

# **Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)**

This meeting will be hosted virtually

# February 2, 2023 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM *Agenda*

8:30-8:35	Welcome and Introductions – Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair						
8:35-8:40	Approval of the December 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	<u>Transportation Commission Report (Informational Update)</u> – Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair						
	<ul> <li>Summary report of the most recent Transportation Commission meeting.</li> </ul>						
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	<u>Legislative Report (Informational Update)</u> – Herman Stockinger and Jamie Grim CDOT Office						
	of Policy and Government Relations (OPGR)						
	Update on recent federal and state legislative activity.						
9:40-9:55	Winter Maintenance Update (Informational Update) – CDOT's Division of Maintenance and						
	Operations						
	Update on CDOT's Winter Operations						
9:55-10:05	Break						
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10:05-10:25	2022 Annual Accomplishments Report (Informational Update) – CDOT's Office of						
	Communications						
	An overview of the CDOT Annual Accomplishment Report						
10:25-10:40	The Next Statewide Transportation Plan (Action Item) - Marissa Gaughan, Division of						
	Transportation Development						
	A discussion on the approach to developing the next Statewide Transportation Plan						
10:40-10:50	<u>Transportation Alternatives (TAP) Update (Informational Update)</u> – Marissa Gaughan and						
	Aaron Willis, Division of Transportation Development						
	<ul> <li>Update on the Transportation Alternatives Program call for projects</li> </ul>						
10:50-11:00	Other Business - Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair						

STAC Website: <a href="https://www.codot.gov/programs/planning/planning-partners/stac.html">https://www.codot.gov/programs/planning/planning-partners/stac.html</a>

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# Special Announcement for ED Lew: Chief Engineer

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# Dear Colleagues,

Thank you to everyone who joined in the celebration at headquarters yesterday of Steve Harelson's remarkable career at CDOT. Our chief engineer has led the department as we set records in the size of our construction program, and his stewardship of this work has been indispensable since he took on his current role in 2019. While it's hard to say goodbye - and you have just a few more days before he leaves us - we wish Steve all the best in retirement.

At this time of transition, I am excited to share that Keith Stefanik will serve as CDOT's next chief engineer. Keith is a familiar face with a strong track record at CDOT. He has served as the deputy chief engineer since October 2020 and was the Central 70 Project director and resident engineer before that. Keith began his career as a transportation engineer for PBS&J before serving as a capital projects manager in Douglas County, Colorado and project manager with Atkins North America.

With this experience, Keith knows how to plan, design and deliver projects of every shape and size, on time and on budget, and he has been a leader in finding new and better ways to engage the community and our neighbors, even when our work is disruptive to their daily lives.

Keith is a proud Pennsylvania native and graduated from Pennsylvania College of Technology with a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering technology. He's been a Coloradan for more than 20 years and enjoys spending his free time cycling and with his wife Jeanni and dog Rozi up in Summit County.

Please join me in welcoming Keith into this new leadership role, which he will start on Feb. 6.

Shoshana

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# <u>Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)</u> <u>Meeting Notes</u>

Chair: Vince Rogalski, Gunnison Valley TPR

Date/Time: Thursday, December 1, 2022; 8:32 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Virtual Only

Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLjLJFee0eg

#### Attendance:

Denver Area: Nicholas Williams, Pueblo Area: Eva Cosyleon

Ron Papsdorf San Luis Valley: Keith Baker, Vern Heersink

Central Front Range: Dick South Central: Jennifer Oliver

Elsner, Dwayne McFall, and Southeast: Stephanie Gonzales, Ron Cook

Samantha Hughes Southwest: Jim Candelaria

Eastern: Chris Richardson Upper Front Range: Scott James, Elizabeth Relford, John

Grand Valley: Dana Brosig, Becker

Rachel Peterson Southern Ute Tribe: None
Gunnison Valley: Vince Ute Mountain Ute Tribe: None

Rogalski, Roger Rash FHWA: None

Intermountain: Brian Pettet, Terri Partch FTA: None

North Front Range: Kristin Stephens, Becky Karasko, Transportation Commissioners: Eula Adams, Don Stanton,

Suzette Mallette, Johnny Olson Kathleen Bracke

Northwest: Heather Sloop

Pikes Peak Area: Dave Donelson, Holly Williams,

John Liosatos, Danelle Miller

# **Highlights and Action Items**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions meeting commenced at 8:32am by Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair <u>(video timestamp</u> 00:04:13)
- 2. Approval of the November Meeting Minutes (video timestamp 00:09:07)
  - The November 2022 STAC minutes were motioned for approval by Kristen Stephens and seconded by Holly Williams. Minutes were approved unanimously without changes.
- 3. CDOT Update on Current Events Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Director (video timestamp 00:09:50)
  - CDOT Deputy Director reported on the ribbon cutting for the Central 70 Project, the retirement of Richard Zamora and his interim replacements (Jason Nelson and Jason Aarons). The Transportation Commission Meeting in December will be virtual only with Workshops and regular Board Meeting being held on Wednesday. Additionally, the hiring process is ongoing for Andy Karsian's replacement.
- 4. Transportation Commission Report Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair (video timestamp 00:13:40)
  - The Chair summarized matters covered in the previous Transportation Commission meeting including the FY23 budget presented to the Governor, which is expected to be adopted in March. The Chair also noted the increasing frequency of public comments received on TC matters generally and their growing influence.
- 5. TPR Representative and Federal Partners Reports (video timestamp 00:16:05)

