

COLORADO
Department of Transportation

TPR Boundary Study



HB23-1101 Study Language

On or before November 30, 2023, The Department Shall Complete a Study and Study Report of:

- The Consistency and Transparency of the Transportation Planning Process Across the TPRs
- The boundaries of the Transportation Planning Regions (TPRs)
- Membership of the State Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)
- Membership of the Special Interim Transit And Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC)

In Conducting The Study, **The Department shall provide opportunity for public comment throughout the State** and consider input from stakeholders throughout the State.

The amendment **protects rural Colorado's transportation interests** by mandating that the number of rural TPRs can not be reduced. There are currently 10 rural TPRs and 5 urban MPOs. This number will remain the same.

The Department shall submit the Study Report to the Transportation Commission and to the Transportation Legislation Review Committee on or before November 30, 2023.

Following completion of the study and with consideration of its findings, the Transportation Commission shall initiate updates to the rules before **June 1, 2024**, though we anticipate the TC completing the task by this date.



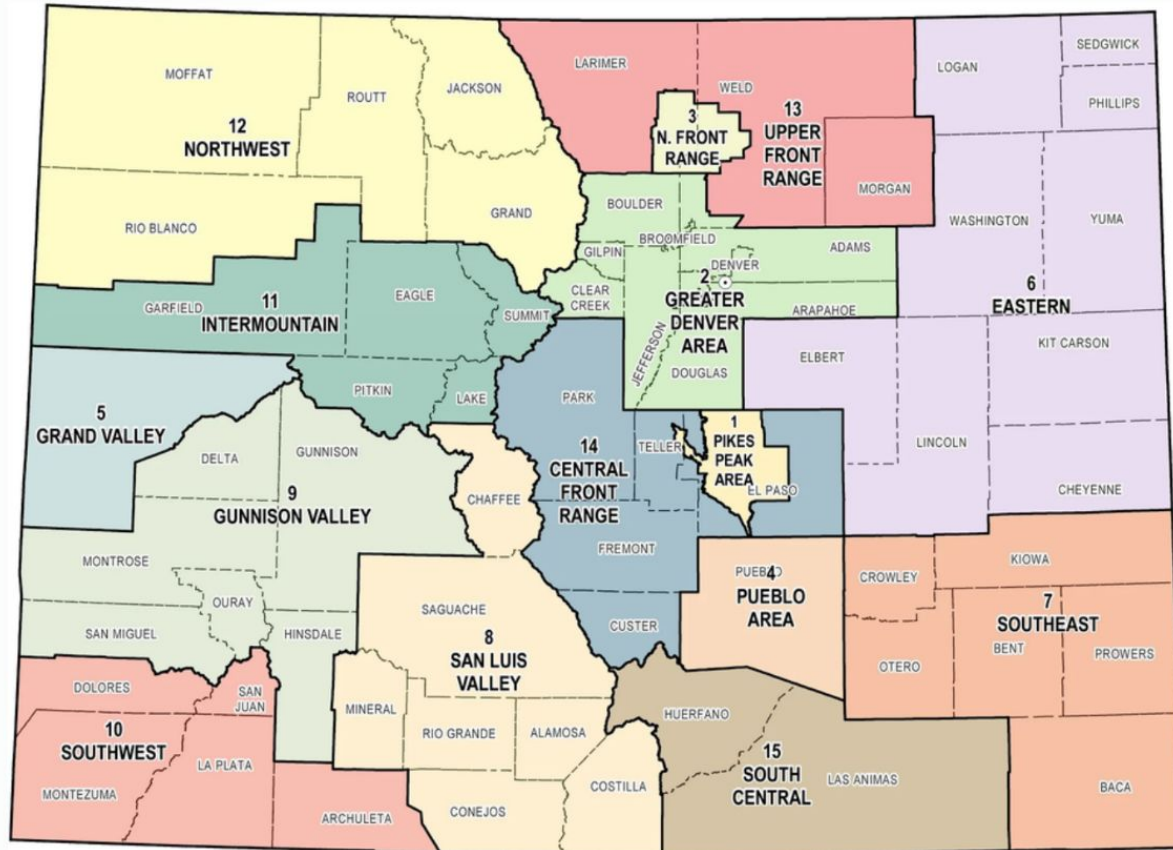
Statutory Requirements

Factors for consideration identified in legislation:

- Highway and Transit Corridors and Transit District Boundaries;
- Disproportionately Impacted Communities;
- Vehicle Miles Traveled, Truck Vehicle Miles Traveled, Transit Vehicle Revenue Miles, and Lane Miles;
- Population Trends;
- Safety and Management Considerations;
- Commuting, Commercial Traffic, Freight Movement, Tourism Impacts, and Other Travel Patterns;
- Transit-Oriented Development and Access to Affordable Housing;
- Levels of Air Pollutants, Criteria Pollutants, and Greenhouse Gas Pollutants;
- Communities of Interest;



Map of TPR Boundaries





Transportation Planning Region (TPR) in Statute

- State statute [43-1-1102\(8\)](#) define Transportation Planning Region and the maximum number. (a) “Transportation planning region” means a region of the state as defined by the rule or regulation process required by section [43-1-1103 \(5\)](#). The maximum number of such regions shall be fifteen unless such number is increased pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subsection (8).
- Colorado statute essentially states that any Regional Planning Commission formed for the purposes of fulfilling the transportation planning requirements in [C.R.S. § 43-1-1103](#) shall be a Transportation Planning Region.
- Regional Planning Commissions are “a body politic and corporate” and are created under [C.R.S § 30-28-105\(1\)](#), and the legal authorities of TPRs are provided for in this statute, including the powers and responsibilities to (among other things):
 - Sue and be sued;
 - Receive and expend all grants, gifts, and bequests, specifically including state and federal funds and other funds available for the purposes for which the commission exists;
 - Adopt articles to regulate and govern its affairs;
 - Keep records of its resolutions.
- Regional Planning Commissions created in [C.R.S § 30-28-105\(1\)](#) (and therefore TPRs) fit the definition of a “local public body.”
 - Local public body (“LPB”) includes “any board, commission, committee, authority or other advisory, policy-making, rule-making, or formally constituted body of any political subdivision of the state . . . to which a political subdivision, or an official thereof, has delegated a governmental decision-making function but does not include persons on the administrative staff of the local public body.” [C.R.S. § 24-6-402\(1\)\(a\)\(I\)](#)



TPR Responsibilities

The following tasks describe responsibilities of a TPR Regional Planning Commission (RPC) pursuant to [C.R.S. § 43-1-1101 et seq.](#) and Rules and Regulations for the Statewide Transportation Planning Process and the Transportation Planning Regions, [2 CCR 601 -22](#) (The Rules).

Responsibilities include:

Primary Tasks

- 1.Participation in the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)
- 2.Provide Opportunities for Public Participation in TPR Meetings

Secondary Tasks

- 1.Long-Range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- 2.Regional Transportation Plan Amendments
- 3.Development and Amendment of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- 4.Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan