



COLORADO
Department of Transportation

Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)

This meeting will be hosted in person

Denver Regional Council of Governments, 1001 17th St #700, Denver, CO 80202

September 7, 2023

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Agenda

- 8:30-8:35 **Welcome and Introductions – Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair**
- 8:35-8:40 **Approval of the August Meeting Minutes - Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair**
- 8:40-8:50 **Transportation Commission Report (Informational Update) – Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair**
- Summary report of the most recent Transportation Commission meeting
- 8:50-9:15 **TPR Representative and Federal Partners Reports (Informational Update)**
- Updates from STAC members and federal agencies
- 9:15-9:20 **Legislative Report (Informational Update) – Emily Haddaway and Jamie Grim CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations (OPGR)**
- Update on state and federal legislation
- 9:20-10:20 **HB1101 Boundary Review Study Update (Informational Update) – Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Director**
- Update on the HB1101 Boundary Review Meeting
- 10:20-10:30 **Break**
- 10:30-11:30 **Program Distribution: Multimodal Options Fund (MMOF) Funding Program (Action Item) – Marissa Gaughan, Multimodal Planning Branch Manager**
- Review and approve the MMOF funding distribution formula
- 11:30-11:50 **Scenic Byways Overview and Update (Informational Update) – Lenore Bates, Scenic Byway Program Manager**
- Overview of the Scenic Byways program
- 11:50-12:00 **Other Business - Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair**
- October STAC Meeting

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

Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Thursday, August 3, 2023; 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: DRCOG 1001 17th Street, Denver, CO 80202

Recording: [STAC Meeting August 3, 2023 Recording](#)

Attendance:

Denver Area:	George Teal and Ron Papsdorf, Cam Kennedy, Steve Cook
Central Front Range :	Richard Elsner
Eastern:	Chris Richardson, Brandi Ritchey
Grand Valley:	Dana Brosig, and Rachel Peterson
Gunnison Valley:	Vince Rogalski, Michelle Haynes
Intermountain:	Brian Pettet
North Front Range:	Scott James, Becky Karasko, Suzette Mallette
Northwest:	Brian Cerkvenik, Heather Sloop
Pikes Peak Area:	Holly Williams, Dave Donelson, John Liosatos, Danelle Miller, and Jessica Bechtel
Pueblo Area:	Eva Cosyleon
San Luis Valley:	Keith Baker, and Vern Heersink
South Central:	Jennifer Oliver, John Galusha
Southeast:	Stephanie Gonzales, Ron Cook
Southwest:	Jim Candelaria and Sarah Hill
Upper Front Range:	Elizabeth Relford, Kevin Ross and Jon Becker
Southern Ute Tribe:	Mary Eagle

Ute Mountain Ute Tribe: None

FHWA: John Cater

FTA: None

Transportation Commissioners: Eula Adams, Kathleen Bracke, and Karen Stuart

1. Welcome and Introductions –Vince Rogalski, STAC Vice-Chair

- Meeting commenced at approximately 8:35 by Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair.

2. Approval of the July 2023 STAC Meeting Minutes – Vince Rogalski, STAC Vice Chair

- Meeting notes from the July 2023 STAC meeting were approved by the STAC membership.

3. Transportation Commission (TC) Report (Informational Update) – Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair

- Key items discussed and acted on at the July 2023 TC meetings were:
 - DRCOG submitted their GHG Transportation Plan in compliance with SB 21-260 and the CDOT GHG Rule of 2 CCR 601-22. The TC accepted the report via resolution.
 - Region 2 RTD, Shane Ferguson, provided an update on accomplishments and ongoing projects.
 - An update on Policy Directive 14 and scorecard for CDOT meeting performance targets was presented with these key findings:
 - Steady rise in traffic-related serious injuries and fatalities since 2018 and accelerated beginning in 2020.
 - Interstate Drivability Life has decreased eight percentage points since 2020, but it remains above the target of 80%.
 - Bridges in Good Condition have been declining for the past decade, falling below the target for the first time in 2021.
 - Most assets are near or meeting their goal with an exception of buildings, rest areas and tunnels.
 - Reliability and VMT have almost returned to pre-pandemic levels.
 - Bustang ridership is continuing to recover.
 - Update on the TPR Boundary Study was provided noting the report is due to the TC in November, an online public survey for all stakeholders to comment is occurring and will close August 31, 2023. Five virtual meetings scheduled for late July and early August by CDOT Region, and recommendations, after reviewing data and collecting public comments, will be provided in the fall.

4. TPR Representative and Federal Partners Reports – ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 00:00:00](#))

- **CFRTPR:** Commissioner Elsner provided an update of key projects occurring in the CFRTPR area.
- **DRCOG:** Ron Papsdorf and Commissioner Teal provided an update on key projects and DRCOG projects occurring.
- **Eastern:** Nothing new to report
- **Grand Valley:** Mesa County Commissioner, Cody Davis, will be the new STAC representative for Grand Valley MPO and will be in attendance for the September meeting. Grand Valley MPO started, 'Zero Fare for Better Air' from July 28th – August 31st. Herman Stockinger was thanked and recognized for coming to the Regional County Commission meeting.
- **Gunnison Valley:** Looking to have 'Little Blue Creek Canyon' completed by mid-November. This project has been going on for the past 3 years on-and-off and the county is ready to have it finish. Summer has brought much construction up into Gunnison Valley and now summer is coming to a close very soon up in the mountains. A

TPR meeting is scheduled for August 10th, 2023, and the plan is to include a robust conversation about HB 23-1101.

- **Intermountain:** Redistributed approximately \$1 million, based on Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) priorities, from a Multimodal Transportation Mitigation and Options Fund (MMOF) project that the Town of Snowmass was not able to complete. \$500,000 went to the Town of Eagle and a little over \$500,000 went to the Town of Frisco. Excitement was expressed regarding the Office of Policy and Government Relations review of Regional Planning Commission practices and documentation, because they believe it will help standardize the TPRs across the board and will provide more consistency within the TPRs.
- **NFRTPR:** North Front Range approved the 2050 RTP Fiscally Constrained Plan as well as adopted the 2050 RTP Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Transportation Report at their July 6th meeting. A presentation was provided by the CDOT Division of Transit and Rail at this meeting. North I-25 construction is really coming together and segments 6, 7, and 8 are closing in on finishing.
- **NWTPR:** No meeting has been held since the last STAC meeting. Construction is heavy in the region and NWTPR wants drivers to take the time to slow down and stay 300 ft away from the next vehicle ahead to reduce windshield damage. Traffic has been bad and fast in the region, with 2 deaths occurring over the past weekend on Rabbit Ears Pass. The TPR would like to start thinking about how many cars are on the highway when considering Regional Priority Program (RPP) funds. US 40 construction has started at Berthoud pass.
- **PPACG:** The PPACG 2050 long-range plan kicked off this week with the Citizens Advisory Committee. A celebration for the Space Command being reappointed to Colorado Springs is scheduled for Monday, August 7th, 2023.
- **PACOG:** Meeting was held last week in which a new grant coordinator was hired to help the region apply for federal grants. Making progress on the Exit 104 at I-25 project, and working on the Complete Streets initiative. Report from region transit showed a % increase in ridership in June and July due to “Zero fare for Better Air”.
- **SLVTPR:** San Luis Valley has not met since the last STAC meeting, which is scheduled for August 24th, 2023. Herman Stockinger visited the region on May 25th to talk about HB 23-1101. San Luis Valley held a webinar on July 25th to talk about HB 23-1101. CO 14 has route stripping occurring. Colorado is in the top 10 states for electric vehicle EV chargers.
- **SCTPR:** Meeting was held last week for SCTPR. I-25 construction is taking place between Pueblo and Walsenburg. Bustang ridership has been up in the region, on the route between Trinidad and Pueblo.
SETPR: A TPR meeting was held last week for SETPR. US 287 main street project has the southbound lane done, while the northbound lane should be completed around November. CO 71 passing lanes are out for design.
- **SWTPR:** SWTPR has not met since the last STAC meeting but should be meeting next Thursday, August 10th.
- **UFRTPR:** No meeting for UFRTPR since the last STAC meeting. Herman Stockinger visited UFRTPR to talk about HB 23-1101, scheduled to meet on September 7, 2023.
- **Southern Ute:** Finished their Cedar Point Road improvement project and are now working on the hunting roads on the east side. Southern Ute would like to thank CDOT for the work on CO 172 as they have been in urgent need of a fix. Communication is important, has had no communication regarding the CO 172 project, and would like to hear from CDOT more frequently on this project.
- **Ute Mountain:** None.
- **FHWA:** FHWA is holding a speed management peer exchange program out in Lakewood. This is to help tackle the increase in road fatalities and reckless driving in 2022, which was the highest it has ever been in Colorado at 764. About \$50 million will be available, through the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant, for projects on federal lands and this is a great chance to start looking at those grants. These should be coming available next year. Noted the numerous federal grants available to CDOT and to local governments. Please reach out to FHWA with any questions.