- Many Transportation Planning Regions (TPRs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) had not met since the last STAC meeting with meetings set for the following month. Member updates included reports on: Updates to various transportation plans/reports being updated or overhauled, TIP/STIP additions, preparations for winter (i.e. chain-up stations), individual TPR/MPO approval of performance measures targets, halting of capital construction projects and finalization of maintenance projects given the onset of winter.
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): FHWA had no updates.
- o Federal Transit Administration (FTA): FTA had no updates.
- 6. Legislative Report Herman Stockinger and Jamie Grim CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations (OPGR) (video timestamp 00:32:56)
  - No State Legislative Report. Jamie Grim provided an federal legislative update, noting the changing political majorities in the House and Senate. Pieces of legislation currently in session are the National Defense Authorization Act as well as the approval process of the General Budget to avoid a government shutdown which could impact IIJA funds. The Senate is discussing Community funded projects into the Omnibus Bill; talks are ongoing. Colorado has two new Legislators: Brittney Peterson (District 7) and Yadira Caraveo (District 8). Additionally, Railroad Strike Legislation is currently being considered in the Senate and is expected to pass.
- 7. CDOT Budget Update Jeff Sudmeier, CDOT Chief Financial Officer (video timestamp 00:39:53)
  - A report was provided on Revenue Reconciliation and Federal Redistribution, specifically Inflexible (\$19.7M total) and Flexible Revenues (\$17.3M total). The TC Program Reserve Reconciliation saw a total balance of \$ 146.8M in the program reserve. Updates were also given on the FY23 Budget Amendments including the following: Capital Construction Cost Escalation, Mountain Corridor Resiliency, Strategic Pavement Investments, Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise BABs Subsidy, and Workers Compensation Budget Shortfall. Herein, staff is to request \$79.5M from the TC Program Reserve.
- 8. State Demographer Update Cindy DeGroen, Department of Local Affairs (video timestamp 01:42:04)
  - The State Demography presentation provided updates on the trends in the Colorado's population in the wake of the 2020 Census. The primary statewide population trends are: Slowing population growth rate (births up, deaths down, migration slowing); aging population; concentrated growth (Front Range); increasing racial and ethnic diversity. Long term, there is an expected 1.7M increase in population expected by 2050.
- 9. CDOT Communication Office Update Matthew Inzeo, Director, Office of Communications <u>(video timestamp 02:05:43)</u>
  - Matt Inzeo provided various updates, first on the status of COtrip. Of note, there has been a 70% increase in mobile visits to COtrip sites. Additionally an overview of the new COtrip Planner App, Travel Alerts, Plow Trackers was presented. CDOTs various social media sites were also highlighted. Final updates were given on this year's Winter Wise: Winter Driving in the Wild campaign as well as the Bustang website revamping.
- 10. Transportation Alternatives (TAP) Update Marissa Gaughan, Division of Transportation Development (video timestamp 02:22:09)
  - STAC was given an overview of the Transportation Alternatives Program and its purpose; eligible
    activities, entities, and award considerations; as well as financial aspects of the TAP program. An outline
    and timeline of the application process and important dates was also given. CDOT proposes projects be
    scored by an interdisciplinary CDOT review committee with representatives from each Region.
  - <u>Discussion</u>: Members of the STAC expressed concerns with this centralized committee and levels of representation for rural TPRs. STAC recommended to the TC that TPR Chairs, or their representative, be part of the [TAP project] selection process.
- 11. Other Business Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair (video timestamp 03:18:20)
  - The next STAC meeting originally scheduled for January 5, 2023 has been canceled.

# **DRAFT Transportation Commission (TC) Meeting Minutes**

# Workshops and Regular Meeting Wednesday, January 18, 2023

#### TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION WORKSHOPS 12:00 PM to 1:45 PM

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LegneU\_JOBA

#### Call to Order, Roll Call - Timestamp 00:00:00

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

#### TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, Jan 18, 2023

# Joint Board TC Workshop on CTIO Staffing Plan (Nick Farber, Piper Darlington and Kelly Brown)

**Purpose and Action:** To present the Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO) Board and the Colorado Transportation Commission (TC) with key details regarding CTIO's request for seven (7) Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions to increase the CTIO Express Lanes tolling operations staff in fiscal year 2022-23. Twelve (12) additional FTE positions are expected to be requested between fiscal years (FY) 2023-24 and 2024-25 are also included in CTIO's future growth plans. No action is requested, and the purpose of the materials is informational only.

#### Discussion

- The rationale presented for the proposed increase in CTIO staff included:
  - Doubling of Express Lanes in the system.
  - Implementation of I-70 Mountain Express Lane (MEXL) Safety Enforcement Program in early
     203 and expansion across the network this summer.
  - o Increased functionality as a result of the Next Generation Lane Toll System, and
  - Duties shifting of back office support from e-470 to the CTIO.
  - Proposing a new traffic operations branch be formed within CTIO to support work currently being conducted by private contractors, with FTEs at CTIO:
    - All FTEs paid for with tolling revenues.
    - Saves roughly \$120,000 annually compared to use of contractors.
- TC members who commented appreciated the presentation, and supported the concept presented by CTIO. One commissioner noted attracting the contractor personnel to hire on as FTEs would be beneficial.
- The CTIO Board appreciated the comprehensive analysis that considered CTIO needs over time, and the transparency.
- Other observations were made that use of toll lanes may not be intuitive and that communication on how to use them properly is important.

