

Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)

This meeting will be hosted **virtually**

August 7, 2025, from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Agenda

Time	Agenda Item and Item Description	Presenter
8:30 - 8:35	Welcome and Roll Call	Gary Beedy, STAC Chair
8:35 - 8:40	Public Comment Period	Gary Beedy, STAC Chair
8:40 - 8:45	Approval of the June Meeting Minutes	Gary Beedy, STAC Chair
8:45 - 8:55	CDOT Update on Current Events (Informational Update)	Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Director
8:55 - 9:00	Transportation Commission Report (Informational Update)	Gary Beedy, STAC Chair
9:00 - 9:25	TPR Representative and Federal Partners Reports (Informational Update)	STAC Members and Federal Partners
9:25 - 9:30	Legislative Report (Informational Update)	Emily Haddaway and Jamie Grim, CDOT Office of Government Relations
9:30- 9:40	Break	
9:40 - 10:05	Transit Connections Study Overview	Paul DesRocher, Director, Division of Transit & Rail
10:05 - 10:25	2050 Statewide Plan UpdateDraft 2050 Statewide Transportation Plan Overview	Darius Pakbaz, Director, Division of Transportation Development
10:25 - 10:45	Aeronautics Program Overview	David Ulane, Aeronautics Director
10:45 - 11:00	Other Business	Gary Beedy, STAC Chair

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Draft Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: June 5, 2025 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Attendance:

Denver Area: Ron Papsdorf

Central Front Range: Dwayne McFall and Leo Evans

Eastern: Scott Weaver Grand Valley: Dana Brosig

Gunnison Valley: Vince Rogalski and Michelle Haynes

Intermountain: Brian Pettit

North Front Range: Liz Heid, Becky Karasko

Northwest: Brian Cerkvenik and Jennifer O'Hearon

Pikes Peak Area: Holly Williams, John Liosatos, Danelle Miller, Lisa Gagnon

Pueblo Area: Eva Cosyleon and Wendy Petttit

San Luis Valley: Vern Heersink

South Central: Brian Blasi and Mitch Wardell **Southeast**: Ron Cook, Stephanie Gonzalez

Southwest: Heather Alvarez, Sarah Hill, and Shak Powers

Upper Front Range: Tim Malone and Evan Pinkham

Southern Ute: None

Ute Mountain Ute: Brendon Adams

Federal Highway Administration: Aaron Bustow Federal Transit Administration: Emma Belmont

Welcome and Introductions - Gary Beedy, STAC Chair

The meeting commenced at approximately 8:30 am.

Public Comment (3 minutes allotted per speaker, 45 minutes in total)

- Gary Beedy, STAC Chair
 - None.

Approval of the April Meeting Minutes - Gary Beedy, STAC Chair

• Vice Chair Williams requested a motion to approve the May STAC meeting minutes. **STAC Action:** STAC members approved the May 2025 meeting minutes following a motion for approval.

CDOT Update (Herman Stockinger)

• Today is the last STAC meeting for Ron Papsdorf of DRCOG. All the best to Ron for him and his future endeavors.

- At least four seats on the TC are up for appointment. Included are: Commissioners Stuart, Garcia, Adams, and Holguin. Waiting to hear from the Governor's Office on reappointments.
- The Next TC Meeting will be held on June 18, 2025 with both the workshops and regular meeting being held the same day to honor the Juneteenth holiday. Key workshops include: Joint Session of TC and CTIO on Joint Service IGA, a Fiber Fees and Surcharges update, and an Audit Review Committee meeting. Actions anticipated relate to transfer of assets to the Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise (BTE), approval of the CTIO Joint Service IGA, and if needed, budget supplement and amendments. Election of TC Officers will occur at the June meeting also.

Transportation Commission Report (Vice Chair Holly Williams)

- Multimodal Transportation Options and Mitigation Fund (MMOF) The state legislative
 Joint Budget Committee (JBC) specified that the swept budget amount should be
 allocated from the local portion of the MMOF. CDOT will endeavor to keep projects
 that are already or soon to be underway moving forward. In order to maintain funding
 for all of the awards made for funding through FY 25, projects may have to be delayed
 and awards in subsequent years reduced. Status: This bill passed the second chamber
 on April 16th and was signed by the Governor on April 25th.
- All commercial vehicles require a muffler.
- An update on Mountain Passenger Rail was presented.
- An update on Transportation Commission (TC), Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO) and Clean Transit Enterprise (CTE) Joint Service IGA was given.
- A Fuels Impact Enterprise update was provided.
- The FY 26-29 STIP was adopted.
- Environmental Awards to CDOT staff and teams were presented.