5. Wildfire Notice by STAC Chair, Vince Rogalski ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 00:21:04](#))

- A wildfire has started up in Crested Butte and is close to 30% contained. This is a reminder that we are in fire season and we need to be hyper-vigilant about fire prevention. Fires can start at any moment and we need to be prepared even though we have had a wet year.

6. CDOT Legislative Report – Emily Haddaway, CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 00:22:41](#))

- In the process of proposing the different legislation agenda items to the Governor’s office, which will be reviewed next July.
- The Transportation Legislation Review Committee (TRLRC) met for the first-time last month in which the OPRG gave a presentation on railroad safety. The TRLRC will hold another meeting August 20th , 2023.
- OPRG has been asked to give a presentation on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), give a maintenance update from the winter season of ‘22-’23, updates on HB 1101 TPR Boundary Study, and the implementation of SB 23-268, the 10-year Plan reporting bill.
- The Efficiency and Accountability Committee will be meeting on August 17th , 2023, and Vince Rogalski will be joining to represent the TPRs.
- Congress adjourned until the end of August without making progress on a Spending Bill. This could lead to a potential shutdown of the government, which would affect CDOT and our federal partners, FTA and FHWA.
- STAC Vice Chair Heather Sloop requested to have more transparency and time for STAC consideration when CDOT adds new items to Bills or puts new requirements on older Bills, during the next legislative session.

7. HB 23-1101 Study Update – Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Executive Director, and CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations Director ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 00:28:51](#))

- Herman provided an update on the HB1101 Boundary Review process and the status of the TPR Study.
- The TPR Study survey is live and will remain open until August 31, 2023. STAC members were encouraged to get their TPR members, transportation stakeholders, and any other interested individuals to take the survey.
- A GIS tool was developed in which members can review the different data that has been studied for HB 1101. The tool allows you to switch between the different criteria to consider what kind of impacts it has on your specific area’s boundaries.
- All meeting recordings and presentations will be posted on the CDOT TPR webpage. Since April, CDOT staff have traveled over 4,500 miles to attend in person every rural TPR meeting and many MPO meetings to give updates.
- CDOT staff plans to attend the Southwest TPR and Gunnison Valley TPR meetings on August 10th, and San Luis Valley TPR on August 24th.
- Some helpful feedback from TPRs and MPOs include:
 - Agreement that there should be more consistency with governing documents, which creates an opportunity for CDOT to create a better system to maintain institutional knowledge.
- Next steps:
 - CDOT staff will continue to gather and analyze input via the survey until August 31st.
 - Continue meeting with stakeholders and attending TPR meetings.
 - Begin to draft recommendations related to governance and boundaries.
 - Conduct a second round of public meetings, likely in late September/October, to present recommendations and findings to receive feedback.
 - Finalize recommendations, draft study report, and submit to the Transportation Commission and TLRC by November 30th, 2023.

8. Program Distribution: Regional Priority Programming (RPP) – Marissa Gaughan, CDOT Multimodal Planning Branch ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 00:48:18](#))

- Program Purpose: RPP is a flexible funding program for regional priority projects with \$50 million distributed annually among CDOT Regions. The STAC members acted on several motions as outlined below.

STAC Discussion and Action:

Motion 1 - [Time stamp: 2:41:38](#)

Heather Sloop, STAC Vice Chair, motioned for STAC to Use the Version 1 Percentages - the 2019 STAC Recommended Rural Priority Programming (RPP) Formula.

Version 1: VMT - 25%, Population - 20%, Lane Miles - 40%, TVMT - 15%

Second: Seconded by a STAC Member.

Vote:

1. George Teal - Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) - No
2. Richard Elsner - Central Front Range (CFR) Transportation Planning Region (TPR) - No
3. Chris Richardson - Eastern TPR - No
4. Dana Brosig - Grand Valley MPO - Yes - Remote Vote
5. Vince Rogalski - Gunnison Valley TPR - Yes
6. Brian Pettet - Intermountain (IM) TPR - Yes
7. Scott James, North Front Range (NFR) MPO - No
8. Heather Sloop - Northwest (NW) TPR - Yes
9. Holly Williams- Pikes Peak Area COG - No
10. Eva Cosyleon - Pueblo Area COG - Yes
11. Keith Baker - San Luis Valley (SLV) TPR -Yes
12. Jennifer Oliver - South Central (SC)TPR - Yes
13. Ron Cook - Southeast (SE) TPR - Yes - Remote Vote
14. Jim Candelaria - Southwest (SW) TPR - Yes
15. Kevin Ross - Upper Front Range (UFR) TPR - Yes - Remote Vote
16. Mary Eagle - Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Yes - Remote Vote
17. Ute Mountain Ute Tribe - Vacant

Final Tally - 11 - Yes, 5 - No

Motion 2: [Time Stamp: 3:09:55](#) - Brian Pettet of IMTPR motioned to use 2020 Census for Population Data in FY 2024 RPP Program Distribution Formula until the point in time arrives that STAC decides to reconsider. Good for at least a year.

Second: Seconded by Holly Williams of Pikes Peak Area COG

Vote: (raise hand or voice): **One No from a STAC Member was confirmed (George Teal), and all others voted Yes.**

Motion 3: [Time Stamp 3:14:16](#) - George Teal of DRCOG motioned to use the complete data discussed with OTIS data for Lane Miles.

Second: Holly Williams of Pikes Peak Area seconded the motion, noting data is to include auxiliary lanes, etc.