# Budget Workshop (Jeff Sudmeier and Bethany Nicholas) Timestamp 00:34:44

**Purpose and Action:** To provide an annual review and update of Policy Directive (PD) 703.0 and request the TC consideration of proposed changes. This includes an explanation of the PD and how well the policies and thresholds have been functioning. (In addition, a Budget Supplement for FY 2023 is to be discussed for action later at this meeting.)

#### **Discussion:**

- Updates are mostly technical (nomenclature and clarifying language) in nature vs. policy-based.
- IOM budgets (as the office gains more years of experience) would require less approvals and oversight by the TC.
- 10-Year Plan project roll forwards and fund transfers would not need TC approval if projects previously approved by TC, to avoid duplicative approvals and redundant accounting practices.
- Proposed change is to reduce the cash forecast timeline from 48 months to 36 months to increase confidence in the results.
- A few Commissioners expressed concerns with the proposed changes in TC approval requirements and that the key responsibility of the TC is approval of budget items. In addition it was noted to be important that TC members are clear on how funding is expended and that decisions are transparent and pass audits.
- CDOT Chief Financial Officer, Jeff Sudmeier, noted that revisions to PD 703.0 are not urgent, and also noted that comments received today regarding concerns with the level of TC oversight over OIM, and transfer of funds approvals, can be addressed and brought back to the TC in the future for more discussion and consideration before any action is taken.

#### Condemnation Authorization Request (Steve Harelson) Timestamp 01:09:36

**Purpose and Action:** Region 3 Project SH 133 - Rockfall Mitigation North of McClure Pass - location is SH 133 from Carbondale and Redstone; Project # 24279. Action is for the TC to approve condemnation authorization for this project's parcel in question.

#### **Discussion:**

No discussion or questions were raised by the TC members.

## **Grants Workshop (Hannah Reed) Timestamp 01:13:35**

**Purpose and Action:** To share progress on submitted applications; current and future coordination of proposals to anticipated federal discretionary programs under the Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act (IIJA); review the grant successes of 2022; and inform processes and procedures for achieving continued grant success in 2023. Per PD 703.0, when the department intends to apply for grants with a match consisting of previously approved funding, no action is necessary by the Commission, but we provide the Commission with the projects we intend to pursue.

#### Discussion

- A long list of grant applications for discretionary grant funds included: Rebuilding America's
  Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE), Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grants (MPDG),
  Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE), Bridge Investment Program (BIP), Enabling Middle Mile Broadband
  (MM), and FTAs ADAs Technology Demonstration Program. In 2022 over \$1.7B and over 24 projects
  have been reviewed and submitted or considered for grant funding.
- Grant applications are a substantial effort and an achievement in themselves, and their usefulness extends beyond submittals, they provide valuable information for stakeholders and relevant project management information to CDOT staff.

- Grant Successes included:
  - I-70 Floyd Hill INFRA Grant with \$100M awarded.
  - Multimodal Options for a Vibrant and Equitable Western Slope (MOVE) Westward 3-Project via a RAISE Grant with \$24.2M awarded.
- Other topics included:
  - How to select projects for grant applications.
  - Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) that establishes guidance on what and how to apply for grant funds.
  - Projects kept on a list to consider for NOFOs as they are released mostly shovel ready projects from the 10-Year Plan.
  - Grant programs in the pipeline for 2023 that CDOT is considering for grant applications.

#### TC Comments

- Curiosity on status of FLAP grants not opening up again until 2024 as they occur on a five year cycle.
- I-270 Bridge Bundle update was requested included in BIP and was not awarded. Plan to repackage this project for other grant opportunities.
- CDOT is repackaging US 40 in Grand County grant application for the next RAISE NOFO.
- North I-25 grant applications what is on the list for them? CDOT contemplated Segment 5 but now funded without a grant for now. Commissioner Bracke requested a memo on why a segment 5 grant is no longer needed and what funding sources are being used for now.
- A Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program loan influences the I-25 North segments. A joint workshop with CTIO Board and TC will occur next month by CTIO to delve into this further.
- More information on how CDOT selects projects to apply for grant funding is important per Commissioner Gracia and wondered how the grant programs align with the Broadband Office -Colorado Broadband (CBO). The CDOT grant program is coordinating with the CBO, but not directly.
- Commissioners thanked and recognized Hannah Reed for her work and expressed appreciation for the grants presentation.

Adjournment: Approximately 1:41 pm

#### TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING 1:45 PM to 3:00 PM

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

#### 1. Call to Order, Roll Call Timestamp 01:41:12

Ten of 11 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, and Terry Hart were present, with Commissioner Kathy Hall excused.

## 2. Public Comments Timestamp 01:41:50

None.

## 3. Comments of the Chair and Individual Commissioners Timestamp 01:42:00

- Commissioners recognized the departure and the wonderful work during their tenure at CDOT of Chief Engineer, Steve Harelson and Division of Transportation Development Director, Rebecca White.
- Commissioners Hart and Hickey welcomed Shane Ferguson as the new Region 2 Transportation Director.