STAC Representatives and Federal Planning Partner Reports

- Central Front Range No TPR meeting since last STAC. US 285 and CO 9 turned out great.
- Grand Valley MPO big things happening Grand Valley Regional Planning Organization the Board meeting has been moved to June 9, 2025. Fare Free for Better air and running the transit from June to August for free. Putting the Mesa County Safety Action Plan to work applying for funding. Collaborative Monument Trail project opening event. GVMPO is hiring a new transportation planner.
- DRCOG Board adjustment to TIP to better align with RTP. Freight Plan being reviewed along with data analysis and identifying gaps and evaluating land uses. Bike to Work Day coming on June 25, 2025.
- Gunnison Valley TPR Preliminary plans for the long-range plan and 10-Year Plan. Still working on how MMOF will work out.
- Intermountain TPR Next TPR meeting is in July held in person in Frisco. RFTA is conducting their free fare in October and November.
- NFRMPO at the May 1 North Front Range Planing Council meeting they adopted their FY 26 -27 UPWP and planning budget. Adopted the 2025 Title VI Plan. Heather Paddock reviewed the 10-Year Plan Process. Held a 4-TPR Chair meeting on May 30th for the project list for Region 4. Searching for Executive Director with Becky Karasko serving as the Acting Executive Director.
- Northwest TPR -Next TPR meeting is July 10th. MMOF is the biggest focus. Will need to backfill current 3 project funds. Two projects in call for projects maybe placed on hold. First scoping call of design of the safety improvement projects along US 40 in Fraser.

- Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) Bid farewell to Ron Papsdorf and will miss him. Recognized Michael Snow and CDOT Region 2 to revise the MMOF program due to funding changes. MMOF will be presented to the PPACG Board next week. PPACG is planning a Bike to Work Day station on June 25th. Closer to finishing the I-25 at Fillmore at the Garden of Gods.
- PACOG TAC meeting Dyaxis Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, funded by a Safe Streets for All grant, gave a great presentation. Event in July to kick of Long-Range Transportation Plan and this plan. Kicking off roundabout education campaign on their website - City of Pueblo installing six new roundabouts. Also celebrating Bike month to Work Day with Bingo Card - gets the community out. Working through MMOF changes.
- San Luis Valley TPR Last meeting approved priority projects, and scoring MMOF projects at their next meeting.
- South Central TPR- No TPR meeting since April will meet in July in Trinidad. The long-range plan is receiving comments. New buses are being delivered tomorrow.
- Southeast TPR Lots of good work being done with transit, and working on their 2050 Regional Transportation Plan. Next TPR meeting will be in July.
- Southern Ute None
- Southwest TPR MMOF Subcommittee ready to recommendation at their next meeting. Transit agencies are participating in the Zero Fare for Better Air program.
- Upper Front Range TPR has not met since the March meeting later today. MMOF to be discussed. Also 10-Year changes to be discussed.
- Ute Mountain Ute Brendon Adams Working on their long-range transportation plan, hopefully to get started soon. Safety Plan RFP is planned to be out later this month.
- Eastern Meeting on Monday for TPR meeting and reviewing TPR projects. Needed to cut the project list in half. List gets narrowed down. Need more funding. Construction projects continue and appreciates them.
- Federal Highway Administration: There were no substantial updates to report.
- Federal Transit Administration: Emma Belmont announced information regarding the Notice of Funding Opportunity open until July 15th for the <u>Bus Facility Low/No</u> <u>Emission Grant Program</u>.

State Legislative Update (Emily Haddaway)

- 2025 Transportation Budget Overview > Transportation Funding Bills
 - SB25-257 (Modify General Fund Transfers to State Highway Fund)
 - o SB25-258 (Temporarily Reduce Road Safety Surcharge)
 - SB25-264 (Cash Fund Transfers to the General Fund)
 - SB25-320 (Commercial Motor Vehicle Transportation)
- Also exploring options for next year's session, which "should be another tricky budget year."