Vote:

1. George Teal - DRCOG - Yes
2. Richard Elsner CFRTPR - Yes
3. Chris Richardson - Eastern TPR - No
4. Dana Brosig - Grand Valley MPO - No -Remote Vote
5. Vince Rogalski - GVTPR - Yes

6. Brian Pettet - IMTPR - No
7. Suzette Mallette, NFRMPO - Yes - Remote Vote
8. Heather Sloop - NWTTPR - No
9. Holly Williams- Pikes Peak Area COG - Yes
10. Eva Cosyleon - Pueblo Area COG - Vacant
11. Keith Baker - SLVTPR - No
12. Jennifer Oliver - SCTPR - Yes
13. Ron Cook - SETPR - No - Remote Vote
14. Jim Candelaria - SWTPR - No
15. Kevin Ross - UFRTPR - No - Remote Vote
16. Mary Eagle - Southern Ute Indian Tribe - No - Remote Vote
17. Ute Mountain Ute Tribe - Vacant

Final Tally - 9 - No, 6 - Yes

Motion 4: [Time Stamp 3:17:50](#) - Heather Sloop - Let's vote on the opposite to make sure. Do not study lane miles or conduct a data dive into lane miles. Ron Papsdorf noted that the STAC through this action is agreeing to not desiring an accurate accounting for lane miles, by not expanding the definition of where lane miles are, and leaving the lane mile data as it is.

Second: Seconded by a STAC member.

Vote:

1. George Teal DRCOG - No
2. Richard Elsner CFRTPR - No
3. Chris Richardson - Eastern TPR - Yes
4. Dana Brosig - Grand Valley MPO - Yes -Remote Vote
5. Vince Rogalski - GVTTPR - Yes
6. Brian Pettet - IMTPR - Yes
7. Suzette Mallette, NFRMPO - No - Remote Vote
8. Heather Sloop - NWTTPR - Yes
9. Holly Williams- Pikes Peak Area COG - No
10. Eva Cosyleon - Pueblo Area COG - Vacant
11. Keith Baker - SLVTPR - Yes
12. Jennifer Oliver - SCTPR - No
13. Ron Cook - SETPR - No - Remote Vote
14. Jim Candelaria - SWTPR - Yes
15. Kevin Ross - UFRTPR - Yes - Remote Vote
16. Mary Eagle - Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Yes - Remote Vote

17. Ute Mountain Ute Tribe - Vacant

Final Tally - 9 - Yes, 6 - No

In addition, no motion or action was taken by the STAC related to adding safety or any other piece of information as a criteria for the RPP formula.

9. Office of Innovative Mobility (OIM) Update – Kay Kelly, OIM Chief ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 03:26:38](#))

- Divisions Transit and Rail FY 23-24 Goals include:
 - Continue developing and constructing mobility hubs along Colorado’s I-25 and I-70 interstate corridors
 - Increase the number of state highway Bus Rapid Transit Corridor projects in design or under construction.
 - Increase Bustang ridership by increasing the frequency of available Bustang trips
 - Develop a vision for Front Range Passenger Rail (FRPR) by increasing the percentage of FRPR plan milestones accomplished and identify three additional corridors for future or expanded passenger rail service in addition to the FRPR corridor.
- Bustang is growing ridership on all lines with West line ridership at 20% above pre-pandemic levels.
- Colorado recently ranked #3 in the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE) Transportation Electrification Scorecard
- Currently there are 86,017 Registered EVs in Colorado, with EVs accounting for 10.5% of new 2022 vehicle sales
- 75% of Colorado’s State Highway Network is within 30 miles of a DC Fast Charging Station (nearly 300 stations and counting!)
- Colorado has 71 Battery Electric Buses in Operation and approximately 40 more are currently on order.

10. Other Business – ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 03:34:26](#))

- The September and October STAC meetings will be in-person, with September at DRCOG at 1001 17th Street, Denver, and the October meeting at CDOT headquarters at 2829 W. Howard Place, Denver.
- The next STAC meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2023 held in-person at DRCOG.

DRAFT August 16, 2023 Transportation Commission (TC) Meeting Notes

Workshops and Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Transportation Commission Workshops 0:00 to 1:16:00

[August 16, 2023 Transportation Commission Meeting Recording](#)

Call to Order, Roll Call

Six Commissioners were present: Lisa Tormoen Hickey, Karen Stuart, Kathleen Bracke, Eula Adams, Terry Hart, Yessica Holguin, and Mark Garcia, with Commissioners Gary Beedy, Kathy Hall, Barbara Vasquez, and Yessica Holguin excused.

Budget Workshop & Commissioner Roundtable on Budget Items (Jeff Sudmeier and Bethany Nicholas), [Recording Timestamp 00:03:55](#)

Purpose and Action:

The purpose of this workshop is to request approval from the TC for a construction project budget increase of \$11,742,755 (22%) to one of the previously approved 10 Year Strategic Plan (Plan ID 0016) Senate Bill 267 projects: I-25 Paving and Mobility - Fillmore to Garden of the Gods Improvements. The project had a bid opening on 7/27/2023.

Discussion:

- No substantial discussion was raised regarding the Region 2 increased project budget request.
- Commissioner Stuart asked about the reason for the delay in pass-through funds getting to transit agencies in the Division of Transit and Rail (DTR).
- It was explained that the problem was not a budget issue, but DTR staff turnover and vacancies at CDOT and in some instances turnover at transit agencies, were what primarily contributed to the contract delays. Kay Kelly noted that turnover is a recurring phenomenon with transit agencies nationwide. Funds will roll forward into the current year. Also internal processes changed, and grants increased causing more delays.
- CDOT DTR has been in contract with the transit agencies and CDOT is prioritizing those who are in a critical situation regarding their need for funding. So far the delays have not impacted the ability for the transit agencies to do their work and provide service. CDOT will continue to coordinate closely with these agencies to ensure funding goes where it is needed.

NFRMPO Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Transportation Report (Becky Karasko, Suzette Mallette, and Darius Pakbaz) [Recording Timestamp 00:17:58](#)

Purpose and Action:

The NFRMPO is submitting their Draft GHG Transportation Report to the Transportation Commission on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) as required in Section 8.02.5.1 of 2 CCR 601-22. Submission of this document also meets the compliance requirements in Section 8.05. The TC is being requested to accept this NFRMPO Transportation Report observing NFRMPO is in compliance with the state GHG planning requirements established in SB 21-260 and 2 CCR 601-22.

Discussion:

- Commissioner Bracke thanked the NFRMPO for the presentation and that it is helpful to explain more of the context of the GHG analysis and the report. Nice to hear the work and two years to develop the draft plan and the public comments. Commissioner Bracke asked Becky Karasko, of NFRMPO, if the GHG Analysis report and Modeling was approved by Colordao Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE). Karasko replied yes, CDPHE concurs and agrees with the modeling process. Commissioner Bracke asked how GHG emissions will be monitored.
 - DTD Director Darius Pakbaz answered looking three years out into the future, CDOT is checking on that, and Policy Directive 14. Also, we are considering the GHG Roadap and how we can build on that, by looking at how these plans have changed and what was done traditionally on the CDOT side and the MPO side, with a mix of projects put out there, that provide transportation choice and looking how to reduce emissions from transportation there from a planning perspective.
 - Theresa Takushi, CDOT GHG Program Manager, added that it is also looking at near term and long term to determine how the plans are changing and how the modeling team is working together. Also, the changes we are seeing in the modeling are at the forefront of our minds, to be sure that we are observing the desired changes.
- Other Commissioners commented on the need to expedite efforts to reduce GHG emissions and coordinate with MPOs to enhance planning processes that contribute to GHG emissions reductions.

New Fuels Impact Enterprise Workshop (Craig Hurst and Darius Pakbaz) [Recording Timestamp 00:51:33](#)

Purpose and Action:

The purpose of this workshop was to provide an overview of the Fuels Impact Enterprise, newly established under Senate Bill 23-280 - Hazardous Material Mitigation to the Enterprise Board of Directors. Additionally, the Enterprise is required, by statute, to impose a Fuels Impact Reduction Fee and report the fee amount approved by the Board of Directors to the Department of Revenue no later than September 1, 2023. Staff is recommending the Board of Directors approve an amount of six thousand one hundred twenty-five millionths of a dollar (\$0.006125) per gallon, complying with C.R.S. 43-4-1505 (1)(b).