- Recognition of all CDOT crews who help maintain the roads for winter who keep roads passable and people safe. CDOT staff who contribute to and plan for safety practices and maintenance of mobility/access throughout the Department were also recognized.
- The RTC of DRCOG released the congestion report for 2021 that was noted by Commissioner Stuart and recommended it to be passed along to other TC members.

#### 4. Executive Director's Management Report (Shoshana Lew) Timestamp 02:08:54

- Recognized departure and honored Steve Harelson and Rebecca White for their work and contributions to CDOT.
- Recognized the maintenance and operations crews for their work on the roads for winter. The recruiting work has been effective and all their work is greatly appreciated.

#### 5. Chief Engineer's Report (Steve Harelson) Timestamp 02:13:51

- Provided parting words to the TC expressing his gratitude.
- Pandemic response of CDOT set records in terms of keeping projects moving, and made him very proud.
   Thanked industry, Commission members and CDOT staff for their contributions to this effort.
- Recognized and thanked Rebecca White for all her work at CDOT, both on 70 Central and leading DTD.
- Book of the Month author was presented. In 1997 that author was granted an Ignoble Award for Chicken Plucking as an Indicator of Tornado Wind Speed - Bernard Vonnegut and older brother of writer Kurt Vonnegut.
- Noted many names of CDOT staff that inspired him over the years, in particular, Shoshana Lew for giving him the opportunity to be Chief Engineer.

## 6. CTIO Director's Report (Nick Farber) Timestamp 02:22:20

- Recognized Steve Harelson and Rebecca White for their work and contributions to CDOT.
- At the CTIO Board Meeting this morning, the Board approved Central 70 toll rates. Tolling is anticipated to go live on February 28, depending on the Equity Program going live at the same time. Both are on track for the end of February right now.
- Jim Hoover from the CDOT Public Information Office spoke to the CTIO Board regarding the robust outreach program that is planned for Tolling Go Live, and the Tolling Equity Program (a special bus pass and \$100 towards tolls for eligible individuals) to get the word out.
- Fees for service are what CDOT pays CTIO to deliver and is paid to CTIO every six months. Over the last six months the services provided included:
  - Worked with the tolling equipment provider ETC to get Central 70 and I-25 South Gap projects tolling up and running.
  - CTIO does a lot of P3 contract management, including for Central 70 an individual monitoring project, and selected a new vendor for US 36 concession agreement monitoring, to ensure Plenary is living up to its contractual obligations.
  - Will be talking to the CTIO Board about tolling dynamic pricing and a plan to communicate to the public that this is up and coming.
  - Tolling Back office procurement was a key project- where four firms were shortlisted during the request for proposal (RFP) stage of solicitation.
  - CTIO does a lot of project development with CDOT and Lots of public outreach and communications with initiating tolling commencement- work on Burnham Yard and Floyd Hill are examples.

#### 7. FHWA Division Administrator Report (John Cater) Timestamp 02:29:55

- FHWA signed the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Floyd Hill I-70 project for a full environmental clearance. Recognized Jessica Myklebust, Region 1 RTD and team for this accomplishment with a \$100 million grant award.
- The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant program is an allocation every year of around \$50 million. A three-member team with representatives from FHWA, CDOT and STAC work together to choose how to spend FLAP dollars. Next process is scheduled for 2024 and the funds are not nationally competitive, as are the RAISE and other federal grant programs.
- Safety is a key condern as fatality numbers are coming in for 2022 and the trend is disturbing, over 745 annually are estimated for Colorado, This is wo a day every day. Since 2011, fatalities increased by over 300 fatalities. Two areas to focus on are driver behavior and roadway and vehicles sometimes these two intersect rumble strips is one example, there is a need to do more. There is a need to make changes routine not only special circumstances, and cable median guardrails are a great tool also. Delineation on curves, right and left turn lanes and roundabouts. These are relatively inexpensive to increase safety. There is a need to keep safety on the forefront of people's minds.
- Recognized Steve Harelson and Rebecca White as great people, who both will be missed.

# 8. STAC Report (Vincent Rogalski) Timestamp 02:38:44

- No STAC meeting in January 2023.
- Recognized Steve Harelson and Rebecca White for all their work and contributions at CDOT. Rebecca
  accomplished the long range plan and the 10-year Plan. Rebecca and Shoshana conducted a herculean
  effort with outreach for 2045 SWP.

#### 9. Act on Consent Agenda Timestamp 02:42:01

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

- a) Proposed Resolution #1: Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2022 (Herman Stockinger).
- b) Proposed Resolution #2: IGA Approval >\$750,000 (Steve Harelson).
- c) Proposed Resolution #3: Access Permit Appeals # 322127 and # 322125 (Pawan Nelson and Dan Roussin).
- d) Proposed Resolution #4: Adoption of Policy Directive 1604.0 Construction Public Notice Policy (Herman Stockinger/Matt Inzeo).

