevin Ross and Elizabeth Relford
North Front Range:	Scott James, Becky Karasko, Suzette Mallette, and Johnny Olson	Southern Ute Tribe:	None
Northwest:	Heather Sloop and Brian Cerkvenik	Ute Mountain Ute Tribe:	Manuel Heart
Pikes Peak Area:	Holly Williams and Danelle Miller	FHWA:	Bill Haas
		FTA:	Kristin Kenyon
		Transportation Commissioner:	Eula Adams

Highlights and Action Items

1. Welcome and Introductions – meeting commenced at 8:30 am by Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair ([video timestamp 00:01:38](#))
2. Approval of the February 2023 Meeting Minutes ([video timestamp 00:05:45](#))
 - **STAC Action:** STAC took action to approve the February 2023 STAC Meeting Minutes. Holly Williams so moved, and seconded by Nicholas Williams.
3. CDOT Update on Current Events – Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Director ([video timestamp 00:06:51](#))
 - Executive Director Lew and Communications Director are in Washington DC this week.
 - Deadline for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant submittals was this week - CDOT submitted seven applications.
 - Recognized Hannah Reed, Alejandra Garcia-Acevedo and Region Staff for their contributions to this RAISE grant effort.
 - TC agenda for March is as follows:
 - Joint Workshop with CTIO on TIFIA loans for work on I-25 North for Segments 6-8, with Segment 5 being incorporated.
 - Jeff Sudmeier, CDOT Chief Financial Officer, is requesting adoption of CDOT FY 23 - 2024 Budget.
 - Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in Metro Area Presentation - DRCOG and CDOT 10-Year Plans both have BRT planned. Federal, Colorado, Colfax maybe 270, and CO 119.
 - Fiber Infrastructure Update and a fee based proposal for access to CDOT right-of-way for Fiber.

- Safety Update presentation from multiple sections of CDOT - Traffic Engineering, Office of Transportation Safety, Communications Office, and Division of Operations and Maintenance with Incident Management - not an action item.
 - Small Business Diversity Committee Meeting
 - Audit Committee Meeting
4. Transportation Commission (TC) Report – Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair ([video timestamp 00:11:36](#))
- February 15-16 TC Meetings - recommend decision on the FY 23-24 Budget.
 - Emergency repair contingency funds - another \$5.5M requested and was a concern.
 - Avalanche Control - more funds were spent than is usually
 - Office of Innovative Mobility (OIM) proposed a new process for how to request funds for their program
 - Poor Interstate Pavement - target is less than 5% - STAC getting a presentation on this today.
 - Fiber presentation was excellent at TC last month.
 - All items and actions presented via resolution were approved.
5. TPR Representative and Federal Partners Reports ([video timestamp 00:15:09](#))
- DRCOG - Board met in February - Winter Bike to Work Day with 4,200 folks participating.
 - Committee Assignments made - joined by George Teal from Douglas County serving as STAC Alternate
 - Adopted the DRCOG Regional Operations & Technology Strategic Plan
 - Set federal transportation performance targets for safety, pavement and bridge condition and travel reliability, all in coordination with CDOT.
 - CFR - Fairplay to begin some construction work along US 285 including a bridge project for the next couple of years. Also for CO 24 with bridge replacements. Chain Station projects occurring along CO 9 and US285. Thanked Commissioner Hickey for attending a CFRTPR meeting.
 - ETPR - Multiple storms were closing highways, conducted an internal discussion on closures, TPR is facing the same issues as the western slope in terms of the lack of people to plow. An ETPR meeting is scheduled for March 6th.
 - GVMPO - Announced Dana Brosig's news of the birth of a healthy baby boy. Greyhound Bus is no longer serving Grand Junction. The Mobility Hub site has been selected. GVMPO was happy to support RAISE grant applications for Glenwood Canyon and Cottonwood Springs.
 - GVTPR - The US 50 project is three weeks from now planning to restart the project. Could be 15-30 minute delays with one lane open. Optimistically CDOT anticipates project completion in July. Call for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) applications are out. Initial Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options fund (MMOF) program funds expire this June, GVTPR is watching for the expiration date that is coming and may need to apply for an extension, or the funds could be taken back. Some projects due to begin in March where conditions allow. The next GVTPR meeting is scheduled for May 11th. Montrose Regional Airport is the most traveled airport in the Western Slope, over 160,000 passengers were accommodated in 2022. Offering services nationwide out of Montrose. \$37M terminal expansion and remodel of the airport is in its final phase with completion anticipated in early fall if materials are still available.
 - IMTPR - TPR met 2 weeks ago and were requested to support two RAISE grants and the grants were supported after more discussion. The issue was that the IMTPR was not involved in prioritization of these projects - with one being a wildlife crossing that was not a TPR priority. The TPR would like to help create a list of prioritized projects for grants. Terri Partsch has left IMTPR and Brian Pettet is seeking a STAC Alternate representative.
 - NFRMPO held the last NFR Planning Council meeting on February 2, 2023 and the Council approved performance targets and an amendment of the NFRMPO UPWP. NFRMPO is updating the 10-Year List of projects. The NFR Planning Council meets tonight.
 - NWTPR - No TPR meeting has been held since the last STAC meeting. The Grand County RAISE grant was submitted, the big item in the area is dealing with snow.

- PPACG - Attended a breakfast with the state legislature. Approved safety performance targets last month. Colorado Springs approved their Transportation Master Plan update, breaking ground in Colorado Springs on the Central Transit Center, A ramp metering project at NB entrance at I-25 Academy Blvd. is in progress. The Military Access Mobility & Safety Improvement Project (MASIP) is going well on the southern side of town.
- PACOG - Held a PACOG Board meeting last week, lots of actions via resolution, selected a new STAC Rep and Alternate, additional MMOV funding was approved for the transportation demand management (TDM) Model update, and a presentation on the Complete Streets initiative was provided..
- SLV - Held a TPR meeting last week on the 23rd. Aaron Minks from Senator Bennett's Office announced that a new round of Congressional designated spending is coming to consider. Held elections, STAC representatives stayed the same. The Wolf Creek West Fiber Optic installation project is occurring. Chain station upgrades are coming. Resurfacing on US 285 Poncha Springs to almost Johnsons Village is coming. Local community American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) are learning how to stack those funds for projects. Broadband money is coming along. Postal issues are still occurring with the delay of mail. An unsolicited proposal program is being used to find more Fiber Optic cable installation in the Monarch area. A transit meeting is being held tomorrow to discuss improving coordination with Bustang service. There are issues with overnight parking of buses. The next SLVTPR meeting is scheduled for May 25th. CDOT annual meetings are beginning soon with Chaffee County that is scheduled for March 29th.
- SCTPR - No SCTPR meeting was held since the last STAC meeting. On March 22nd they are opening the Outrider System. Huerfano County received Revitalizing Main Streets (RMS) grants for Gardner Pavillion and the Vault Toilet. The Next SCTPR meeting is likely to be in April.
- SETPR - US 50/ CO 71 exchange construction is to start in March or April in Rocky Ford. Lamar US 287 from Parkway to Savage is finishing up, and the next phase is to begin. The next SETPR TPR meeting is scheduled to occur in a couple of weeks.
- SWTPR - the last SWTPR meeting was Feb 9th. STAC representatives will remain the same. The TPR requested to add Bike/Ped projects to the 10-year Plan and they were approved. Region staff is to provide an update of the planning process at the next TPR meeting. SWTPR supported the RAISE grant application for the US 160 East project. The TPR received operational updates from CDOT Region staff.
- UFRTPR - No UFRTPR meetings have been held since the last STAC meeting. Commissioner Ross asked about the status of DTR MMOV projects to occur in his area. I was recommended that he work with the CDOT Region staff on this.
- SUIT - None
- UMU - US 491 Aztec Launch to Four Corners is mostly finished, CDOT just needs to treat the scour of the bridge over the San Juan River. Requested to see analysis on CO 41 improvements. Issues on right-of-way maintenance agreement with CDOT. Up north of CO 491 outside of UMU Reservation we have elk crossing where signage is needed and potholes need filling. More mowing along CO 491 is needed. There are issues with 18-wheelers at the Travel Center. The Tribe would like a new traffic count to justify a street light there. A cattle guard and fencing is another issue. Fencing along CO 491, US 160 and CO 41 is old and livestock leans on it and it breaks. It took over a year for CDOT to reimburse \$1,500 to pay for this loss, and STAC member Heart has a question on taxes. Wants to know if he needs a 1099 form to file taxes for the \$1,500 paid? Believed this money should be tax exempt, being it is on the Reservation.
- FHWA - A formal kick-off of the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) program occurred with a webinar that occurred yesterday. Webinar was recorded and should be in the SS4A webpage in a week or so at: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>. Since those projects are actively managed by the Colorado Division Office, we are reaching out to recipients to conduct a formal kick-off meeting to discuss projects and next steps. Please look for an April Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) that will be released for the next round of SS4A grants.
- FTA - FTA has two open calls for discretionary grant funds - 1) Areas of Persistent Poverty with \$20M that will close on March 10, 2023, and 2) Large Bus and Bus Facility Discretionary Program with \$1.7 B that will close on April 13, 2023. The second program may be a potential source of funding for the SLVTPR Bus

Facility - go to:

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/notices-funding/low-or-no-emission-and-grants-buses-and-bus-facilities-competitive-programs-fy2023>

6. Legislative Report – Herman Stockinger and Jamie Grim CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations (OPGR) [\(video timestamp 00:55:19\)](#)
 - The debt ceiling has been reached at the federal government - working together on solutions to raise the ceiling. Military funds have been proposed for a cut. Not sure any have an impact on CDOT or the IJA funds. CDOT is watching this carefully.
 - Lots of hearings related to China are occurring right now - any legislation or outcomes that may impact manufacturing could influence CDOT purchases.
 - Ohio train derailment - nation is focused on rail safety right now and potential follow up legislation for rail is being considered.
 - Phil Washington, previously Denver International Airport CEO, is in the process to be confirmed as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Administrator.
 - Congressionally Directed Spending Applications opened (EARMARKS) any questions on applications should be directed to Jamie.

7. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Briefing (Action Item) – Heather Sloop, STAC Vice Chair, Northwest Transportation Planning Region, and Melissa Houghton, SRTS Program Manager [\(video timestamp 00:59:08\)](#)
 - Heather Sloop is on the SRTS Committee, all applications were awarded and it was not an easy process for decision making. A couple of the applications did not fulfill the requirements of the application process.
 - Questions were raised pertaining to \$2M of left over funds. It was explained that they roll over into the next call for projects scheduled to occur in FY 2025/2026.
 - A rather involved discussion ensued regarding the left over funds and concerns that the full amount was not expended now.
 - The project application eligibility issues were the cause for not selecting projects that would expend all of the funds available.
 - The SRTS project selection process is an intense and comprehensive one and done with a lot of thought and consideration. Lots of communication and pre-award meetings occur to ensure a proper and fair process. And communities with submittals unselected are provided explanatory information on why the application didn't work, and how to improve it for future rounds. It would be unfair to pick one application over another to fix their application to spend all the available funds.
 - It was recommended to notify the MPOs of the status of the SRTS applications that didn't get funded so they can offer technical assistance to their jurisdictions.
 - Heather noted she will need someone to replace her on the SRTS Advisory Committee.
 - Concerns that Disproportionately Impacted Communities (DICs) should be provided some priority in the scoring of projects.
 - It was explained that some communities selected for projects were eligible for reduced or eliminated local match requirements, using criteria similar to the MPOF program criteria.
 - SRTS dollars are also good to join with other funding programs to fund projects, such as TAP.
 - **STAC Action:** Recommend to the TC to approve the projects selected for funding - Holly Williams so moved and Brian Pettet seconded.

8. Poor Interstate Pavement Recommendation (Action Item) – Toby Manthey, CDOT Performance and Asset Management Branch [\(video timestamp 01:31:35\)](#)
 - Introduced a new Strategy for addressing the Poor Interstate Pavement.
 - Need to stay lower than 5% lane miles deemed poor to stay within federal guidelines.

- Colorado is at 3.9% now. This proposal is expected to reduce the poor rated pavement percentage down to 1.4% without considering the degradation of other interstate sections.
 - Proposed treatments were explained. Most are not reconstruction, but extend the life about 8–10-Years vs. 20 years with reconstruction, which would be much more costly. The pavement analysis was based on Drivability Life criteria, which is based on the road user experience.
 - Several STAC members expressed concern over not waiting to invest in reconstruction, vs. doing overlay paving.
 - **STAC Action:** Recommend to the TC to approve the proposed method for addressing the Poor Interstate Pavement across Colorado. Nicholas Williams so moved, and seconded by Keith Baker.
 - Commissioners Scott Weaver, and Chris Richardson voted against this action.
 - The action passed by a majority vote of the STAC.
9. Fiscal Year 2024 Final Budget Overview (Action Item) – Bethany Nicholas, Budget Director, Office of Financial Management and Budget - Recommendation to the TC on the final FY 2024 CDOT Budget ([video timestamp 02:08:56](#))
- The proposed final FY24 Budget was presented including changes since the draft budget was proposed in November 2022. STAC expressed unanimous support for its adoption as presented.
10. Fiber Infrastructure Update (Informational Update) – Allie Axley, Branch Manager, Intelligent Transportation Systems & Network Services - Update on Fiber and Broadband Infrastructure Improvements ([video timestamp 02:28:27](#))
- An overview of CDOT’s Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Branch and the Branch’s Fiber Optic Program was provided, including the roadway and traffic data systems it supports, and CDOT’s fiber lease and right- of-way access programs.
 - Solicitations for fiber lease include an assessment of how the proposed use contributes to CDOT’s mission, such as other transportation system uses proposed by other local governments. CDOT considers the effect on the system as a whole when considering the individual access proposals.
 - The Branch will be presenting to the TC on the Fiber Lease approach in March.
11. Featured Region of the Month: Region 5 (Informational Update) – David Valentinelli Resident Engineer, Region 5 Update on the US 550-US160 Connection South project ([video timestamp 03:00:27](#))
- CDOT’s Region 5 Director, Julie Constan, David Valentinelli Project Director and Environmental Planning Manager Tony Cady presented highlights of the Region’s projects, focusing on the US550 - US160 Connection South project, which is to-date the largest single project ever completed in the Region.
 - The project overview included the history and approach undertaken by CDOT to implement the project. This included measures and approaches taken to maximize safety improvements while minimizing environmental impacts, reducing wildlife vehicle collisions, and improved access management. The project resulted in the discovery of pre-historic human remains and other archaeological finds that were repatriated with the area’s tribes.
12. Other Business - Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair ([video timestamp 03:22:27](#))
- The next STAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 2023.
 - Upcoming STAC action items include the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Update and Adoption in May, and the Program Distribution discussions that are to begin in July.



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Department of Transportation

Office of Innovative Mobility

To: Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)
From: Mike King, CDOT Assistant Director Electrification and Energy
Date: March 29, 2023
RE: Energy, Office of Innovative Mobility NEVI, CFI, and EV
Readiness Grant Opportunities for STAC Mailing List

As you may have heard, in the past month there have been several grant opportunity announcements in the transportation electrification space that we would like to make sure the STAC representatives and their TPR/MPO communities are aware of. Would you be able to share the following program announcements and deadlines with the STAC mailing list and direct any questions or feedback our way?

- The Colorado Energy Office (CEO) has launched the [Local Government Electric Vehicle Readiness planning grant](#) applications. Local, county, and tribal governments are eligible for this funding to help develop local EV readiness plans that enable EV adoption across Colorado. Applications must be submitted by April 27th, 2023 at 5:00 PM MST.
- The Colorado Energy Office (CEO) recently released the Request for Applications (RFA) for the [Direct Current Fast-Charging \(DCFC\) Plazas program](#). The purpose of this program is to increase access to high-speed charging in communities and along corridors across the State of Colorado through large deployments of fast chargers. For the first time, Colorado's [National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure \(NEVI\)](#) funds and [Community Access Enterprise](#) funds are incorporated into the DCFC Plazas program. Applications must be submitted by May 5th, 2023 at 5:00 PM MST.

Communities that are interested in hosting DCFC charging sites but not serving as the lead applicant or owner/operator may consider adding themselves to the [Project Partnering List](#) on the Colorado NEVI Plan page. This resource is designed to help connect site hosts, charging providers,

local stakeholders, and other organizations that may join together in developing and submitting project proposals for the current and future rounds of the DCFC Plazas Program.

- The Federal Highway Administration also recently announced the first round of discretionary funding for the [Charging and Fueling Infrastructure \(CFI\) Grant Program](#). This nationally-competitive program will provide \$2.5 billion over five years to strategically deploy publicly accessible EV charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in communities and along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs). The first call for applications will award \$700 million to eligible applicants that include cities, counties, local governments, and tribes across the US, and applications must be submitted through [Grants.gov](#) by May 30th, 2023 at 11:59 PM EST.

In addition to the above, we expect that more transportation electrification funding opportunities through the new [Community Access Enterprise](#), [Clean Fleet Enterprise](#), and [Clean Transit Enterprise](#) will also be announced in Spring 2023. More details on those application windows and eligible project types will be shared as they become available.

Thanks and please feel free to direct any questions or feedback to dot_innovativemobility@state.co.us

Regards,

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DRAFT Transportation Commission (TC) Meeting Minutes

Workshops and Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 15-16, 2023

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKq8x8MTPqk>

Call to Order, Roll Call – Timestamp 00:00:00

Nine Commissioners were present: Commissioners Don Stanton (TC Chair), Gary Beedy (TC Vice Chair), Karen Stuart, Kathleen Bracke, Lisa Tormoen Hickey, Eula Adams, Yessica Holguin, Terry Hart, and Kathy Hall with Commissioners Vasquez and Garcia absent. (Commissioner Vasquez is now representing the North Platte Drainage Basin on the Colorado Water Conservation Board, and will no longer be available to serve on the TC).

Joint Workshop with Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO) and TC for TIFIA Loan Approval (Nick Farber) Timestamp 00:00:00

Purpose and Action: The purpose of this workshop is to provide an overview of the I-25 North project Transportation Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan, financing structure and related project documents. No action is being requested this month. Staff will return for formal approval of documents related to the transaction in April.

Discussion:

- Next steps include finalizing all documents, receiving approval of documents by TC and CTIO Board, submitting application to the Credit Review Team (CRT) and the Council for Credit and Finance Committee (CCF), USDOT secretary approval, final ratings reports and loan closing anticipated to occur in spring 2023.
- There are two substantial draft resolutions included in the March TC packet for TC review.

Budget Workshop (Jeff Sudmeier and Bethany Nicholas) Timestamp 00:22:21

Purpose and Action: The purpose is to present the FY 2023-24 Final Annual Budget Allocation Plan for TC adoption. The Division of Accounting and Finance (DAF) is requesting that the TC adopt the FY 2023-24 Final Annual Budget Allocation Plan.

Discussion:

- Any additional expenses that come out of the legislative session will be included in future updates.
- A lot of the funds in this budget have been rolled forward from past funding. The one-time funds tied to the 10-year plan are larger than we would usually see.
- A question was raised regarding the implications of rising costs and inflation. It was explained that interest rates affect the borrowing cost but do not affect standard spending. Rates are expected to come down next year. Federal funds are not generally affected by this increase. State level funds could be impacted, but consumers do not typically reduce their transportation spending or travel during these times.

Condemnation Authorization (Keith Stefanik) Timestamp 00:57:05

- CO 133 Rockfall North of McClure Pass, Project Code: 24279

Discussion:

- No comments or discussion raised by the TC members.

CDOT Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Program Overview and Updates (Jessica Myklebust and Angie Drum) [Timestamp 01:02:28](#)

Purpose and Action: To provide an update to the TC on the Region wide Arterial BRT and Transit Improvements project(s) listed in the 10-year plan. No action is requested, as it is for the TC's information only.

Discussion:

- Commissioners expressed concern over the risk in building this infrastructure. Community behavior does not point to the desire for public transportation. CDOT explained that there is more risk in not creating this network of multimodal options. There must be a robust and diverse transit network available in the future. The urban arterials that CDOT will be starting with already have high ridership.
- A question was raised asking if CDOT would be running these corridors, or would it be RTD or the Local Communities. The response was, it has not yet been decided. This will evolve as these plans are developed in the future.