Discussion:

- Commissioners commented on the need to understand the data and information better that is behind the percentages of distribution to political subdivisions outlined in the legislation.

- They need to understand the role of the Board of Directors in more detail to comply with this legislation.
- It was determined that the TC can proceed with adopting a resolution to approve the fuels impact reduction fee outlined in the legislation, without having articles of incorporation established.
- More discussion on this will be covered at the September TC workshops.
- Once the annual balance collected from the fees exceed \$15 million, the collection of this fee stops.

Consent Agenda Review (Herman Stockinger and Others) [Recording Timestamp 01:10:14](#)

Purpose and Action:

To discuss the five items included in the Consent Agenda for August 2023, prior to TC taking action to discuss and adopt at their Regular Meeting, scheduled to follow this workshop.

- Proposed Resolution #1: Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2023
- Proposed Resolution #2: IGA Approval >\$750,000
- Proposed Resolution #3: Abandonment: US 6 North Frontage Road, Lakewood
- Proposed Resolution #4: Access Easement: I-25 and CO 119 Mobility Hub
- Proposed Resolution #5: Disposal: Parcel 8-EX Sterling, CO

Discussion:

- No comments or concerns were raised by TC members regarding the August 2023 consent agenda items.

Transportation Commission Meeting

1. Call to Order, Roll Call [Recording Timestamp 1:31:49](#)

Seven Commissioners were present: Lisa Tormoen Hickey, Karen Stuart, Kathleen Bracke, Eula Adams, Terry Hart, Yessica Holguin, and Mark Garcia, with Commissioners Gary Beedy, Kathy Hall, and Barbara Vasquez excused.

2. Public Comments [Recording Timestamp 01:33:06](#)

- Written comments only on the record.
- No one in person to comment came forward.

3. Comments of the Chair and Individual Commissioners [Recording Timestamp 01:33:50](#)

- Commissioner Adams - None.
- Several Commissioners welcomed Paul DesRocher to CDOT as the new DTR Director.
- Commissioner Stuart - There have been short TC meetings over the past couple of months. There is lots of information to discuss, once new Commissioners are appointed and sworn in. Suggested an in-person meeting, an intensive two day of meetings. Appreciated work of CDOT Staff. Requested to avoid a large December TC meeting if possible.

- Commissioner Bracke - Appreciated NFRMPO submittal to GHG Transportation Report and their presentation provided during the workshops. Raised a tremendous thank you for CDOT Region 4 for hosting the safety summit in Loveland. The Summit was very inspiring and eye opening to see the crash data. Great to hear from health agencies, Law enforcement and other agencies. The summit provided tangible tools to employ with a multi-faceted approach to enhance safety.
- Commissioner Hart - Echoed Commissioner Stuart's comments about TC meetings and getting back to normal agendas. Weather - had a record winter for snow removal, and now the hottest weather worldwide. This puts a stress on our transportation system. Attended the SETPR meeting in Lamar. Applauded John Lorme's team for their work on the roads in the record heat. The TC will take into consideration the public comments received, and appreciated the NFRMPO GHG Transportation Report. Projects that are appropriately related to the Fuel Impact Enterprise are Eisenhower Johnson Memorial Tunnel (EJMT) and Glenwood Canyon improvements.
- Commissioner Garcia - Summertime is road construction time in Colorado and lots of work has been observed to be underway. Herman Stockinger and staff were recognized for work on the online Webinar for Region 5, and the presentation for the Southwest (SW)TPR regarding the TPR Boundary Study was great work. A Clean Transportation Enterprise meeting was held this month, but the Commissioner was not able to attend.
- Commissioner Holquin - This is a busy summer, and echoed the comments on returning to the regular TC schedule soon. At the RPC meeting yesterday had a meaningful discussion on safety and data and EVs and their impact on security. We need to, consider how to keep everyone trained and safe when responding to EV incidents. The Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME) meeting occurred, where the team is focused on maximizing the impact of decisions they are making at the meeting.
- Commissioner Hickey - Appreciated the comments of the other Commissioners. Important to figure out how to keep costs down as money is limited. Appreciated Region 2 staff for being creative and flexible to keep things moving. We need to make sure we identify all available funding sources. During travel across Colorado, the hope was that CDOT workers in the heat will keep safe. Visited the Western Slope area and crossed back to Colorado Springs. There is lots of growth occurring in Colorado Springs. It is important as a TC member to consider the Region in decision making for transportation.

4. Executive Director's Management Report (Shoshanna Lew) [Recording Timestamp](#)

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- Welcomed Paul DesRocher as the new Division of Transit and Rail Director.
- CDOT has had success with implementing Pegasus this year, along with challenges with keeping the Colorado transportation system moving.
- Jeff Sudmeier and Kay Kelly were recognized for their leadership work for CDOT during the last couple of months to get the CDOT administered contracts that were delayed out to recipients.
- During construction, CDOT is doing its best to make adjustments to minimize inconveniences to the public, prior to the close of the season, especially along I-70 there is a focus to enhance public awareness efforts.

5. Chief Engineer's Report (Keith Stefanik) [Recording Timestamp 01:52:47](#)

- CDOT hosted a Transportation Safety Summit in Loveland last week a 2-3 day event, that had about 175-200 attendees, with several agencies participating. The interest and participation in the summit builds each year. This was year number three for this Safety Summit.
- Commissioner Bracke requested information on the SB 23-200 Automated Vehicle Identification Systems (AVIS) that permits electronic radar speed enforcement.
- CDOT is supportive of this bill. CDOT is working with Colorado State Patrol on interpreting this bill. CDOT plans to message plans for enforcement, prior to implementing any new policies.

6. FHWA Division Administrator Report (John Cater) [Recording Timestamp 01:57:41](#)

- Colorado has more unlined rock tunnels than other states. Had a workshop here to talk about rock tunnels. There are national standards for tunnel inspections that were discussed.
- The Safety Summit in Loveland was a great session with good turnout - some attendees came from outside of the transportation realm - healthcare, community advocates, law enforcement, etc.
- A Speeding and Speed Management Peer Exchange was hosted by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) and FHWA - 10 states participated with a focus on speed challenges and impact of speed on fatalities. Several CDOT folks attended.
- Peaks to Plains Trail in Colorado, that covers the Front Range out to Clear Creek Canyon and then out to Glenwood Canyon and beyond, the first sections are being built in Jefferson County that is very challenging and expensive with viaduct and cantilever features. This project, once completed, will be a jewel for the state, and will be ADA accessible.

7. Act on Consent Agenda (Herman Stockinger) [Recording Timestamp 02:02:26](#)

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

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8. Discuss and Act on Proposed Resolution #6: FY 2024 Second Budget Supplement (Jeff Sudmeier) [Recording Timestamp 02:03:16](#)

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

9. STAC Report to the Transportation Commission (Vince Rogalski) [Recording Timestamp 02:05:35](#)

- August 3rd STAC meeting - the Transportation Legislative Review Committee (TLRC) is meeting now. The Efficiency and Accountability Committee Meeting is meeting tomorrow that will go over SB 23-268 and reporting requirements for the 10-Year Plan.