# 10. <u>Discuss and Act on Proposed Resolution #5: 7th Region 2 Requested Budget Supplement of FY 2023 (Jeff Sudmeier and Bethany Nicholas) Timestamp 02:42:49</u>

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

# 11. Resolution #6 Delayed: Discuss and Act on Proposed Resolution #7: Condemnation Authorization (Steve Harelson) Timestamp 02:47:25

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

# **12.** Adjournment - Approximately 2:51 pm





2022 Year in Review



# Key Accomplishments in 2022

- ➤ 107 Total Projects Completed
- 538 Miles of Rural Roads Improved
- 129 Projects Awarded

\$840 million spent on construction contractor payments

- Over 50% of the full 10-year plan is complete
- 16 10-Year Plan Projects Put Out for Bid
- 1 million revenue service miles achieved on Bustang
- > 6 million lane miles plowed



# Progress on the 10-Year Plan

Since the creation of the 10-Year plan, CDOT has been hard at work delivering and planning the projects that our neighbors helped identify and made possible by legislative funding initially provided in SB267.

Going into the fifth year of CDOT's current 10-year plan:

- ➤ 100% of the projects in the first four years of the plan are complete or underway
- Over 50% of the full 10-year plan is now complete or in progress
- ➤ The department completed 23 projects from its 10-Year Plan in 2022 and put out 16 projects from the plan for bid.





# Project Spotlight 1-70 Floyd Hill

Construction started in fall 2022 with a wildlife crossing and roundabouts. With construction scheduled to begin on the mainline in the spring of 2023, the project will make much-needed improvements along eight miles of I-70. In September 2022, CDOT was awarded a \$100 million grant from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). This is more than CDOT has received through any prior single grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Early action projects are underway, and these improvements will save users travel time for weekend trips and decrease the number and severity of crashes through more consistent traffic flow and speeds.

# Major elements of the project include:

- Adding a third westbound travel lane on I-70
- Constructing a missing frontage road connection
- Adding an eastbound auxiliary lane to the uphill section of Floyd Hill
- Improving interchanges and intersections
- Improving design speeds
- Improving the Clear Creek Greenway
- Environmental mitigation for wildlife connectivity, air and water quality, stream conditions and recreation





# Project Spotlight Bustang Expansion



CDOT launched Bustang in 2015, marking the department's first steps toward increasing statewide mobility options through a state-run interregional bus service. Today, the Bustang family serves nearly every corner of Colorado.

This year, \$30 million in new funding from the state legislature's passage of Senate Bill 22-180 funded a three-year pilot program to provide hourly Bustang service along I-70 and I-25 to attract additional travelers into a transit option on our busiest interstate corridor.

The shuttle service, which preceded the Floyd Hill project and construction of mobility hubs, launched in May 2022 and provides service from Denver Union Station to Avon or Eagle with more routes planned in the future, reducing reliance on gas-powered vehicles on I-70 and decreasing emissions. Future plans for this service entail transitioning to electric vehicles for the shuttle service, further decreasing emissions



# Project Spotlight Central 70

CDOT celebrated the completion of the \$1.2 billion Central 70 Project in November of 2022. Since its August 2018 groundbreaking, the Central 70 Project has reconstructed 10 miles of I-70, added one new Express Lane in each direction, removed an aging 57-year old viaduct, lowered the interstate and built a four-acre park for the surrounding community. The Central 70 Project allows motorists to have trip time reliability and increases safety for both the community and those passing through. This project successfully reconnected the community and brought people-focused infrastructure improvements that will last for generations to come and has inspired other states to follow suit.



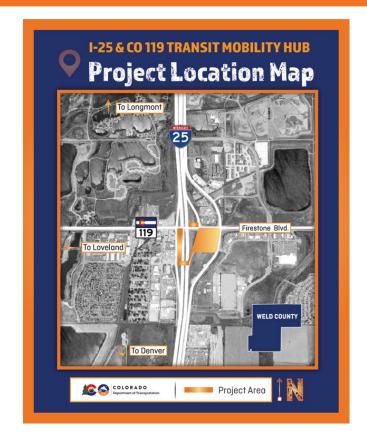


# Project Spotlight Multimodal Mobility Hubs

The state legislature provided new transportation funding through Senate Bill 17-267, which provides \$192 million for strategic transit capital projects over four years beginning in FY 2019.

CDOT, through its planning efforts, has identified multiple locations along the I-25 and I-70 corridors to construct mobility hubs to be funded by SB 267.

In addition to the four completed mobility hubs currently served by Bustang, CDOT is planning, designing and constructing additional mobility hubs over the course of the next 10 years. CDOT has developed a Mobility Hub Handbook that provides a framework to guide and implement these projects. The mobility hub area plans include the alternatives analysis and supporting research to select the preferred location and preliminary engineering concepts to develop the design and cost estimates.