Federal Legislative Update (Jamie Grim)

- The House of Representatives passed the "Big Beautiful Bill" Act (through Reconciliation), The bill includes adding \$250 fees for electric vehicles (EVs) and \$100 for Hybrid vehicles (this is the first effort in decades to address Highway Trust Fund shortages).
- The President wants the Senate to pass it and get it on his desk by July 4.
 Senate will likely have changes, though, and then if changes are significant it will go back to the House of Representative & Conference Committees.

- The Senate Environmental & Public Works Committee is positioning to remove most/all tax reduction aspects for sustainability program participation (e.g., EV tax credit).
- The President introduced a recission package to codify Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) cuts (most are not transportation relevant).
- Today is National Thank You Day. Be polite and thankful today.

Statewide Plan Update (Marissa Gaughan)

- Public Engagement:
 - Telephone Town Halls are going well, with the last one to take place on June
 12, 2025, and one is occurring tonight for Southwestern Colorado, TC District 8.
 - The Public Survey is going well with a planned soft close on June 12, 2025 after comments are captured from telephone town halls. CDOT may extend the survey a bit longer after that. (The survey was closed on July 7, 2025.
 - Statewide Public Comment Period this comment period will be for 30-days and is anticipated to begin sometime in early August.
- Funding Sources Update
 - The CDOT Budgets is approximately \$1.7B/year, with Enterprises contributing roughly \$335M/year.
 - The 10-Year Plan is part of CDOT's budget and is estimated to be \$225M/year for the first four years 2027-2030. CDOT is doing their best to leverage 10YP funding with other sources of funding.
- How CDOT Funds different priorities:
 - Asset Mgmt. (\$750M/yr)
 - Safety (mostly through Federal and State grant programs)
 - Freight (Federal, CDOT, and Enterprise grants)
 - Transit (Federal, CDOT, and Enterprise grants)
 - Active Transportation (Federal, CDOT, other state agencies, and Enterprise grants)
 - Other CDOT grant opportunities
 - CDOT does provide grant writing assistance for smaller/rural communities
 - Further discussion re: 10YP vs. larger CDOT funding (e.g., both DRCOG & ETPR rep's feel 10YP has been prioritized much more lately) ...
 - Gas Tax vs. other funding options, TABOR, RTA options, etc. ...

End of Winter Maintenance Update (Shawn Smith)

- Shawn Smith, CDOT Division of Maintenance and Operations Director, introduced Nick Barlow, CDOT Meteorologist, to give the End of Winter Maintenance Update.
- Nick provided extensive data on last winter storms, this summer, and projections for next winter.
- The CDOT Weather Program was summarized and additional services noted included: NWS Fire & Wind Warnings, training programs, serve as a hydrologic resource, and respond to data requests. Key meteorology staff include: Mike Chapman, Brendan Eckerman and Nick Barlow.

Rest Area Update (Hope Wright)

- A background & history of Colorado Rests Areas was provided.
- An overview of the current inventory and ongoing projects was presented.
- Rest Areas continue to have long term planning issue in terms of funding and and other challenges.

Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) Program Update (Michael Snow)

- Budget cuts are leading to TPR (re-)allocations, and resulting in project delays, reductions, and/or cancellations.
- TPRs & MPOs lead a transparent award modification process, and coordinate with CDOT & Local Agencies.
- Reconciling existing awards, especially in light of over-programming in FY23-25.
- Minimizing impacts through award delays or reductions/cancellations.
- Preparing for next year ("cuts could be even worse") through a defensible process ...
- Herman reminds that "the best way to keep this \$ is to get it spent" ...!

Other Business

The next STAC meeting was <u>re-</u>scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2025, and was eventually cancelled for the month of July 2025.

Transportation Commission (TC) Notes

Wednesday, July 16, 2025, 12:00 p.m.

Workshops

12:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Attendance:

Seven Transportation Commissioners were present: Chair: Shelley Cook, Vice Chair: Barbara Bowman, Terry Hart, Rick Ridder, Todd Masters, Cecil Gutierrez, Yessica Holguin (last meeting as a Commissioner), and Hannah Parsons. Three new TC members were present who are to be sworn in at the regular meeting on July 17, Juan Marcano, Elise Jones and Barbara McLachlan.