Fee-Based Right-of-Way (ROW) Access for Fiber (Jonas Durham and Allie Axley) [Timestamp 02:12:28](#)

Purpose and Action: To present a proposed, simplified CDOT fee structure to facilitate access to CDOT rights-of-way for the deployment of broadband as mandated by Colorado Executive Order D-2022-0009 and Senate Bill 21- 083. No action is being requested, this is for information only.

Discussion:

- TC is requesting that the Fiber team return when the scale and scope of the projects have been determined.
- A question on whether or not there is a time limit on these agreements. It was explained that these agreements will renew annually, and there will be an annual permit fee.

Transportation Safety Update (San Lee, Manjari Bhat, Darrell Lingk, Sam Cole, and Patrick Chavez) [Timestamp 02:31:38](#)

Purpose and Action: To provide the TC updates on current progress in implementing the Strategic Transportation Safety Plan (STSP) through Advancing Transportation Safety (ATS).

Discussion:

- A question regarding if there is a way to communicate to drivers on CoTrip that they should not take local roads during state highway closures. CDOT responded that they are currently making an effort to support the communication between CDOT, local communities and drivers. Also, make sure all local agencies and sheriff's offices have a direct line to CDOT.
 - CDOT does not use local and county roads for detours, only state roads.
 - CDOT is working to put out more messaging about impaired driving and its consequences.

Small Business and Diversity Committee (Commissioner Vasquez, Marsha Nelson, Greg Diehl, Anna Marriotti and Brian Fauver) Timestamp 03:39:48

Purpose and Action: To present the TC with the Environmental Justice and Equity (EJE) Branch's 2022 key accomplishments and 2023 strategic goals. In an effort to achieve these strategic goals, additional resources are essential to the overall success for the agency. Outlined below, the EJE Branch outlines its business case for a preliminary request of four (4) Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions to accomplish the additional program development and required implementation responsibilities. At this time, it is projected that a secondary request for additional FTE positions will be forthcoming in the 2024 calendar year. No action is requested at this time, and is informational only. TC approval of the overall increase to CDOT's FTE cap related to the preliminary request of four (4) EJE Branch positions will be requested in April.

Discussion:

- TC is requesting that training is streamlined and focused so that employees feel that their time is well spent. The committee acknowledges that training can be time consuming, but would like to point out that viewing processes through an equity lens does require training and guidance in a new way of thinking on the job. The committee is focused on accommodating employees and understands that each training is contextual and some will be more robust than others.
- A Small Business and Diversity Committee member asked if this Committee may mentor the interns to ensure that CDOT looks like what Colorado looks like? The response was that the Committee hopes to work more closely with CDOT Human Resources to understand hiring requirements and think outside of the box to create an inclusive feeling and culture in the agency.

Adjournment: Approximately 5:00 pm

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Thursday, March 16, 2023

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TA7NuLYd_mA Timestamp 00:00:30

1. Call to Order, Roll Call Timestamp 00:00:00

Nine Commissioners were present: Commissioners Don Stanton (TC Chair), Gary Beedy (TC Vice Chair), Karen Stuart, Kathleen Bracke, Lisa Tormoen Hickey, Eula Adams, Yessica Holguin, Terry Hart, and Kathy Hall. with Mark Garcia and Barbara Vasquez absent. (Commissioner Vasquez is now representing the North Platte Drainage Basin on the Colorado Water Conservation Board, and will no longer be available to serve on the TC).

2. Public Comments Timestamp 00:00:38

- Heather Sloop, STAC Vice Chair, provided comments on the HB 23-1101 and noted that the amendment to have the TC review and consider changes to TPR boundaries should be killed as no comments from STAC or TPRs has been received prior to its presentation. This amendment came with no public outreach or comments from CDOT staff. The amendment speaks to the TC reviewing and considering TPR boundary changes. Boundaries should be based not on population, but only on lane miles and vehicle miles traveled (VMT). This amendment should be vetted with TPRs, STAC and the TC, and then taken to the Transportation Legislative Review Committee (TLRC) for consideration. Communication is paramount. STAC Vice Chair Sloop requested Executive Director Lew to attend STAC meetings to regain and build trust that was lost between CDOT and the STAC, as a result of this amendment going through without appropriate communication. Decisions need to be made at CDOT from the bottom up and not from Headquarters down.

3. Comments of the Chair and Individual Commissioners [Timestamp 00:04:10](#)

- Commission Chair Stanton made a statement on behalf of the TC regarding HB 23-1101:
 - The TC was unaware of the amendment to require the TC to open the planning rules regarding TPR boundaries, and to consider making changes to the TPR boundaries before the amendment to HB 23-1101 was presented.
 - The Commission has several concerns with the amendment.
 - The Bill sponsors have agreed to some changes as part of an upcoming Conference Committee.
 - TC recognized that the TPR planning boundaries have not substantially changed in over 30 years.
 - TC has authority and willingness to review TPR boundaries, and agree it would be a good time to take a look at the boundaries, and the TC is committed to an open rulemaking process, that includes all interested stakeholders. TC would make boundary changes, only if and where needed due to planning changes that have occurred over the last 30 years.
- Several Commissioners noted they:
 - Recognized the need to look at the TPR boundaries related to the amendment of HB 23-1101, with lots of public input as part of the process and appreciated Commission Chair Stanton's statement. They also recognized the importance of input from the STAC.
 - Are looking forward to the construction season and the 10-Year Plan and paving projects to start.
 - Thanked and recognized CDOT maintenance staff at CDOT for snow removal during this winter.
 - Enjoyed the TC Workshop presentations from March 15, 2023, and noted presentations were very impressive, interesting and informative - those on safety, broadband, BRT, budget, audit and TIFA loan at the Joint CTIO/TC meeting.
 - Commissioner Stanton was recognized for his service to the TC, who is moving out of state, as well as Commissioner Vasquez, who is now serving on the Colorado Water Conservation Board.
 - Amber Blake, the CDOT Division of Transit and Rail Director, who is leaving that position at CDOT, was recognized for her contributions to CDOT and to transit in Colorado.
- Commissioner Hall attended workshops with Club 20, and handed out copies of the 10-Year Plan. Regarding broadband along I-70, several communities have been given grants and the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) has contributed. We had a wonderful meeting with Executive Director Lew and Jason C. Smith, Region 3 Transportation Director, and they both put to rest concerns for broadband and DOLA grant expenditure deadlines
- Commissioner Bracke attended meetings at Larimer, Weld, and Morgan Counties, NFRMPO, UFRTPR and the US 34 Coalition among others. The North I-25 project progress is moving.
- Commissioner Hart noted that there have been several issues in District 10 where Region 2 and CDOT HQ staff have been spectacular. A fatality occurred near his home, CDOT staff handled that situation very well.
- Commissioner Holguin attended DRCOG's Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) meeting - CDOT staff provided an overview of the I-25 corridor and the Regional Transportation District (RTD) provided a presentation on fare structure and equity analysis, and other updates. The Small Business and Diversity Committee meeting yesterday was good and TC members were encouraged to watch that meeting if they could not attend. Serves on the Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME) Board and the Board approved fee levels for FY 24 and approved the enterprise budget for FY 24. Working on BRT workshops planned for the future to include Disproportionately Impacted Communities.
- Commissioner Stuart attended the DRCOG RTC and thanked staff for great presentations regarding I-25.
- Commissioner Adams explained that he normally attends STAC meetings and supports transparency with TC decisions. Has had discussions with EV Charging providers and wanted information from CDOT to share with them. Had a great meeting with Mayor Jackie Millet of Lonetree. Supported the Small

Business and Diversity Committee discussion on toll lane equity so everyone can use toll lanes. The EJE Branch is also doing great work with technology. Safety is a key concern and a key emphasis of the TC. CDOT is also well managed and led financially.

- Vice-Chair Beedy noted that at the Eastern TPR meeting that he attended there were folks that expressed appreciation for the snow removal work CDOT had done. Another comment gathered was that better signage is needed during road closures. Alternate routes used are often County Roads, and traffic gets stuck, especially trucks. Need good plans for future storms. Commissioner Beedy requested CDOT staff to present on federal guidance and state requirements for TPR boundaries.
- Commissioner Stanton expressed his appreciation to work with Commissioner Beedy, and noted that the TC will be in good hands. He also enjoyed working with the other TC members. Expressed his appreciation to Director Lew for her leadership, and thanked all the professionals at CDOT.

4. Executive Director's Management Report (Shoshana Lew) Timestamp 00:45:49

- Recognized Commissioner Stanton for his service on the Commission and for serving in the role of chair.
- Extended congratulations to Barbara Vasquez, who was appointed to the Colorado Water Conservation Board, and recognized Commissioner Vasquez's work on the Commission.
- Recognized Maintenance Team and John Lorme for snow removal and getting through this winter, even with staff shortages.
 - Progress on the workforce front has been made.
 - CDOT is breaking ground on the facility in Fairplay.
- Recognized the BRT and Safety teams who presented at TC workshops yesterday.
- CDOT is now heading into the construction season.

5. Chief Engineer's Report (Keith Stefanik) Timestamp 00:50:51

- Conducted lots of conversations on project management software with staff and Regions, PMWeb. CDOT is getting very close to implementation. Staff and users are beginning to recognize the power of this software in tracking projects. Excited to identify a schedule for getting started with the use of this software.
- Regarding Advancing Transportation Safety, CDOT has a lot of staff working on this - multiple divisions at HQ, and Regions are working on this.
- Staff is ramping up for the 2023 construction season along with contractors.
- Pertaining to major projects across the state:
 - Region 1 - Central 70 - Substantial Completion date met on this project. This was a successful team effort between Kiewit Meridiam Partners and CDOT.
 - Region 1 - I-270 Critical Bridge project is moving forward and CDOT is currently evaluating lane width options for improvements.
 - Region 2 - I-25 Gap project is getting the toll express lane online.
 - Region 4 - North I-25 Segments 6-8 anticipated to be completed by the end of this year, and we are getting Segment 5 started.
 - Region 3 - Vail Pass project will be ready to go, once snow melts, and will include the bike path.
 - Region 5 - Us 550/US160 project looking towards a banner construction season to finish this project.
- St. Patrick's Day tomorrow - Hope everyone keeps safe during this holiday. CDOT staff serves as an example to the general public.