# Greater Denver Metro Area Completed Projects

- ➤ I-25 South Gap
- Six-Inch Pavement Markings
- ➤ CO 88 Concrete Panel Pavement
- ➤ I-70 Noise Walls Phase 1
- US 85 Widening in Louviers
- US 6 Tunnel lighting
- ➤ US 287 Paving and Curb Ramps
- > I-70 and Sheridan Intersection Improvements
- I-70 Repaying







# Greater Denver Metro Area Underway Projects

- I-70 over 32nd
- > I-70 over Harlan
- I-70 Genesee Wildlife Crossing Underpass
- I-70 Repaying between Chief Hosa and Floyd Hill
- EJMT Infrastructure Maintenance
- CO 72 Repaying between I-70 and Indiana St
- ➤ I-76 York to Dahlia Roadway Reconstruction
- ➤ I-76 over Clear Creek Scour Mitigation
- Regionwide Curb Ramp and Traffic Signal Improvements
- US 85 Corridor Improvements from Highlands Ranch Parkway to C-470
- > I-25 Dry Creek Ramp Improvements
- > I-25 Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation
- Denver Metro Bridge Safety Improvements





# Southeast Colorado

# Completed & Underway Projects





# **Completed Projects**

- CO 21 Powers Boulevard and Research Parkway Interchange
- El Paso County Bridge Maintenance
- I-25 Ramp Metering in Colorado Springs
- US 160 La Veta Pass Resurfacing
- ➤ I-25 Exit 11 Interchange Improvements
- US 50 Resurfacing in Pueblo
- US 50 Purcell Interchange

# **Underway Projects**

- CO 115 Improvements
- Military Access, Mobility and Safety Improvements
- Bridge Bundle
- CO 96 Resurfacing East of Westcliff
- ➤ US 287 Passing Lanes
- US 287 and US 50 Resurfacing Downtown Lamar



# Northwest Colorado Completed Projects

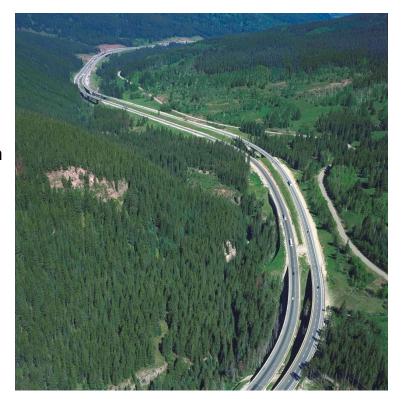
- US 40 Sand Spring Gulch to Craig
- CO 14 and CO 125 Rural Resurfacing
- US 50 Delta Settlement Repair
- CO 91 Critical Culvert Repairs
- CO 13 Fortification Creek North
- CO 139 Douglas Pass North
- CO 92 Hotchkiss and Crawford
- CO 64 Rangely East and US 40 Dinosaur East Surface Treatment
- CO 92 Gunnison River Bridge Replacement and Resurfacing
- CO 133 Landslide Repair

- ➤ CO 9 Frisco to Iron Springs
- Us 50 and 550 Montrose Resurfacing
- CO 82 Aspen Airport Business Center to Aspen Resurfacing and Roundabout
- ➤ US 6 and CO 141 Mesa County Resurfacing
- > I-70B 1st and Grand Ave Improvement
- I-70 Glenwood Canyon Critical Asset Repair
- ➤ 1-70 Wrong Way Detection System
- ► 1-70 Silverthorne to EJMT Resurfacing
- I-70 Emergency Structure "Box" Replacement
- I-70 Parachute to Rulison Resurfacing



# Northwest Colorado Underway Projects

- I-70 West Vail Pass Auxiliary Lane Safety and Operations Improvements
- I-70 Frisco to Silverthorne Eastbound Auxiliary Lane
- I-70 Eagle County Median Railing
- I-70 Wildlife Fencing
- > I-70 Garfield County Cable Rail and Guardrail Installation
- > I-70 Salt Wash Bridges Scour
- ➤ CO 13 Rio Blanco Hill
- US 6 Clifton Intersection Improvements
- > I-70 Vail Pass Rest Area Replacement Project
- > US 6 Fruita to Palisade Corridor Improvements
- ➤ US 50 Little Blue Creek Canyon
- US 133 Bowie Chip Seal





# Northeast Colorado Completed & Underway Projects

# **Completed Projects**

- CO 7 Lower Permanent Flood Repairs
- CO 119 Adaptive Implementation
- CO 16 Pawnee Pass to Sterling
- CO 14 Cameron Peak Fire Culvert Upgrades
- CO 1 Wellington South Reclamation and Resurfacing
- CO 14 Safety Improvements
- ▶ I-76 Sterling East

# **Underway Projects**

- US 85 and Weld County Road 44
- ➤ Eastern Plains Timber Bridge Replacement
- North I-25 from Berthoud to Fort Collins







# Southwest Colorado

# Completed & Underway Projects



# **Completed Projects**

- ➤ US 160 and CO 370 Resurfacing and ADA Ramps
- CO 149 Resurfacing Creede to North of City Lake
- > US 160 Wildlife Crossings Near Chimney Rock National Park
- US 24 Wildlife Fencing East of Johnson Village
- US 50 Monarch Truck Ramp and Culvert Repair
- US 285 Resurfacing Monte Vista to Saguache
- US 550 Durango Medians Signals and Pedestrian Crossing
- > CC 172 and CR 318 Intersection Improvements

# **Underway Projects**

- US 160 Fiber Optic Wolf Creek Pass to Pagosa Springs
- ➤ US 160 Resurfacing Four Corners to Aztec Creek
- US 160 McCabe Creek Culverts in Pagosa Springs
- US 550 Resurfacing Ouray to Colona
- US 550 and US 160 Connection South Near Durango



# Building on Progress Fixing our state's rural roads

# **538 miles** of rural roads improved in 2022

140.27 miles repayed in Southeast Colorado

264.21 miles repaved in Northwest Colorado

15.7 miles repayed in Northeast Colorado

**61** miles Southwest repaved in Southwest Colorado





# Revitalizing Main Streets & Our Economy







In 2022, over \$35 million worth of projects was either awarded or kicked off.