1. Budget Workshop - Jeff Sudmeier and Bethany NIcholas

FY 2025-2026 Budget Amendment

Purpose and Action: To review the first budget amendment to the FY 2025-2026 Annual Budget in accordance with Policy Directive (PD) 703.0. Action The Division of Accounting and Finance (DAF) is requesting the Transportation Commission (TC) to review and adopt the first budget amendment to the FY 2025-2026 Annual Budget, which consists of three items that require TC approval. The first budget amendment:

- 1. Reduces \$3.8 million from the 10 Year Plan Multimodal line (Line 46) pursuant to SB 25-257 Modify General Fund Transfers to the State Highway Fund.
- 2. Reduces \$15.0 million from the Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise Safety Critical and Asset Management Projects line (Line 83), and increases the following lines within the CDOT budget to restore funding to asset management programs for FY 2025-2026:
 - a. Surface Treatment (Line 4): \$2.7 million;
 - b. Structures (Line 5): \$2.1 million;
 - c. System Operations (Line 6): \$1.1 million;
 - d. Geohazards Mitigation (Line 7): \$1.3 million; and e. Commission Reserve Funds (Line 73): \$7.9 million.
- 3. Reallocates \$2.3 million from the TC Program Reserve Fund in the Commission Reserve Funds line (Line 73) to the Property line (Line 34) to repair hail damage at the KOA, Wray and Yuma facilities.

Other budget amendments that do not require TC approval, were overviewed but were informational only. One related to BTE and another to the Clean Transit Enterprise and other adjustments to algin with the long bill budget changes of the state.

Discussion:

• Commissioner Ridder asked how the reserve fund amount compared to other years. The attempt is to maintain at least \$40 million in this reserve fund.

Hail Damage to Buildings Insurance Claims Funding Request - Budget Supplement

Purpose and Action: In terms of the requested action for today, Property Management requests \$2,324,762 of Transportation Commission Program Reserve funds to complete repairs at 29 buildings damaged by hail on May 30, 2024. These funds are needed immediately because of delays in reimbursement from the insurance carrier.

Discussion:

- An overview of the hail damage to CDOT buildings and the \$2.3 million required for repairs and to get full reimbursement by insurance for damages.
- A couple of Commissioners were concerned as the policy and eligibility of costs for coverage is not fully understood.
- Per Jeff Sudmeier, CDOT Chief Financial Officer, CDOT has the coverage, but needs to conduct repairs now, but we will be eventually reimbursed for eligible expenses. The dollars requested will complete building repairs now.
- Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Executive Director explained that CDOT will
 investigate the insurance company and the self-insured Risk policy that is in place in
 detail, and share results with the TC.

Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise (BTE) Workshop - Patrick Holinda and Katie Carlson

Purpose and Action: This month, the Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise (BTE) Board of Directors (Board) is being asked to review and take action on a request to amend the FY2025-26 BTE budget as follows:

- 1. Administratively update budget allocations to reflect the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 25-320, which is forecasted to increase Bridge and Tunnel Impact Fee revenue collections by \$13,971,690 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026.
- 2. Temporarily suspend the \$15,000,000 annual federal funds transfer from CDOT to BTE for the repayment of BTE's Series 2019A and Series 2024B Senior Revenue Bonds in FY 2025-2026.
- 3. Administratively update budget allocations to reflect a \$5,958,498 increase to BTE's forecast interest earnings resulting from the recent issuance of the BTE Series 2024A and Series 2025A Infrastructure Revenue Bonds (IRB) and recent adjustments to BTE's investment portfolio.
- 4. Reallocate \$11,638,815 from the Enterprise's Capital Construction Program to BTE Series 2025A IRB FY2025-2026 debt service obligations.
- 5. Reallocate \$5,958,498 of unprogrammed revenue from the Enterprise's 10-Year Plan Projects to Safety Critical and Asset Management Projects. Action Staff is requesting Board approval of Proposed Resolution #BTE2, the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 BTE Budget Allocation Plan.

Discussion:

• No substantial questions or concerns regarding the proposed FY 2025-2026 BTE Budget Amendments were raised by the Transportation Commissioners.