6. CTIO Director's Report (Nick Farber) Timestamp 00:58:36

- Last Wednesday launched the Globeville/Elyria Swansea Tolling Equity Initiative, with 12 people signing up for passes. CTIO is working hard to sign up more eligible residents for this program.
- CTIO Board of Directors meeting approved:

- Annual Budget
- Fee for Service Intra-Agency Agreement (IAA)
- IGA for Burnham Yard Security Program
- MOA between CTIO and FHWA for Floyd Hill Express Toll Lane (ETL) project
- Adopted the Revenue Administration Policy and Guidance Document for Mountain ETL Safety and Enforcement program with data on violations and fines on Mountain ETL. Hope is to roll this out on the entire ETL system once implemented on Mountain ETL.

7. FHWA Division Administrator Report (Elizabeth Cramer) [Timestamp 01:02:33](#)

- Tolling Equity Program - FHWA National Administrators Award - Colorado Tolling Equity Program Recognized key CDOT and FHWA staff for their work on this program. People recognized were:
 - Stephanie Gibson - FHWA
 - Chris Horn - FHWA
 - Sean Cutting - FHWA
 - Monica Pavlik - FHWA
 - Keith Stefanik - CDOT
 - Simon Logan - CDOT
 - Rebecca White - CDOT
 - Stacia Sellers - CDOT
- Commissioner Holguin noted that the community also participated in the success of this program.

8. Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Report (Vincent Rogalski) [Timestamp 01:05:43](#)

- Herman provided update on deadlines for RAISE grant submittals a total 7.
- TPR representation and federal partners - safe streets for all - with a web address for webinars, upcoming announcement for this program in April.
- Large Bus and Bus Facility - National closes Apr 13, 2023
- US Debt ceiling has been breached.
- Ohio train derailments were discussed.
- Phil Washington, of DEN is in process to be confirmed as the FAA Administrator.
- Safe Routes to School - reported on the program approvals - with TC to approve eventually.
- STAC recommended SRTS and Poor Interstates Plan move forward with staff recommendations.
- STAC recommended budget approval for FY 2024.
- Featured Regions now a monthly practice with Region 5 going first to discuss US 550/US 160 project that uncovered prehistoric human remains.
- Vince thanked both Commissioner Stanton and Amber Blake for their service to CDOT.
- Next STAC meeting is April 6, 2023.
- Program Distribution to begin discussions in the spring/summer of this year in preparation for the 2050 Statewide Transportation Plan development process initiating next year.

9. Legislative Report (Emily Haddaway) [Timestamp 01:15:36](#)

- Colorado is halfway through the legislative session, and CDOT is tracking 24 Bills this session.
- Approval on the late bill request, came through on Monday. The Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise (BTE) Bill that would provide flexibility for BTE to work on more than just poor rated bridges. This Bill would let BTE work on other bridges and bundle bridge projects for maintenance projects in close proximity to each other. The Bill is being drafted now with other changes.

- A Bill to allow electric vehicle (EV) charging in CDOT right-of-way has been introduced HB 23-1233 - EV Charging and Parking Requirements are attached onto a larger EV Bill. The Bill only covers EV charging on federal interstates now, but the intent is to amend the Bill to allow EV charging facilities along all state highways.
- Retail delivery fees Bill - creates exemption for businesses with less than \$500,000 in revenue. CDOT supports this Bill.
- Several Bills have been postponed.
- Colorado House is holding a 50-Year Tribute to the Eisenhower/Johnson Memorial Tunnel (EJMT).
- HB 23-1101 - Moved to a Conference Committee with no date scheduled yet. Announced the members of the Conference Committee.
 - Emily apologized for not sharing the Bill amendment with the TC and STAC earlier, as she is still learning the process.
 - Adding the new step of CDOT conducting a study is a good approach that will address concerns from the STAC and stakeholders, including keeping the number to 15 TPRs.
 - Commissioner Bracke asked about a Bill supporting use of radar for speed enforcement in Colorado. CDOT Hasn't seen the Bill introduced recently.
 - Emily will share the list of Conference Committee members for HB 23-1101 with the TC members.

10. Act on Consent Agenda [Timestamp 01:30:15](#)

A Motion by Commissioner Holguin to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Adams passed unanimously.

- Proposed Resolution #1: Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2023 (Herman Stockinger)
- Proposed Resolution #2: IGA Approval >\$750,000 (Keith Stefanik)
- Proposed Resolution #3: Disposal: Parcel 52-EX (Central 70) (Jessical Myklebust)
- Proposed Resolution #4: Disposal: Parcel 83-EX (Central 70) (Jessical Myklebust)
- Proposed Resolution #5: Disposal: Parcel 185-EX (Central 70) (Jessical Myklebust)
- Proposed Resolution #6: Disposal: Loveland SH 402 Parcel 48-EX (Heather Paddock)
- Proposed Resolution #7: Disposal: Cuchara SH 160 Maintenance Site (Shane Ferguson)
- Proposed Resolution #8: Disposal: Cripple Creek Maintenance Site (Shane Ferguson)
- Proposed Resolution #9: Grand Junction Auto Access Appeal (Dan Roussin)

10. Discuss and Act on Proposed Resolution #10: 9th Budget Supplement of FY 2023 (Jeff Sudmeier and Bethany Nicholas) [Timestamp 01:30:58](#)

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

11. Discuss and Act on Proposed Discuss and Act on Resolution #11: Annual FY 2023-24 Budget Allocation Plan (Jeff Sudmeier) [Timestamp 01:33:27](#)

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

12. Discuss and Act on Proposed Resolution #12: FY 2023-24 CTIO Fee for Service IAA Approval (Nick Farber) [Timestamp 01:35:53](#)

A Motion by Commissioner Stuart to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Bracke passed unanimously.

13. Discuss and Act on Proposed Resolution #13: Safe Routes to School (SRTS) FY 2023-24 Projects (Annelies van Vonno) [Timestamp 01:38:19](#)

A Motion by Commissioner Hart to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Beedy passed.
Commissioner Bracke abstained from participating in this action as she works for Boulder County.

14. Discuss and Act on Proposed Resolution #14: Condemnation Authorization (Keith Stefanik) [Timestamp 01:41:30](#)

A Motion by Commissioner Adams to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Hall passed unanimously.

15. Recognitions [Timestamp 01:43:00](#)

- Commissioner Stanton was recognized by the TC members for his service and presented with parting keepsakes.

16. TC Transition with Commission Chair Stanton Leaving [Timestamp 01:46:00](#)

- Acting Chair is Commissioner Beedy for the remainder of the fiscal year - until July 1, 2023.
- Commissioner Hickey to assist Commissiong Beedy with TC leadership for April, May and June TC meetings, in order to maintain urban and rural representation on the TC leadership.
- Commissioner Hall noted related to HB 23-1101 TPR boundary changes, that Executive Director Hunt did modify the boundaries of the CDOT Engineering Regions during his tenure.
- Commissioner Vasquez was recognized for her time served with the TC.

17. Adjournment - Approximately 10:50 am.



MEMORANDUM

TO: STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STAC)
FROM: DARIUS PAKBAZ, INTERIM DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT
MICHAEL SNOW, TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SPECIALIST
NEYSA BERMINGHAM, REVITALIZING MAIN STEETS PROGRAM MANAGER
DATE: APRIL 6, 2023
SUBJECT: MULTIMODAL & ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAMS UPDATE / MANAGING ARPA FUNDING

Purpose

To update STAC on CDOT's Multimodal & Active Transportation Grant programs and to review the limitations and risks to projects funded with federal State and Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) issued under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Action

No action is requested at this time.

Background

Recently, Colorado has seen major shifts in priorities to mitigate and reduce transportation-related Greenhouse gas emissions, to enable more active transportation modes and to improve access and safety in transportation for Disproportionately Impacted communities. Relatively new multimodal and Active Transportation grant programs such as Multimodal Options (MMOF) and Revitalizing Main Streets (RMS), enabled by unprecedented levels of recent targeted funding, are fueling multimodal transformations across the state.

CDOT's program leaders for the MMOF and RMS grant programs will provide STAC with a general status and overview of these multimodal and active transportation programs, including information on the programs' continued funding, project selections, and CDOT's programmatic efforts.

ARPA/SLFRF Funding Expirations

Colorado's Senate Bill 2021-260 directed a significant portion of Colorado's SLFRF funds to the MMOF program. Those funds, now awarded to local agency projects, carry fiscal limitations that require all funds to be contractually obligated by December 31, 2024, and for all obligated funds to be expended by December 31, 2026. Any and all SLFRF funds that do not meet these deadlines will revert back to the US Treasury and be lost to the state and its awardees.

For awarded projects to successfully meet both these deadlines, they must have achieved critical milestones throughout all phases of the projects' design and construction. CDOT Project Management staff anticipate that meeting these deadlines will be especially challenging for some projects and even unlikely for others. Program staff will discuss the ways CDOT is preparing to mitigate these risks and to provide the Transportation Planning Regions (TPR) information needed to make informed award decisions on at-risk projects.

Recommendations

As the awarding agencies of Local MMOF funding, CDOT recommends MPO/TPRs regularly monitor critical progress milestones and regularly require awardee status reporting on ARPA-funded projects at risk.

Next Steps

In the July-August timeframe, following the compilation of awardees required FY23 MMOF Project Status Reports, CDOT will begin providing risk-level assessments of MMOF projects funded with ARPA/SLFRF to enable them to make timely and informed award decisions.





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Active Transportation & Multimodal Grant Programs

STAC, April 2023



Today's Topics

1. Overview of CDOT's Multimodal & Active Transportation Grant Program
2. Statewide Changes
3. Highlighting Revitalizing Main Streets
4. Highlight Multimodal Transportation & Mitigation Fund
5. Challenges to be aware of



Overview

CDOT's Multimodal & Active Transportation grant programs aims to:

- Encourage active transportation and **healthy lifestyles** through infrastructure and programming investments
- Reduce transportation-related Greenhouse Gas emissions by **reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled**
- Support local **economic development** and increase opportunities for businesses to thrive.
- Imagine **innovative uses** of public spaces for people.
- Provide **safe access to opportunity and mobility** for residents of all ages, incomes and abilities, including users living with greater vulnerabilities.





Statewide Expanding Portfolio

What's Happening in Colorado:

- **Reducing GHG emissions** from transportation
- Continued focus on Colorado's **Move Towards Zero Deaths**
- Efforts to **improve built environment disparities** and reduce the disproportionate impact on specific communities
- Greater appreciation for active transportation as a **vital element of our transportation system**
- Significantly increasing **funding for multimodal programs**

What is CDOT focusing on:

- Heightened awareness to **strengthening customer service in CDOT's grant systems and practices** to improve both staff and customer satisfaction

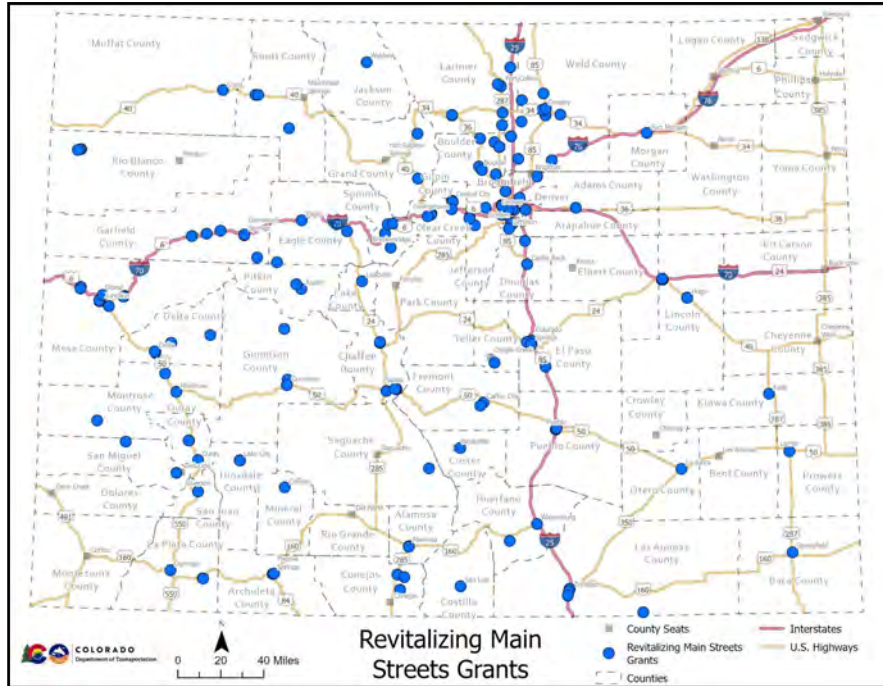


Revitalizing Main Street Program

<i>Funding Sources</i>	<i>Award Min/Max</i>	<i>Required Match</i>	<i>Funding Available</i>	<i>Application/ Award Cycles</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● State General Funds● Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	\$250,000	10%	Annually though FY 2032	Every Other Month (6 x annually)



RMS 2022 Successes



Reach since inception:

- 206 projects
- \$70M

2022 Process Improvement:

- Strengthened organizational systems
- Adjusted to staffing and supply chain demands
- Improved accessibility & communications
- New CDOT staffing model



Multimodal Options Program

<i>Funding Sources</i>	<i>Award Min/Max</i>	<i>Required Match</i>	<i>Funding Available</i>	<i>Application/ Award Cycles</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State General Funds and Fee Revenues 	No max Min: \$150,000	By formula: 0% 25% 50%	Annually through FY2033 Allocated by TC*	Annually, or as determined by MPO/TPRs**

**TC is anticipated to revisit the Distribution Formula and allocate SFY23 Fee Revenues late summer*

***Some TPRs may consider opening applications in 2024, rather than 2023*



Reach

- \$76 Million awarded in 2020
- \$212 Million awarded in 2022
- 274 Projects (108 in 2020, 166 in 2022)
- Statewide reach

2022 Program Improvements:

- Reduced match requirements for 20% of Colorado's population
 - Nearly half of awards went to reduced match communities
 - 13% (20) of the 2022 projects with reduced match
 - 35% (57) of the 2022 projects with no match



ARPA/SLFRF Funding Challenges

- Utilized in 17 RMS projects & 93 MMOF projects
- **Timeline Pressures**
 - Must be obligated by 12/31/2024.
 - Period of Performance ends 12/31/2026.
 - No opportunities for funding reauthorization/extension.
- **Staff Effectiveness**
 - Focus on understanding the current state & seeking improvements where possible



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Questions?



Presented by:
Craig Hurst, Manager

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Colorado Freight Plan -> Implementation -> Funding Resources

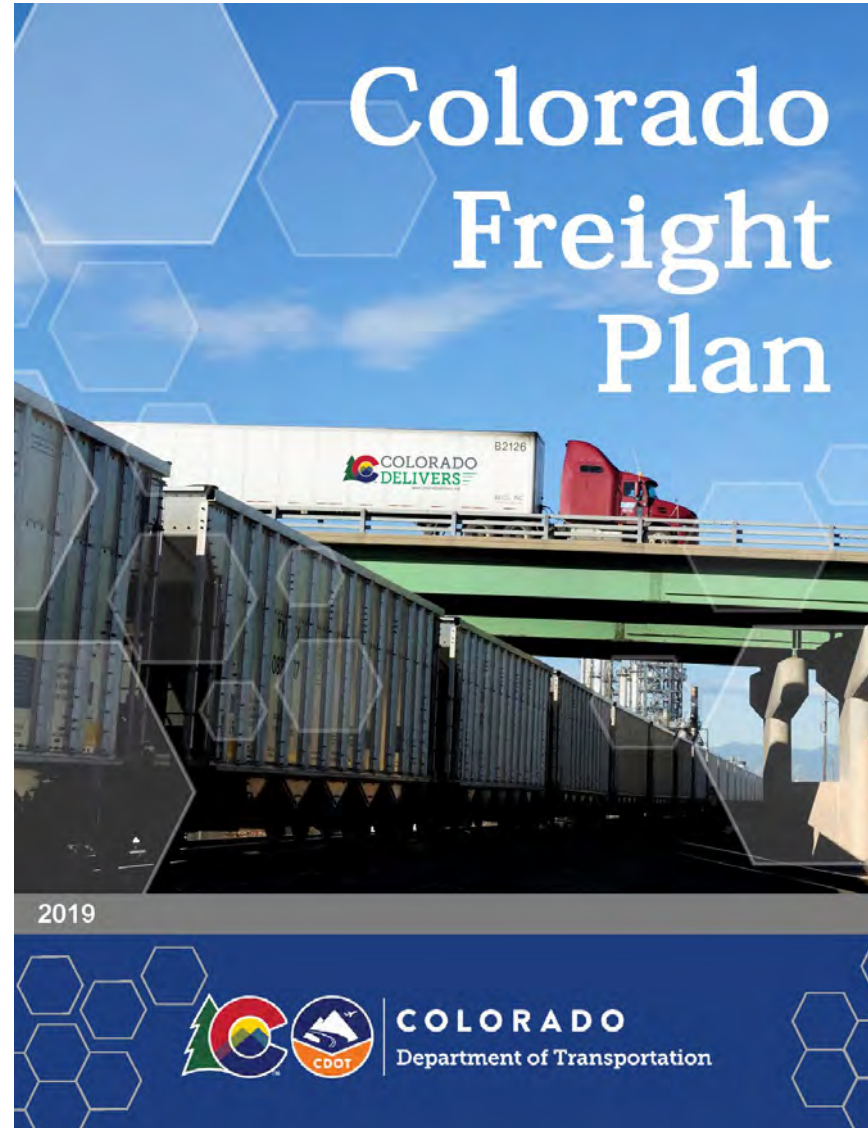




Background

FHWA approved as Fast Act Compliant Plan - March 2019:

- Provided short & long term guidance for CDOT
- Identified measurable strategies
- Positioned CDOT for NHFP & other grant opportunities
- Paved the way for future partnership opportunities





Why Now?





New Requirements

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act



- Truck Parking facility assessment
- Resiliency & Redundancy
- Adds population & sector analysis requirements
 - Military
 - Disproportionately Impacted Communities
- Increases frequency of plan updates from 5 to 4 years

Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act



- Inventory of network freight impacts
- focus on asset management



What Informed Plan Preparation

Relevant Information Gathering to develop the scope of the work:

150

Define **Data Availability**

Almost 150 sources of data were discovered

32

Industry **Advisor Conversations**

32 members of the Freight Advisory Council were invitation to advise on focus area identification

24

Other State's Freight Plan **Environmental Components**

24 State Freight Plans were assessed

15

CDOT **Colleague Interviews**

More than 15 people with expertise from other CDOT areas were interviewed

10

Federal & State **Regulations & Roadmap** Guidance

10 regulations and statewide roadmaps were reviewed in detail



Plan Preparation Input

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Quality Data and Information