CDOT is proud to make investments in our roads and built environments that support multimodal transportation options. The Revitalizing Main Streets grant program funds the enhancement of active transportation safety and results in encouraging physical activity.

The program strengthens the connection of people to main streets and central economic hubs, resulting in boosting local economic vitality in towns and cities across Colorado.

Through a grant process, local communities can implement their vision of building infrastructure improvements to make walking and biking easy, yielding long-term benefits that bolster community connections.





# **QUESTIONS?**



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In 2023, CDOT is projected to spend **over 1.5 billion** on construction

With progress well underway and more quickly coming, Coloradans should expect CDOT to continue building the connections we need to keep our state thriving.





# Denver Metro Area

Looking ahead

- Alameda Bridge Replacement Over South Platte River
- ➤ I-70 Ward Road Bridge Replacement
- US 40 Floyd Hill Roundabouts
- Empire Wildlife Crossing
- US 6 and Wadsworth Early Action
- Variable Speed Limit Signs on Eastbound I-70
- CO 74 and US 285 Variable Signage Improvements
- Eastbound I-70 Active Traffic Management
- I-25 Interchange Improvements in Douglas County
- CO 83 Safety Improvements in Douglas County
- I-70 Over Washington Bridge Repairs





# Southeast Colorado Looking ahead

- ➤ US 24 and CO 21B Colorado Springs Signal Replacement
- US 50 and CO 71 Intersection Improvements
- Region 2 Crosslight Replacement
- Baptist and Terrazzo Roundabout
- US 50 and CO 231 Intersection Improvements
- US 285 Bailey Safety Improvements
- > Region 2 Sign Replacement Project
- Region 2 Pavement Marking Project
- Stencil Pavement Marking Project





# Northwest Colorado

Looking ahead



- CO 9 North of Silverthorne Resurfacing
- US 550 Montrose to Ouray County Line
- ➤ US 6 and 20 Road Intersection Improvement
- CO 133 Rockfall North of McClure Pass
- ▶ I-70B and CO 141B Mesa County Resurfacing
- CO 64 West of Meeker Bridge
- I-70 Dowd Canyon Variable Speed Limit
- ➤ I-70 Wall Replacement
- > Eagle Residency ADA Ramp Improvements
- I-70 Rifle to Silt Slab Replacement
- > US 6B Signal Replacement
- ➤ I-70B 31.5 Road Safety Improvements
- ➤ CO 133 Slope Stabilization
- ➤ US 50 Mile Point 134.6-136 Passing Lanes



# Northeast Colorado

Looking ahead

- ➤ CO 138 East of Sterling
- ➤ US 385 Holyoke North







# Southwest Colorado Looking ahead

- CO 172 resurfacing Ignacio to Elmore's Corner
- US 550 Avalanche Mitigation System
- US 160 Pagosa Sweat Surface Treatment
- US 160 Section 3 Priority Culverts
- Region 5 New Chain Stations and Station Improvements
- US 160 Surface Treatment and Wildlife Underpass East of Fort Garland
- US 550 Billy Creek Wildlife Underpass





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**DATE:** February 2, 2023

**TO:** Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)

FROM: Marissa Gaughan, Manager, Multimodal Planning Branch, DTD

**SUBJECT:** Next Statewide Plan Approach

## **Purpose**

This memo aims to provide the STAC with options on how to approach the development of the next Statewide Transportation Plan with a specific focus on the program distribution process.

#### **Action**

This agenda topic is an action item for STAC.

## Background

An important aspect leading up to the development of each new long-range statewide plan is a process called Program Distribution. Program Distribution provides a long-term view of what revenues can be anticipated, and how they will be allocated among programs in the future. Program Distribution is used for planning purposes and is based on revenue projections.

#### **Details**

CDOT revisits/re-adopts program distribution approximately every 4 years, in advance of each long-range planning process. Program Distribution is composed of two parts:

- 1. Long-range revenue projections: Planning level estimates of anticipated revenue for both state and federal funding sources.
- 2. Program Distribution: The TC-directed allocation methodology for a range of funding programs.

Since Program Distribution discussions have historically been a lengthy and technical process, staff, in collaboration with the STAC Chair and Vice Chair, have developed the following options for how STAC should engage program distribution discussions:

- 1. Create a Program Distribution STAC subcommittee Convening a subcommittee would allow a smaller subset of the STAC to do an in-depth analysis of the formula programs and present their recommendations to STAC.
- 2. Bring Program Distribution to the entire STAC This allows the entire STAC to engage in the program distribution discussions.
- 3. Hybrid Approach Bring program distribution discussions to the entire STAC first. If STAC cannot reach a clear consensus in a reasonable amount of time, a subcommittee would be convened to discuss further and bring back a recommendation to STAC.

All of these options include the use of a professional facilitator to help guide and structure the discussion.

#### **Next Steps:**

Based on today's decision, staff can get started structuring the program distribution discussion which will kick off with the STAC in July 2023.