3. Mobility Systems Committee - Paul DeRocher

Division of Transit and Rail (DTR) Overview

An overview of the CDOT Division of Transit and Rail (DTR) was provided by the Division Director, Paul DeRocher. This was for information only. The Division started in 2009 via state legislation and is responsible for planning, developing and operating and integrating transit and rail into the statewide transportation system. Major DTR programs are: passenger rail, grant programs and transit and planning operations (Mobility Hubs, Bustang, etc.). DTR also works closely with the CDOT Engineering Regions on an ongoing basis. In addition, community outreach efforts of DTR include community outreach via the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) meetings, Transit and Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC) meetings, the Transit Monthly, Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA) Conference, along with webinars and agency meetings.

Transit Connections Study (TCS) Update

Purpose and Action: Purpose This memorandum and accompanying presentation summarize the draft findings of the Transit Connections Study (TCS). CDOT staff seeks feedback from the Transportation Commission.

- The question was raised regarding having Transit Liaisons for all CDOT Regions The response was these positions are hard to fill, and CDOT is in the process of considering hiring staff for these positions.
- An overview of the TCS was provided. TCS is not a project plan, does not provide a
 funding source for projects, and does not provide any operational analysis at this
 point.
- TCS is an analysis of existing conditions of public transportation, and is intended to identify gaps in transit service, identify types of service to address gaps, and to provide defined metrics for prioritization of projects.
- Transit access is the ability to make a trip. Gap questions relate to the level of convenience of a trip.
- Connections between and to Craig to Grand Junction are a concern for Commissioner Ridder, due to cuts to medical services in rural areas anticipated. Will create more demand for connections between rural and urban areas to access medical and other services. Hopes the TCS observes demand based on national changes.
- Commissioner Gutierrez asked how the TCS is being used related to HB 24-230. The TCS will be finalized and posted on the CDOT website, and made available to the public. TCS will be updated fairly regularly and shared with decision makers. It was confirmed that TCS will look at partnering with stations for passenger rail.

• TCS identifies opportunities. What is plan for implementation? Dialogues in plans for transit project types would flow into more project discussion. Feedback will be offered via email. And comments will be able to be integrated into the TCS.

4. Winter Maintenance and Safety Update - Shawn Smith and Darrell Lingk

Maintenance and Operations

Purpose and Action: To provide an overview of CDOT Winter Operations and the annual After-Action Review (ARR) for the previous Winter Season (October 1-April 30). This presentation is informational purposes only

- This workshop was an overview of Winter Maintenance and Operations for FY 2025 and FY 2026.
- Shawn Smith, CDOT Director of Maintenance and Operations reports to the CDOT Executive Director, and both programs - Maintenance and Operations - each have deputy directors. CDOT has nine Maintenance and five Traffic Maintenance sections.
- Mike Chapman, CDOT Winter Operations Program Manager, provided an overview of weather and avalanche operations. Chapman is a meteorologist.
- Major events with consecutive winter storms included November 5-9, 2024, and February 13-18, 2025. These storms require multiple days on the road that are very demanding for CDOT crews and staff. Colorado's urban areas get large amounts of snow compared to their counterparts across the country.
- Summer weather trends in terms of drought and heat were overviewed.
- Other Weather Program services offered by CDOT include:
 - National Weather Service (NWS) Fire and Wind Warnings
 - Project/Incident/Event Support
 - Training
 - Hydrologic
 - Data Requests/Past Weather
 - Road Weather Information System (RWIS)
- An overview of the Avalanche Safety Program was provided, including avalanche and explosive (hazard mitigation) training courses and trends related to severity of events and expenditures.
- Commissioner Marcano asked about contingency plans to manage weather events, in case funding shortfalls occur due to cuts in funding to the NWS. CDOT uses more than NWS as sources. Looking to partner with CSU for weather balloons, which are a concern in cuts for them as they should be launched more frequently. Weather forecasts of NOAA models are accessed through a privately paid for subscription.
- Commissioner Masters noted the improvements in road clearing work being done during winter storms and safety practices and housing support programs. Colorado is

- serving as an example to other states that deal with snow and winter weather, in terms of enhancing safety.
- Commissioner Ridder asked about the trends regarding the monsoon season for Colorado this year. Not much monsoon action in the past couple of years. It is anticipated that some amount of monsoon will impact Colorado over the next month and a half.
- Commissioner Holguin acknowledged the work of CDOT road crews. Holguin recognized
 the steps that John Lorme and Executive Director Lew worked on that were intentional
 to increase conditions for employees in terms of increased pay and provision of
 affordable housing.