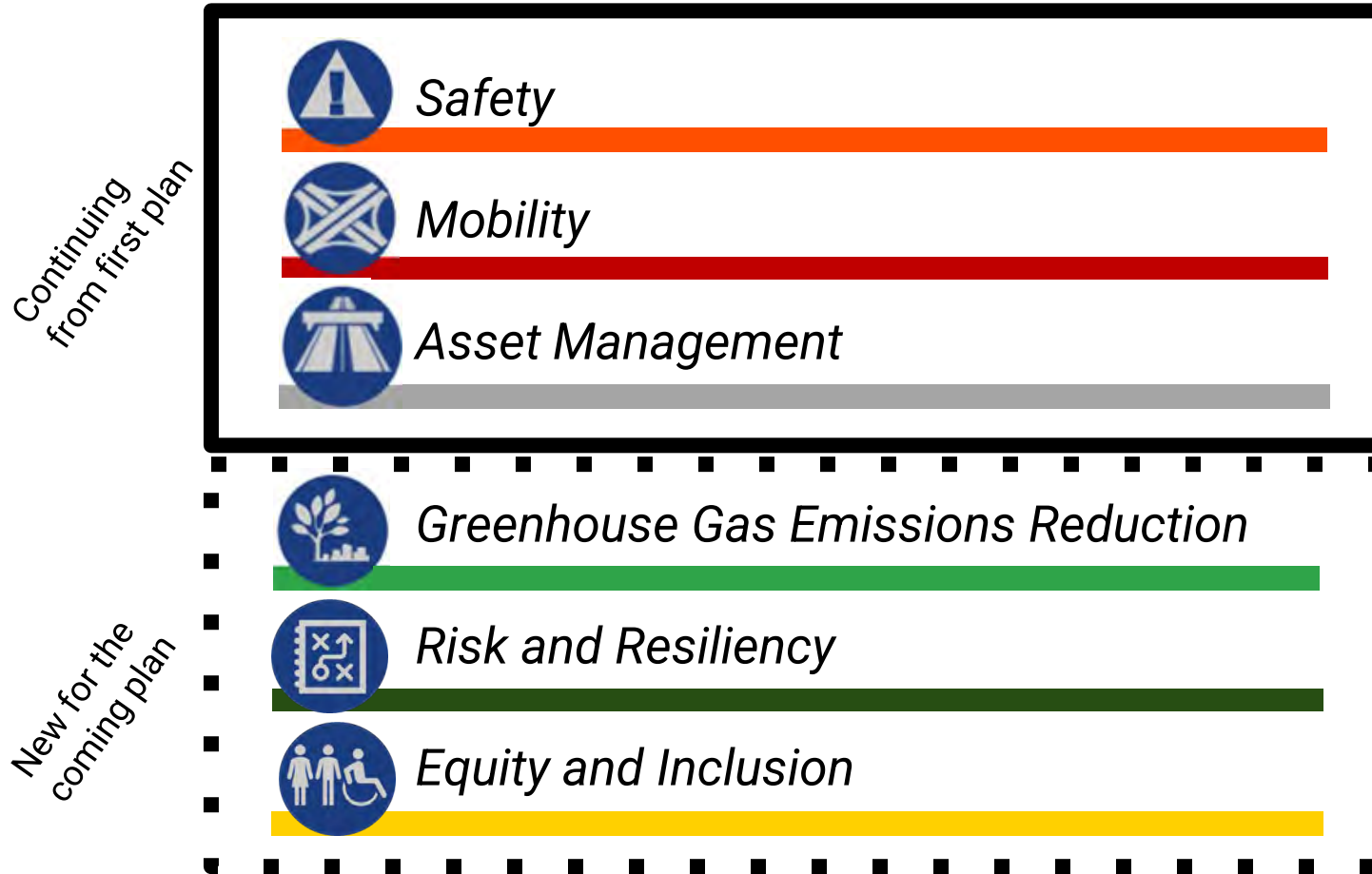
- Redundancy & Resiliency
- Climate & Energy Policy
- Economic Development & Trade
- Safety
- First & Last Mile Transport

- Regional Needs
- Future Risks & COVID Impacts
- Land Use Coordination
- System and Asset Condition
- Education and Communications

Effective Outreach and Engagement

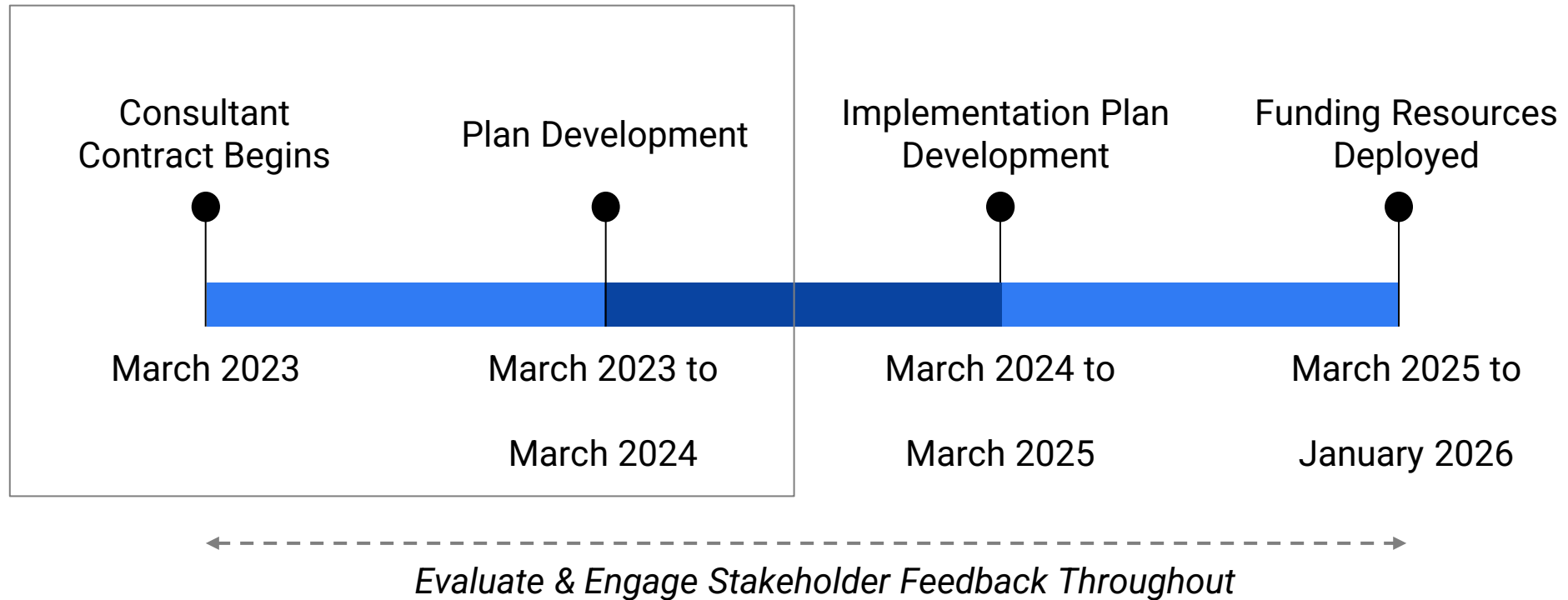


Resulting Focus Areas





Timeline





Plan Development Tasks





What's Next in Planning How & When: Local Engagement?

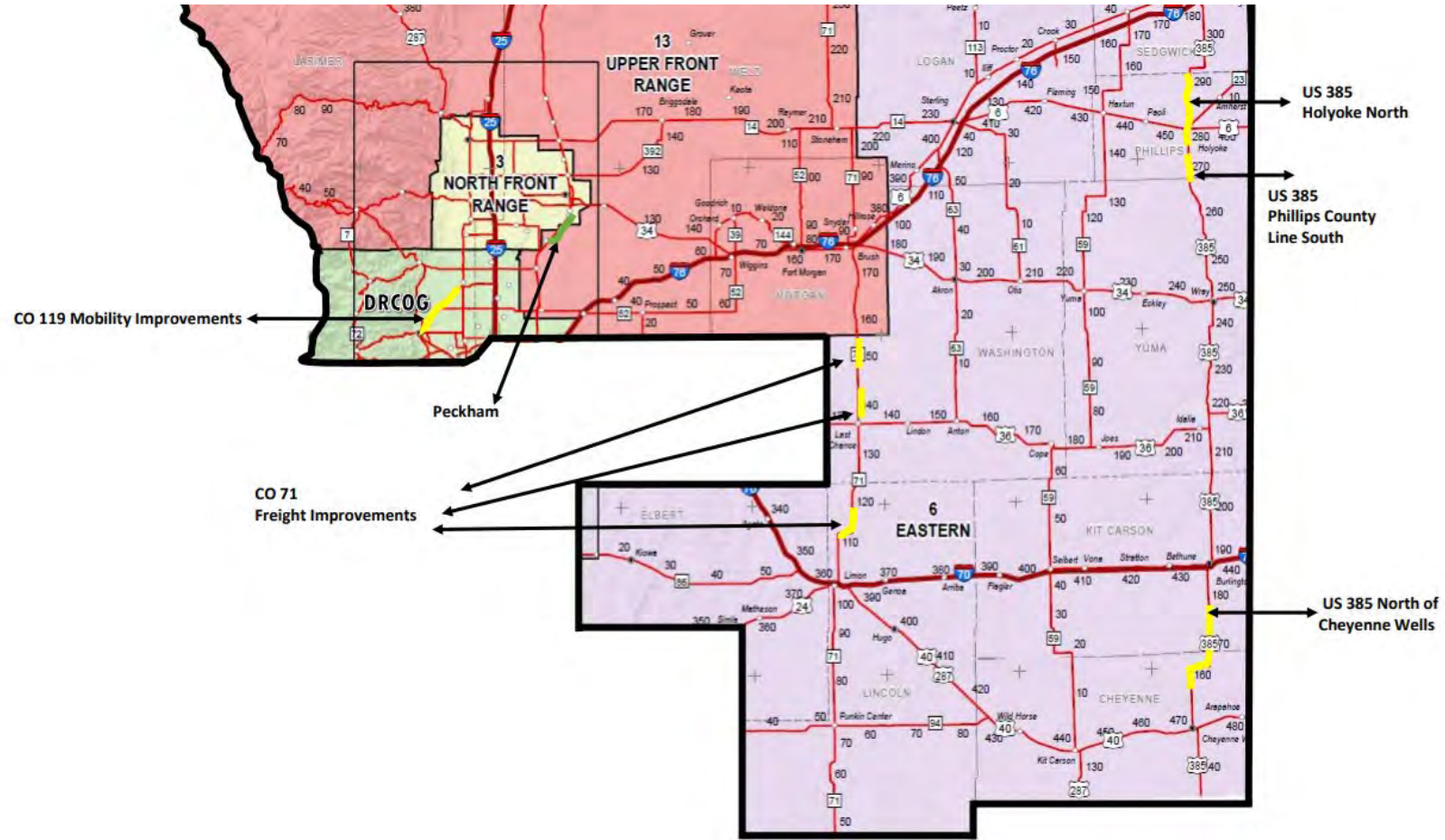
- Stakeholder engagement and data will be incredibly important in creating a successful statewide freight plan.
- The FAC, MPOs, TPRs, STAC, CEO, CDPHE, Military Partners, Economic Development and others will be invited to participate in a series of feedback sessions that will focus on developing strategy and ground truthing the data.
- We will be forming a working group to get us through the process, and also encourage feedback from anyone that has interest.



Questions?