- The STAC Vice Chair requested more transparency when CDOT puts new requirements on new bills or adds relevant changes to previous bills during the state legislative session.
- HB 1101 - new things are happening - there is agreement that there should be more consistency with administrative documents that also serves as a resource for keeping institutional knowledge. CDOT is looking at TPR setup and bylaws, articles of incorporation, etc.
- Staff will continue to gather TPR study survey input until August 31 2023, continue meeting with stakeholders and attend TPR meetings, hold another round of public meetings in the fall, and CDOT staff will submit a draft plan to the TLRC in November. STAC discussed what the RPP formula for distribution should be. The current formula recommended by the STAC was based on 25% VMT, 20% population, 40% Lane Miles, and 15% Truck VMT. STAC voted to recommend this 2019 formula again to the TC. Lane mile discussion was to not change the definition of lane miles, or amend lane mile data.
- Innovative Mobility Office provided an update on mobility hubs. Bustang is growing, for EVs there are over 8,600 or 10.5% of vehicle sales in Colorado, and use of electric buses by transit agencies is increasing.
- The Next meeting for STAC is in-person at DRCOG offices on September 7, 2023.

10. Discuss and Act on Proposed Resolution #7: NFRMPO GHG Transportation Report Acceptance (Becky Karasko, Suzette Mallette, and Darius Pakbaz) [Recording](#) [Timestamp 02:15:48](#)

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

- Commissioner Hart noted a focus of the TC will be to fine tune this process for GHG emissions reduction and continue to work to expedite GHG emissions reduction efforts.
- Commissioner Hickey as chair of the TC GHG Committee - will add public comments received regarding GHG emission reduction, and comments will be reviewed closely by the Committee members considering the GHG Rule review to consider strategies for expedition of GHG emissions reduction.

11. Adjournment - Approximately 3:20 pm

Fuels Impact Enterprise Board of Directors (Full TC Membership) Meeting #1

Call to Order, Roll Call [Recording](#) [Timestamp 02:23:35](#)

Seven Commissioners were present: Lisa Tormoen Hickey, Karen Stuart, Kathleen Bracke, Eula Adams, Terry Hart, Yessica Holguin, and Mark Garcia, with Commissioners Gary Beedy, Kathy Hall, and Barbara Vasquez excused.

Discuss and Act on Proposed Resolution FE#1: Approval of Fuel Impact Enterprise Fee Structure (Darius Pakbaz)

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

The Board of Directors (the present TC members) approved an amount of six thousand one hundred twenty-five millionths of a dollar (\$0.006125) per gallon of petroleum as the Fuel Impact Enterprise fee, complying with C.R.S. 43-4-1505 (1)(b).

Adjournment - Approximately 3:28 pm



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TO: Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)
FROM: Marissa Gaughan, Manager, Multimodal Planning Branch
DATE: September 7, 2023
SUBJECT: Program Distribution: Multimodal Transportation & Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF)

Purpose

This memo provides an overview of the Multimodal Transportation & Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) to prepare STAC to make a recommendation as part of the program distribution process.

Action

This agenda topic is listed as an action item, should STAC decide to take action on recommending a distribution formula for MMOF. If more time is needed, STAC may choose to postpone action to their next meeting.

Background

The Program Distribution process serves as one of the first steps in the development of the 2050 Statewide Transportation Plan. This process includes the updating of all forecasts of revenue and revisiting the TC-directed and FHWA-directed distribution methodology for the following formula programs: Regional Priority Program (RPP), Multimodal Options Fund (MMOF), Metro Planning, Surface Transportation Block Grant program (STBG), Carbon Reduction, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery Act of 2009 (FASTER) Safety funding.

Details

Per CRS 43-1-1101, the MMOF funding distribution formula must be developed in consultation with members of TRAC, Transit, Bicycle and Pedestrian organizations, in addition to STAC. To provide an opportunity for these special interest stakeholders as defined in the statute to provide input, a virtual MMOF Formula Workshop is being held the day before STAC on Wednesday, September 6th from 3 to 5pm, with interested STAC members welcome to attend. At the September 7th STAC meeting, CDOT staff will review the MMOF distribution formula and share input received from the MMOF Formula Workshop. A professional facilitator will help guide the STAC discussion about if the current distribution formula for MMOF works as an equitable approach for distribution of MMOF funds, or if the formula should be adjusted.

Next Steps

Once STAC has worked through and made recommendations for all the formula programs, STAC will be presented with the results of all the programs together and make a final recommendation that will be



presented to the Transportation Commission for their consideration and final decision. This is anticipated to occur in early 2024.

Attachments

September MMOF Program Distribution Presentation





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Program Distribution

Multimodal Transportation & Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF)

STAC September 7, 2023



MMOF Background

- Per CRS 43-4-1101 et seq., MMOF is a program to invest in **complete, integrated, multimodal** transportation system improvements
- The Transportation Commission (TC) must adopt a formula to distribute MMOF funding to Colorado's Transportation Planning Regions (TPR):
 - In consultation with members of STAC, TRAC, and Transit, Bicycle and Pedestrian organizations
 - Formula must be based on population, transit ridership and “other factors”.



MMOF Formula History

- **2018:** Program created & provided one-time infusion of state funds
- **2019:** Distribution formula developed by an advisory committee and adopted by the TC
- **2021:** Senate Bill 21-260 expanded the program goals and provided annual funding through FY2032
- **2022:** Formula updated with criteria to reflect expanded goals
 - TC Resolution distributed limited funding with the explicit intent to revisit the formula criteria prior to subsequent allocations



MMOF Formula Workshop

Purpose: To provide opportunity for public and special interest stakeholders to provide input to the Transportation Commission on the formula for distribution of Local MMOF Funding

Stakeholders invited:

- Statewide Transit Advisory Committee (TRAC)
- Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)
- Colorado Commission on Aging
- Bicycle Colorado
- Walk2Connect