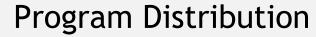


Schedule for Next Long Range Plan Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee February 2023



# Planning Ahead to Plan Ahead

- Staff is proposing to start work on the program distribution component of the long-range planning process in summer 2023.
- Historically we revisit/re-adopt program distribution every 4 years, in advance of each long-range planning process. The financial outlook from program distribution covers the same time period as the long-range plan. For example, our current program distribution goes out to 2045.
  - Resolution #TC 19-02-07 adopting the 2045 long range revenue projections for Program Distribution was adopted in February 2019.





There are two components of program distribution:

- **1. Long range revenue projections** Developed in advance of each Statewide Transportation Plan.
- 2. Program distribution The TC-directed allocation methodology for programs such as RPP, MMOF, Metro Planning, FASTER Safety, STBG-Metro, CMAQ, and TAP.

Together, these provide the financial framework for the transportation planning process including the development of the Statewide Transportation Plan, Long Range Regional Plans, MPO TIPs and the STIP.



# Options for STAC Engagement

Program Distribution has historically been a lengthy and technical process. Staff is seeking feedback from STAC on how you would like to engage in program distribution discussions. Here are some options to consider:

# 1. Create a Program Distribution STAC subcommittee

 Convening a subcommittee would allow a smaller subset of the STAC to do an in-depth analysis of the formula programs and present their recommendations to STAC. A subcommittee allows for the potential to convene longer, more intensive meetings outside of the normal STAC meetings.

# 2. Bring program distribution discussions to the entire STAC

• This allows the entire STAC to engage in the program distribution discussions. Since these discussions would occur as part of the normal STAC meetings, we'd need to carve out a block of time at each STAC meeting starting in July to devote to program distribution.

# 3. Hybrid Approach

• Bring program distribution discussions to the entire STAC first. If STAC cannot reach a clear consensus in a reasonable amount of time during the meeting, it will go to a subcommittee to discuss further and bring back a recommendation to STAC.

In all options, staff would like to bring in a professional facilitator to help guide and structure the process.



# Timeline and Next Steps

- Working through program distribution in 2023 would allow us to start work on the next long-range plan and 10-Year Plan Update in 2024.
  - Per 23 CFR § 450.104, we have until August 2025 to adopt the 2050 Statewide and Regional Transportation Plans. This schedule would keep us on well on track to meet this deadline.
  - This timing also works well with the recent adoption of the 10-Year Plan amendment by allowing us to focus this year on delivering the next set of projects from the 10-Year Plan, and on developing the new transit vision.
- Staff plans to kick off the program distribution process with STAC in July 2023.





# Thank you!!

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**SUBJECT:** Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Call for Projects

## **Purpose**

This memo aims to provide the STAC with an update on the Call for Projects for the fiscal year (FY) 2024-2026 TAP program.

#### **Action**

No action is required. This agenda topic is for informational and discussion purposes only.

#### **Background**

CDOT has updated the TAP program guidance and the call for projects is now officially open with a draft application due date set for March 24, 2023.

#### **Details**

Federal funds are allocated under the TAP program to transportation improvement projects that expand travel choices, strengthen the local economy, improve quality of life, and protect the environment. Many TAP projects enhance non-motorized forms of transportation like biking and walking.

#### TAP Funding:

There is approximately \$62 million total for TAP projects statewide during this timeframe. The large Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) (DRCOG, NFR & PPACG) receive a direct allocation of TAP funding based on their urbanized area populations and hold their own competitive process for selecting projects.

The remaining funds are CDOT-directed and are divided between the CDOT regions using a formula of 45% VMT, 40% lane miles / 15% truck VMT. CDOT holds a competitive call for TAP projects every 3 years. The large MPOs that receive direct suballocations of funding may also compete for funding in the CDOT competitive call for projects.

TAP is federal funding and requires a 20% local match. The match must be cash or cash equivalent (i.e. design, right of way, and materials). TAP funds may be used to satisfy the match requirements of a Multimodal Options Fund project and vice versa.

Eligible organizations for TAP applications include local governments, regional transportation authorities, transit agencies, natural resource or public land agencies, school districts, tribal governments, non-profit organizations, MPOs, and other local or regional governmental entities with responsibility for oversight of transportation or recreation trails.

# TAP Application Schedule:

February	March		April	May	June	Summer
2023	2023		2023	2023	2023	2023
Call-for-Projects open following the February STAC meeting.  Attend mandatory preapplication meeting with your CDOT Region.	Draft application deadline:  March 24	Engineer review/ feedback period: March 24- April 7	Final application deadline:  April 21	Projects scored	Projects awarded	Projects programmed in TIP/STIP

# TAP Project Evaluation:

TAP applications will be evaluated and scored among five (5) CDOT Engineering region-based interdisciplinary review committees composed of the following representatives:

- TPR Chairs or Designees
- CDOT Region Representatives
- CDOT Headquarters Representatives

# **Next Steps:**

The full TAP program guidance document and application are located on **CDOT's website**.

# **Attachments**

None.



# Coming soon! STAC Action Items

# **Action Items:**

- Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Briefing: Recommendation to TC supporting the SRTS Advisory Committee's project selection recommendations
- Interstate Pavement Recommendations
- FY 24 Budget Final Overview

Please note these are anticipated Action Items and are subject to change.