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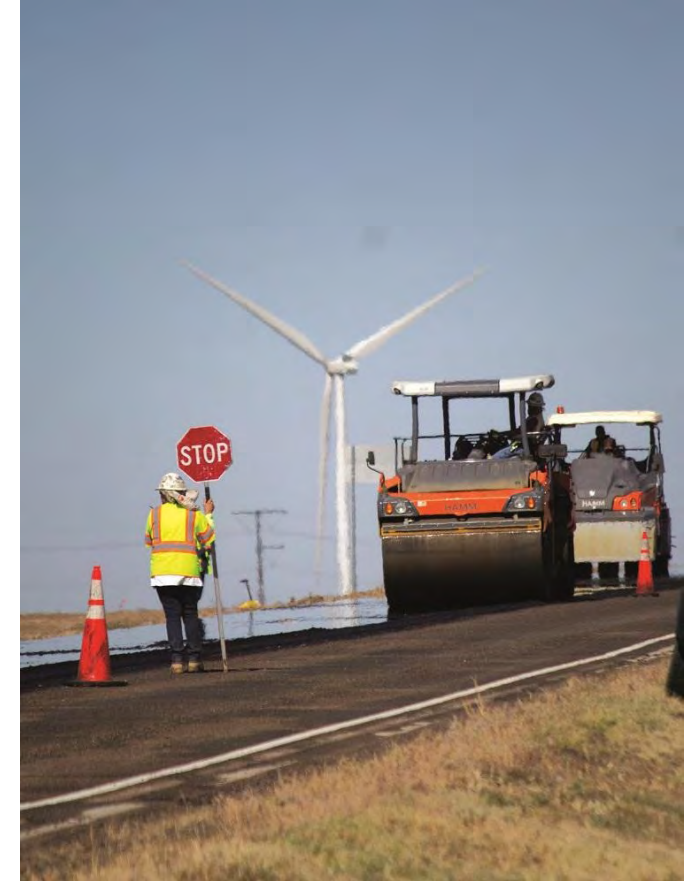
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Region 4 Project(s) Highlights



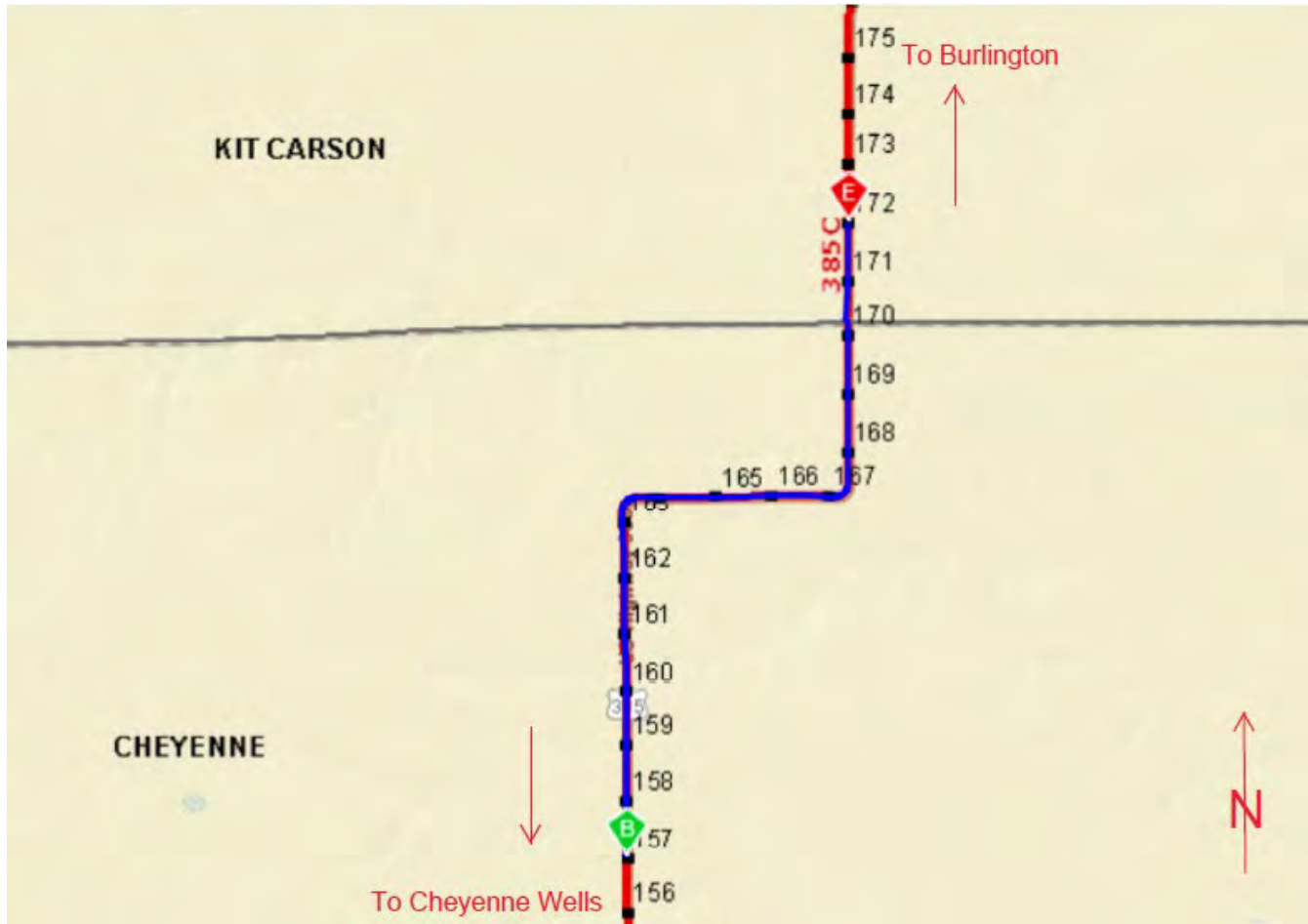
US 385 North of Cheyenne Wells Project Background

- US 385 High Plains Highway
 - 2-lane corridor with narrow shoulders
- Enthusiasm from local stakeholders to analyze US 385 alongside SH 71
 - Coalition was formed late 2018
 - Prioritization Study performed
 - Region input along with local stakeholders determined this 15-mile segment was top priority for Limon Residency area
- DBB project delivery method
 - Under construction complete in June 2023





US 385 North of Cheyenne Wells Project Location and Details

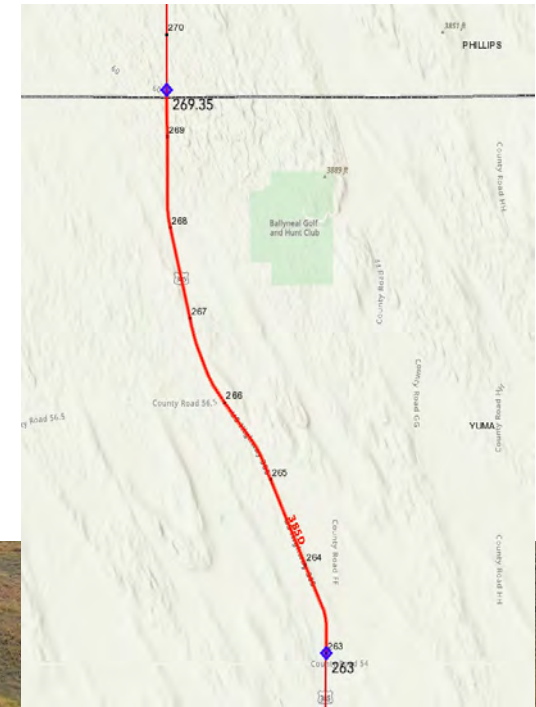


- Six miles north of Cheyenne Wells
- 15-mile-long project
 - 1" milling, 4" asphalt overlay - 12 miles
 - Full-depth reclamation (FDR), 5" asphalt overlay - 3 miles
 - Widen shoulders around 90° curves
- Existing roadway seeing significant fatigue cracking. Milling and FDR with HMA overlay to remedy this problem.
- Widening Shoulders will improve overall safety and allow for better truck movement around the tight corners



US 385 Phillips County Line South Project Background

- US 385 High Plains Highway (MP 263.1-269.4)
 - 2-lane corridor with narrow shoulders
 - Heavy truck and agricultural traffic
 - Project identified in the US 385 Corridor Study
 - Total Construction Cost: \$ 6.35M
 - Utilized multiple funding sources
 - Surface Treatment/Strategic Projects/Pandemic
 - Project Start: July 1, 2021
 - Project Completion: February 2, 2022





US 385 Phillips County Line South Project Details



- Located 10 miles South of Holyoke
- 6.3-mile-long project
 - 2" milling, 4" asphalt overlay -40,000 tons HMA
 - 6' Shoulder Widening - 33,000 CY Embankment
 - All drainage pipes were replaced

Key safety improvements:

- Addition of 6-foot shoulders to accommodate agricultural and truck traffic.
- Curve cross slopes were brought up to current standards.
- Centerline and edge rumble strips were added.
- New signs, delineators, and pavement markings were placed.



US 385 Holyoke North Project Background

- US 385 High Plains Highway (MP 278.9 - 289.0)
 - 2-lane corridor with narrow shoulders
 - Severely degraded pavement
 - Heavy truck and agricultural traffic
 - Project identified in the US 385 Corridor Study and the Region Surface Treatment plan
 - Total Construction Cost: \$ 16.5M
 - Utilized multiple funding sources
 - Surface Treatment/Regional Priority
 - Anticipated Project Start: April 17th, 2023
 - Anticipated Project Completion: October 27th, 2023





US 385 Holyoke North Project Details

- The project begins south of the Town of Holyoke and extends 10 miles north
- 10-mile-long project
 - 2" milling, 4" asphalt overlay -53,000 tons HMA
 - 6' Shoulder Widening - 46,000 CY Embankment
 - All drainage pipes will be extended or replaced

Key safety improvements:

- Addition of 6-foot shoulders to accommodate agricultural and truck traffic.
- Curb ramps on US 6 and US 385 in the Town of Holyoke will be replaced to meet current ADA Standards.
- Curve cross slopes will be brought up to current standards.
- Centerline and edge rumble strips will be added.
- New signs, delineators, and pavement markings will be placed.





U.S. 85 & WCR 44 (Peckham)



Purpose:

Eliminate the at-grade crossing conflict with a regional county road and provide safe access to and across U.S. 85.