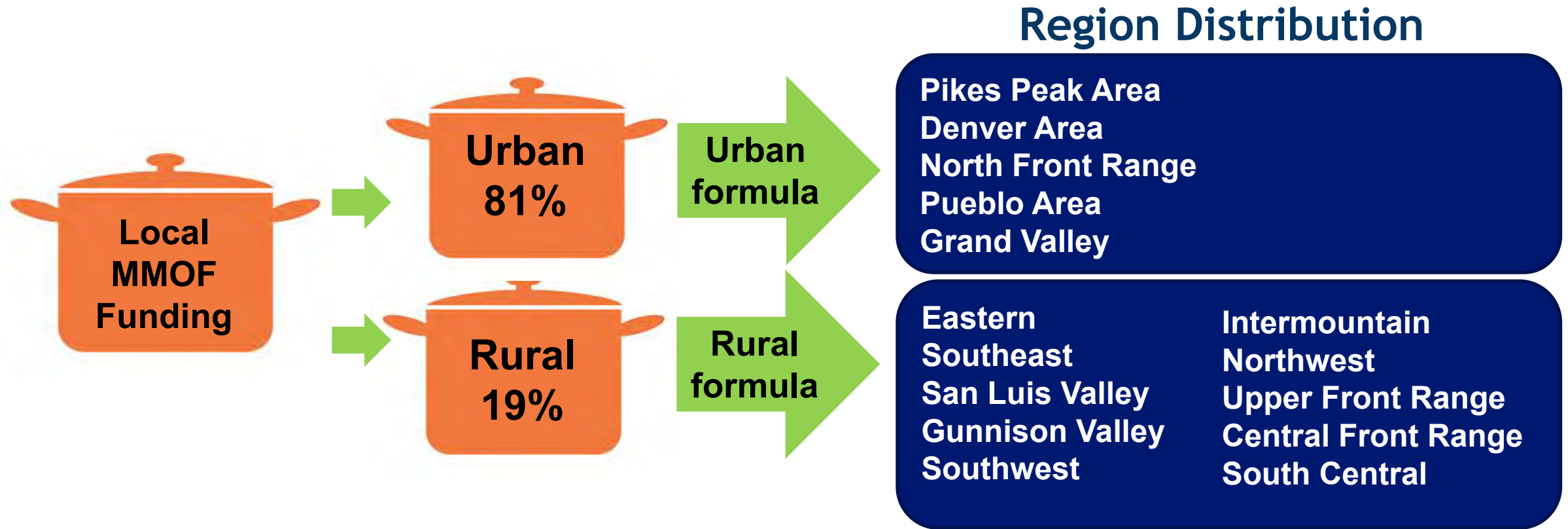


MMOF Program Goals

- To promote a complete & integrated system (43-4-1101 CRS) that:
 - **Benefits seniors** by making aging in place more feasible
 - Benefits residents of **rural and Disproportionately Impacted (DI) Communities** by providing them with more accessible and flexible public transportation services
 - Provides enhanced mobility for **persons with disabilities**
 - Provides **safe routes to school for children, AND**
 - Reduces emissions of **air pollutants and Greenhouse Gases** that contribute to adverse environmental effects, including but not limited to climate change and adverse human health effects.



MMOF Formula Distribution





Current MMOV Distribution Formula

Category	Criteria	Urban Weight	Rural Weight
Population	% Population	20%	15%
	% School-Aged Children (5-17)	10%	10%
Disadvantaged Populations	% Population in DI Communities	10%	15%
	% Disabled Population	–	15%
	% Population 65+	–	15%
	% Zero Vehicle Households	10%	10%
Transit	% Transit Revenue Miles	10%	10%
	% Transit Unlinked Trips	10%	–
Other	% of Bike Crashes	10%	5%
	% of Pedestrian Crashes	10%	5%
	% of Jobs	10%	–
Total Weighting		100%	100%



Urban/Rural Adjustment

- Current TC-approved MMOF formula sets the rural share at 19%.
 - If the rural areas were to compete by formula with the urban areas, the rural area distribution would generally not be enough for rural areas to fund meaningful projects to meet the goals of the MMOF program.
 - Allows custom formulas for urban and rural regions while maintaining a reasonable urban/rural share of the total MMOF funds.
- Definitions
 - Urban: The five MPOs
 - Rural: The ten rural TPRs

Criteria	Rural Share
% Population	15%
% School-Aged Children (5-17)	14%
% Population in DI Communities	16%
% Disabled Population	18%
% Population 65+	19%
% Zero Vehicle Households	13%
% Transit Revenue Miles	19%
% Transit Unlinked Trips	13%
% of Bike Crashes	7%
% of Pedestrian Crashes	7%
% of Jobs	13%



Projected MMOF Distribution (FY2024-FY2025)

Urban	%	Allocation \$
PPACG	8.90%	\$1,822,933
DRCOG	60.04%	\$12,298,520
NFRMPO	7.28%	\$1,491,032
PACOG	2.60%	\$533,078
GVMPO	2.18%	\$446,561
Urban Total	81%	\$16,592,125

Rural	%	Allocation \$
Eastern	1.50%	\$307,699
Southeast	1.26%	\$258,010
San Luis Valley	1.65%	\$337,179
Gunnison Valley	2.88%	\$590,036
Southwest	1.86%	\$381,153
Intermountain	3.95%	\$809,317
Northwest	1.14%	\$232,833
Upper Front Range	2.11%	\$431,531
Central Front Range	1.99%	\$408,649
South Central	0.66%	\$135,572
Rural Total	19%	\$3,891,980



Discussion Questions

- What questions/concerns do you have about the MMOF formula?
- Do you agree with the current **81/19 Urban-Rural split**?
- Does the current **URBAN** distribution formula work as an equitable approach to distribute the MMOF funds to the urban areas?
 - Do you agree with how each **criteria is weighted**?
- Does the current **RURAL** distribution formula work as an equitable approach to distribute the MMOF funds to the rural areas?
 - Do you agree with how each **criteria is weighted**?
- Should a minimum allocation level be set?



Next Steps

- Staff will update to most recent reliable data
- Once STAC has worked through all the formula programs, STAC's recommendations will be brought to TC in early 2024



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Questions & Discussion

- For MMOF inquiries, please contact:
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DATE: August 30, 2023
TO: Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)
FROM: Lenore Bates, Division of Transportation Development, Colorado Byways
Program Manager
SUBJECT: Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways

Purpose

This memo provides an overview of the Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways presentation.

Action

N/A

Background

A scenic byway is designed for its intrinsic qualities. To maintain a high-quality visitor experience, it is important to use policies, procedures, and best practices to protect and promote Byways. There are different levels of designations including state, national, and federal lands. The Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways program was established in 1989. Thirteen of Colorado's 26 byways are designated by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation as America's Byways®, which gives Colorado more national designations than any other state. The collection also has ten National Forest Scenic Byways and two Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Back Country Byways.

FHWA's National Scenic Byways Program was established in 1992 and provided discretionary grant funding between 1992 and 2012. Appropriations funding has been approved for 2021, 2022, and 2023. The FHWA Interim Policy for the National Scenic Byways Program includes guidance for nominations, designations, intrinsic qualities, and Corridor Management Plans. Roadside Design Guidelines at this time is a reference sheet that is given to staff and now included in updated Corridor Management Plans listing guidance, policies, and procedures located within CDOT.

Some of Colorado's first roads were established exclusively for auto tourism, such as the Lariat Trail Scenic Mountain Drive (1914), Old Fall River Road (1921), and Mount Evans (1931). For more highway history, we have copies of the 100 years of Colorado Transportation History.

Colorado Economic Data Analysis Reports were completed in 2016 and 2022. In addition, Colorado Byways have won national awards. Colorado Byways are promoted through websites like CDOT, Colorado Tourism Office, COTrip, print materials, and events. Most importantly, Colorado Byways are included in the State and Regional Electric Vehicle Plans. In addition, Colorado Byway organizations are finding solutions to fund the priorities listed in their Corridor Management Plans.

Attachments:

STAC Scenic Byway Overview Presentation



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Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways STAC September 2023

8/31/2023



What is a Scenic Byway?

- Grass-roots efforts to recognize, protect, and promote a collection of designated roads with unique stories
- Intrinsic Qualities - Scenic, Historic, Natural, Cultural, Recreational, Archeological
- To maintain a high-quality visitor experience, it is important to use policies, procedures, and best practices to protect and promote Byways.

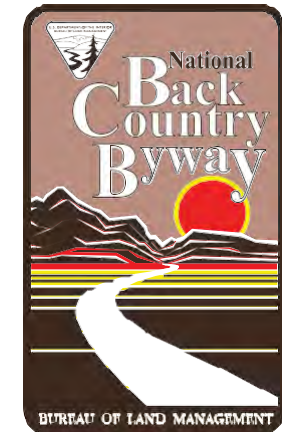




What is a Scenic Byway?

Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways include:

- State
- America's Byways®
- National Forest Scenic Byways
- Bureau of Land Management Back Country Byways





Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways

- Colorado Byways - 1989
- FHWA National Scenic Byways Program - 1991
- Discretionary Grant Funding 1992-2012 (CO Total \$22.4M)
- Appropriations Funding FY21 \$16M, FY22 \$6M, FY23 \$20M
- Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways Commission
- FHWA National Scenic Byways Program Interim Policy





Supporting Practices Roadside Design Guidelines

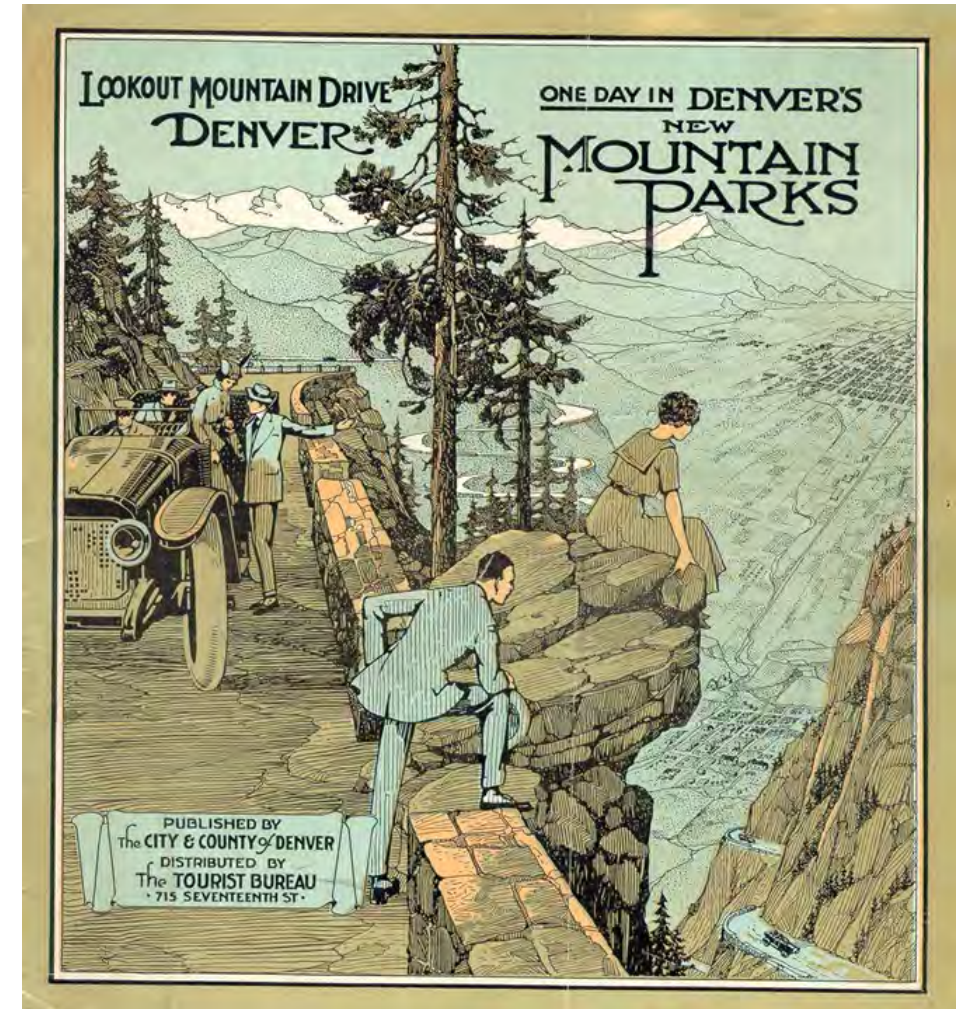
- Corridor Management Plans
- Minimal Level of Maintenance
- Design/Context Sensitive Solutions
- Project Development Manual
- Federal Lands MOU
- Sign Policy
- Prohibits Outdoor Advertising & Billboards
- Visual Resources: Viewshed Analysis GIS Layer (NEPA)





Colorado Transportation History

- Million Dollar Highway - San Juan Skyway 1880s
- Lariat Trail Scenic Mountain Drive around 1914
- Peak to Peak 1918
- Old Fall River Road, RMNP motor nature trail 1921
- Mount Evans 1931
- Bear Creek Canyon Scenic Mountain Drive 1930s





Economic Data Analysis

Direct Impact

2016 \$2.25B

2022 \$2.64B

Indirect Impact

2016 \$2.55B

2022 \$2.28B

Total Impact

2016 \$4.8B (2009-2014)

2022 \$4.92 (2014-2019)





Recognition for Colorado Byways

NSBF Awards

- 2023 Gold Belt Tour
- 2023 Los Caminos Antiguos
- 2022 Silver Thread
- 2022 Colorado Byways Instagram

AASHTO 2022

- Colorado Byways Instagram

2021 National Designations

- Scenic Highway of Legends
- Silver Thread





Promotion for Colorado Byways

- Colorado Byways Website
- COTrip Colorado Byways Layer
- Colorado Byways Brochure
- Colorado Bicycling & Byways Map
- Colorado Byways Rack Card
- Photo Exhibit
- Colorado Byways Symposium 2024
- May 1-3, 2024

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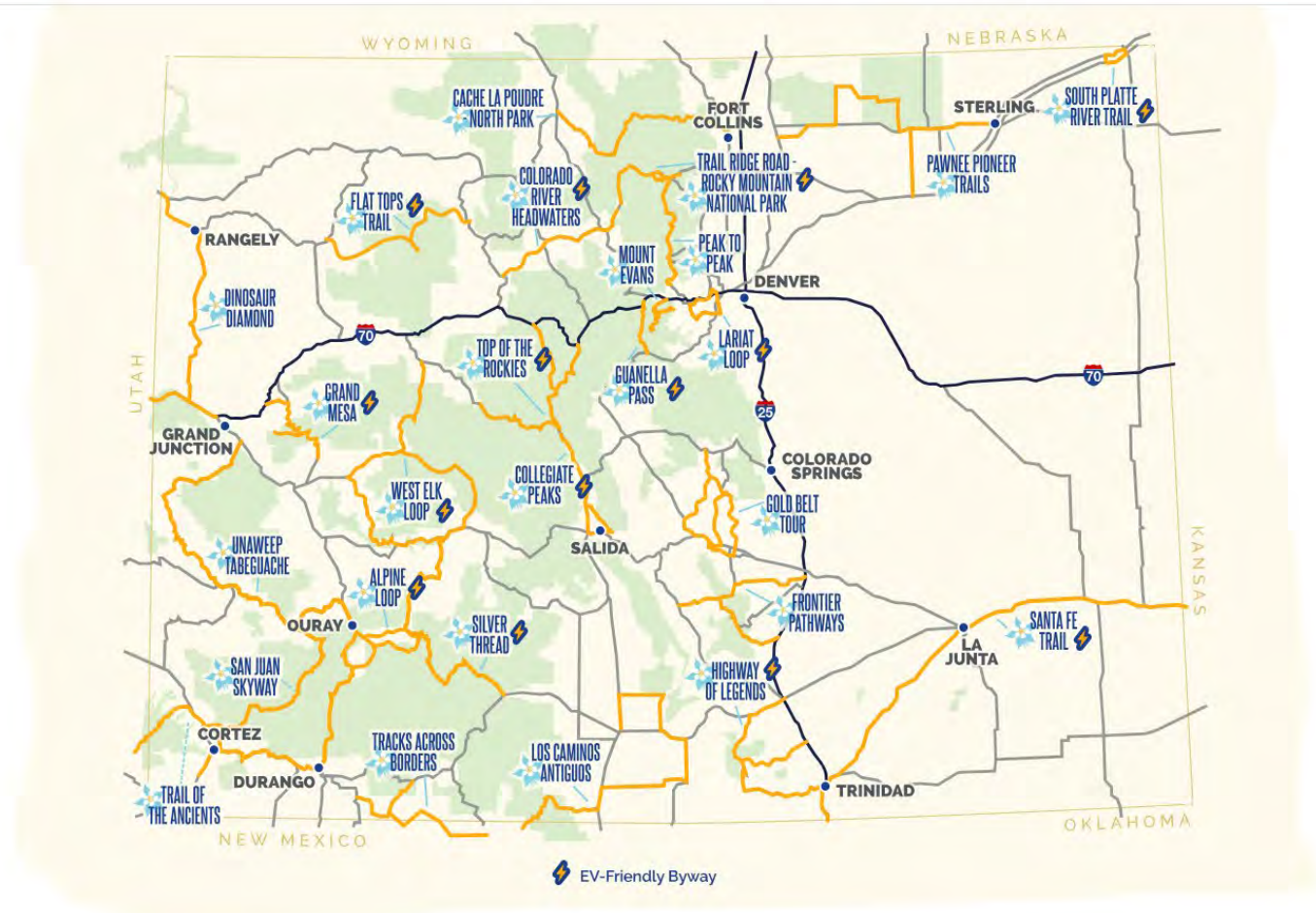
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Electric Vehicle Friendly Byways

- 14 Designated EV Byways
- 2023 - Santa Fe Trail, West Elk Loop, South Platte River Trail, Scenic Highway of Legends
- 2022 - Guanella Pass, Alpine Loop
- 2021- Collegiate Peaks, Colorado River Headwaters, Flat Tops Trail, Grand Mesa, Lariat Loop, Silver Thread, Top of the Rockies, Trail Ridge Road





Current Projects

- Alpine Loop/Silver Thread - Toilets, Pullouts, Observatory, FHWA NSBP, \$640K
- Lariat Loop - I-70 Geological POI Trails, TAP \$1.8M
- Scenic Highway of Legends - Multimodal Wayside Exhibits, SCCOG, \$357K
- Gold Belt Tour, Shelf Road Trail Planning, MMOF, \$200K
- TravelStorys APP, Colorado Outdoors Grant, \$60K





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Thank you!

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August 29, 2023

To: Transportation Planning Region Boundary Study Advisory Committee Members
Transportation Commissioners
Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee Members
CC: Shoshana Lew, CDOT Executive Director

RE: Opposition to modifying TPR/MPO boundaries in CDOT Region 3

Dear Transportation Planning Region Boundary Study Advisory Committee Members,
Transportation Commissioners and Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee Members,

On behalf of the City of Steamboat Springs City Council, I am writing this letter to support the Northwest Transportation Planning Region's opposition to modifying the TPR/MPO boundaries in CDOT Region 3. The Northwest TPR is located in CDOT's Region 3 and is comprised of five counties (Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt) as well as the 10 municipalities within those counties. **In regard to the potential changes in TPR boundaries, we request that our Northwest Transportation Planning Region stay the same and that there are no additions or deletions of the members currently within the NWTPR boundary.**

Our agencies confirm participation in an Intergovernmental Agreement each year, which includes acknowledging our cooperation in developing and maintaining a long-range Regional Transportation Plan, committing to participation in the Northwest Transportation Planning Region, and voting on chair and vice chair and representatives for STAC. Our TPR has worked together for many years with the goal to support the needs of all of the participating agencies in our rural NWTPR, even though there are differing priorities and there is never enough funding for all the needed projects.

We appreciate that CDOT is looking to ensure consistency and transparency of the TPR process throughout the state, and we are happy to assist with that endeavor. However, we believe our current boundaries and participating counties of the NWTPR are appropriate and should remain unchanged. Furthermore, we feel that all of the TPR boundaries within Region 3 work well for participating agencies and should stay as is.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robin Crossan".

Robin Crossan
City Council President
City of Steamboat Springs

NORTHWEST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING REGION

August 31, 2023

To: Transportation Planning Region Boundary Study Advisory Committee Members
Transportation Commissioners
Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee Members
CC: Shoshana Lew, CDOT Executive Director

RE: Request to retain current TPR/MPO boundaries in CDOT Region 3

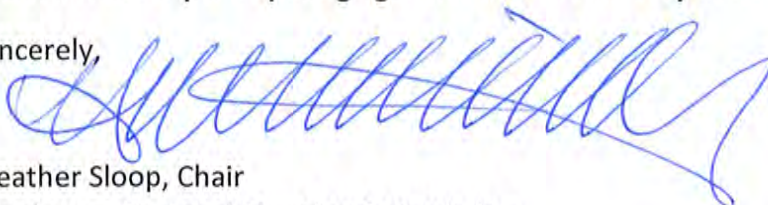
Dear Transportation Planning Region Boundary Study Advisory Committee Members,
Transportation Commissioners and Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee Members,

On behalf of the Northwest Regional Planning Commission of the Northwest TPR, I am writing to submit this letter in response to the TPR study mandated by HB23-1101. The Northwest TPR is located in CDOT's Region 3 and is comprised of five counties (Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt) as well as the 10 municipalities within those counties. **In regard to the potential changes in TPR boundaries, we request that our Northwest Transportation Planning Region stay the same and that there are no additions or deletions of the members currently within the NWTPR boundary.**

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Heather Sloop, Chair
Northwest Regional Planning Commission

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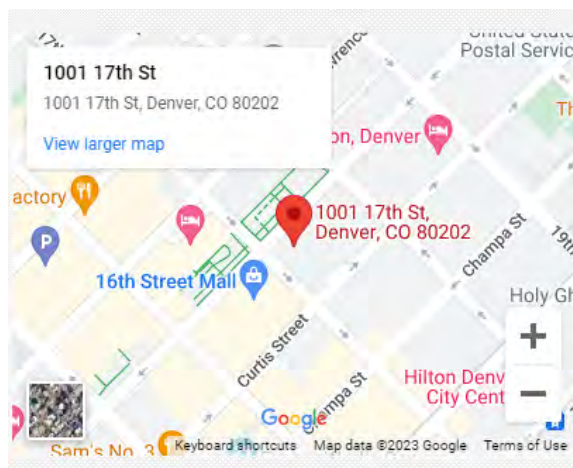
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Unlimited paid parking is available in the building garage. The entrance is to the left off of one-way Curtis Street via a down ramp.

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Directions to the building and parking garage:

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SP+ Parking garage ·1737 Curtis Street

From South I-25:

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2. Continue onto Auraria Parkway
3. Turn right onto 17th Street
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Meeting Room Information: Aspen/Birch Combined Meeting Room

The meeting room is downstairs from the lobby, and you walk through a big lobby-like room – with a coffee shop on the other end - to access the meeting room – there will be direction signs posted.

The meeting room is also accessible via a walk across the courtyard off of 17th Street.

DRCOG, our host, will also be providing coffee, and CDOT will bring the traditional STAC breakfast of juice, fruit and of course - doughnuts.

Already in Denver? Consider Walking, Cycling or Riding Transit if you can.

If you are coming to the DRCOG office, please consider an alternative to driving alone.

DRCOG's office is easily accessible by a host of bus and light rail routes, with convenient stops along 17th and 18th streets. Union Station is a 10-minute walk or transit ride away and Civic Center Station is a 15-minute walk or 10-minute transit ride away. Both are also connected by the free 16th Street MallRide. Because routes and schedules change, please visit RTD for more information.

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