Benefits:

- Safety from elimination of RR crossing at-grade.
- Trip reliability (Emergency & Business access)
- Allows for a 10,000-ft long UPRR siding without blocking county road access.
- Completes requirements of UPRR agreement

Partnerships:

Weld County, UPRR, Local Municipalities



U.S. 85 & WCR 44 (Peckham)



Highlights:

- In-house design (Enviro., Bridge, Roadway, H&H, Traffic, etc.)
- Design phase was 5.0% of project cost.
- Six (6) contractors bid on the work.
- Low-bid was within 3% of Chief Engineer's est. and only 6% spread among the top four bids - tight bids!

Funding:

- FAST Freight, 10-year Plan, FASTER safety, RPP, RR Crossing, TC contingency

Schedule:

- On Schedule, complete in March 2024



CO 71 Freight Improvements



4/6/2023

Project Goal: Develop the CO 71 into a safe and reliable freight corridor off of the front range.

This project is constructing the first three (of 42) safety and operational improvements identified in the CO 71 Truck Freight Diversion Feasibility Study (2019).

1. MP 111.5 to 112.3 -- NB Climbing Lane
2. MP 139.5 to 140.3 -- NB & SB Passing Ins.
3. MP 149.3 to 151.2 - SB Climbing Lane

Improvements include the addition of shoulders, overlay of existing pavement, and drainage structure extensions.

Funding:

- 10-yr plan, National Highway Freight Grant, Pandemic Relief, RPP

Schedule:

- July 2022 - July 2023



CO 71 Freight Improvements





CO 119 Safety & Mobility Improvements Project

Purpose:

- Address Safety – highest crash corridor in Boulder County
- Improve mobility between Longmont and Boulder

Benefits:

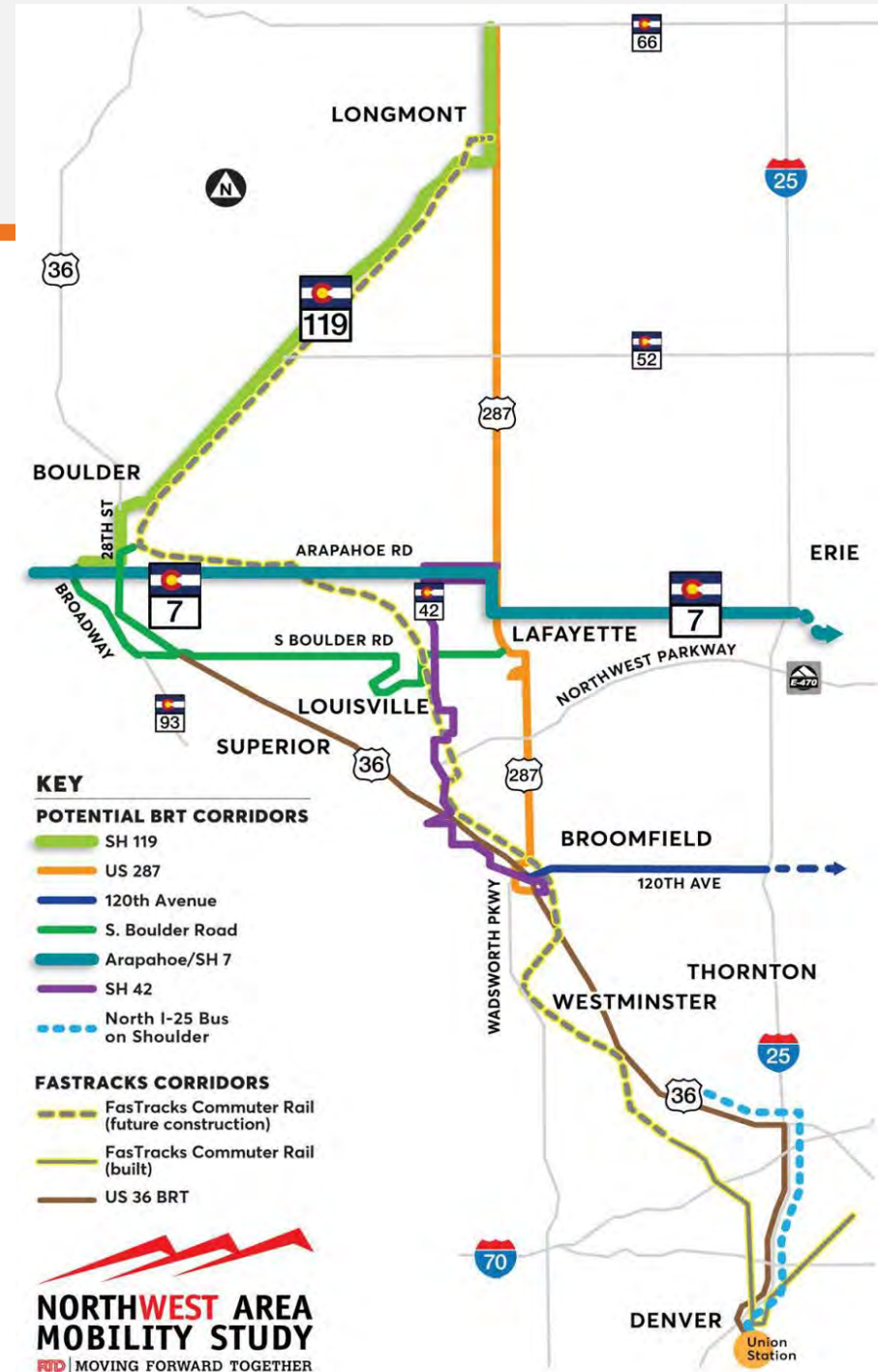
- Reduces crashes, nearly eliminating bicycle crashes
- Increased Mobility - Transit time cut in half, ridership increased by 33%, safe and direct connection for bikeway, smart growth providing travel choice

Funding:

10-year plan, RPP, RTD, DRCOG, Boulder County, City of Longmont, and potentially RAISE

Partnerships:

Boulder County, RTD, City of Boulder, City of Longmont





CO 119 Project Goals

PEL / PROJECT GOALS:



Improve safety in the whole corridor



Maximize intersection operational efficiency



Maximize corridor-wide operational efficiency



Maximize the number of people able to move through the corridor



Improve transit travel times



Improve connectivity to the bicycle and pedestrian network



CO 119 Safety & Mobility Improvements Project

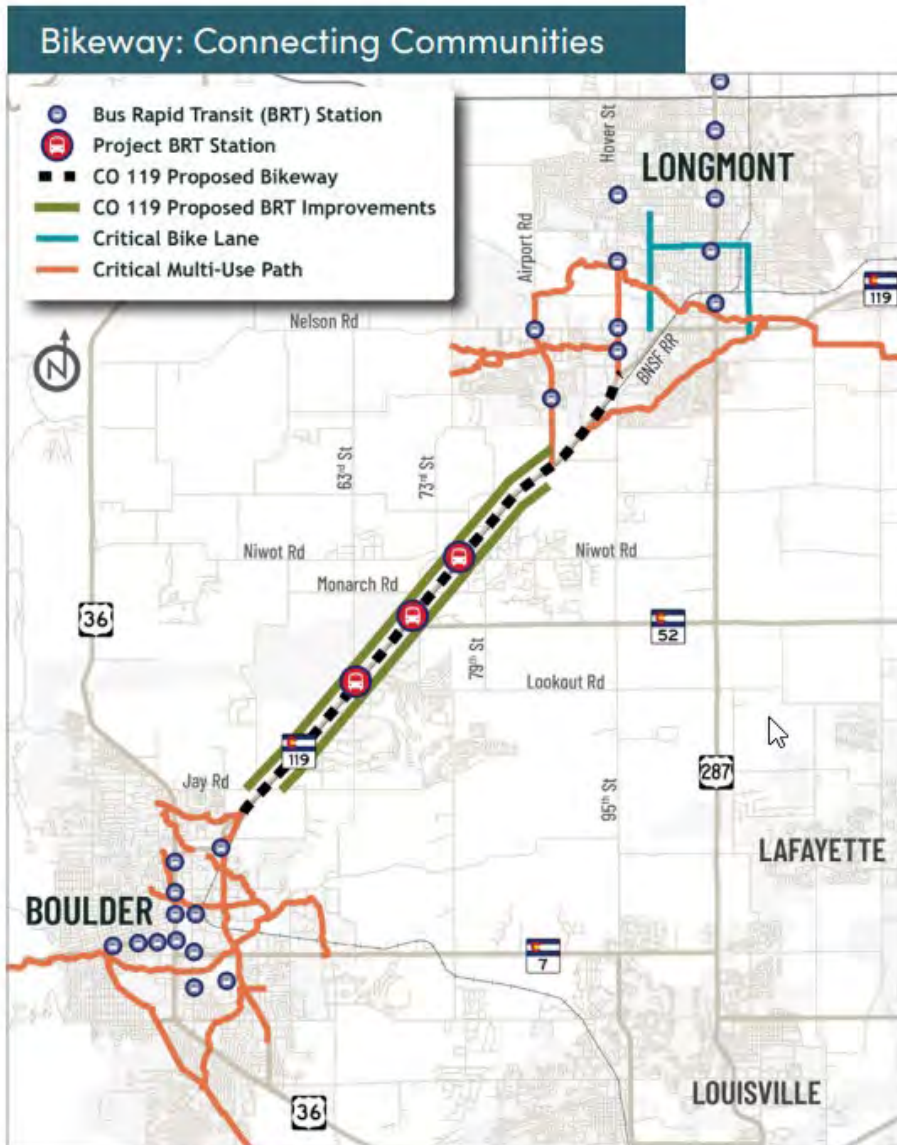


Project Elements:

- Intersection improvements/Adaptive Signals
- Queue Bypass Lanes
- BRT stations
- Park-n-Ride
- Commuter Bikeway
- Bikeway Underpass



CO 119 BRT Transit and Bikeway Connections



119 BRT Service will replace:

- Existing RTD BOLT & J Lines (Boulder/Longmont)

Queue Bypass lanes will serve:

- New BRT Blue and Orange Routes
- Flex (regional)

119 BRT will tie by connection(s) to:

- Bustang (Regional)
- GET (Greeley/Evans)
- COLT (Loveland)
- Flatiron Flyer (RTD)
- Hop (Boulder)
- TransFort (Fort Collins)



63rd Intersection





SH 52 Intersection





- Currently at ~60% Design
- Draft CM/GC RFP released
- Construction planned for end of CY23

CO 119 Safety and Mobility Improvements Project Schedule



Subject to change pending construction delivery method