Transportation Safety and Risk Management

Purpose and Action: To provide an overview and accomplishments of the Safety and Risk Management Program. This workshop was informational only.

- Daell Lingk, Director of Transportation Safety and Risk Management, provided an overview of his office.
 - There are 18 staff members with the following responsibilities:
 - Risk Management (including Owner-Controlled Insurance Program)
 - Workers Compensation & Asset Recovery
 - Highway Safety Office and NHTSA Grant Management
 - Employee Safety
 - Drug and Alcohol Program
- Snow plow incident trends were covered, noting the trend is moving downward over time between 2014 and 2024, with various initiatives implemented that contributed such as: pre-season exercise, boots with treads, Safety 180, Winter Operations Webpage, New Snow Plow Operator Training (SPOT) training, Safety Driving Guide, and SPOT check.
- Top three causes of employee winter plow incidents Striking fixed objects, strike other vehicles, backing-related. Whereas civilian causes are: improper passing, following too close, driving too fast.
- Employee top three winter injuries are: Sprains and Strains, Struck By (during changing of blades), and Slips and Trips (w/o treads).
- Lingk acknowledged the Regional Safety Officers that contribute to the declining trend in these types of incidents.
- No substantial questions or concerns were raised by Commissioners related to this topic.

5. Green House Gas (GHG) Planning Standard Overview - Darius Pakbaz and Libba Rollins

Purpose and Action: This presentation is intended to provide an overview to the TC on the GHG Pollution Reduction Planning Standard, the associated Policy Directive (1610), and compliance requirements. This workshop is for Information only.

Discussion:

- GHG legislation includes. HB 19-1261-Climate Action Plan to Reduce Pollution, HB 23-016 updated more stringent GHG reduction targets, Colorado GHG Roadmaps, SB 21-260 -made Roadmap 1.0 recommendation a transportation planning requirement.
- The GHG Transportation Planning Standard was adopted by The TC in December 2021 that requires CDOT and the five MPOs to create transportation plans that provide more travel choices, resulting in GHG emissions, and planning decisions that provide a greater opportunity to reduce GHG emissions.
- Also requires travel modeling and analysis of emissions from transportation system
 projects within boundaries, and their potential impacts to GHG emissions compared to
 a baseline model, and to identify mitigation actions to reduce emissions. GHG
 reduction targets are established for each area as part of their transportation planning
 process.
- A GHG report is due to the Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) of the Colorado
 Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to verify and confirm data and
 analysis, and the TC to review and accept. See Policy Directive 1610 for details of
 procedures to follow to comply with the GHG planning standard.
- First GHG Plan submitted in Fall of 2022. A 10-Year Plan update prompted the need for an update of the statewide GHG plan.
- Commissioner Jones asked about funding limitations that will impact the quality and results of this planning requirement. Darius Pakbaz, CDOT Division of Transportation Development Director explained that funding is always an obstacle but are pursuing all available options in the CDOT program and not just the 10-Year Plan funds.
- Land use changes and evaluating their influence is another piece of the criteria for projects to consider.
- Commissioner Cook noted land use and transit together are the most impactful, and not just land use changes alone.

Transportation Commission Regular Meeting

Thursday, July 17, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order, Roll Call

Ten Transportation Commissioners were present: Chair: Shelley Cook, Vice Chair: Barbara Bowman, Terry Hart, Rick Ridder, Todd Masters, Cecil Gutierrez, Hannah Parsons, Juan Marcano, Elise Jones, and Barbara McLachlan.

Swearing In Ceremony of New Officers

• Commissioners Elise Jones for District 4, and Juan Marcano, for District 3, and Barbara McLachlan, District 8, were sworn in to serve and take their seats on the Colorado Transportation Commission. Commissioner Hart was sworn in to continue serving on the TC and was provided the customary gavel from Commissioner Cook.

Public Comments

- Adams County Commissioner, Steve O'Diorisio spoke of I-270 improvements.
 Complimented CDOT staff for reaching out to the community. Looking for a corridor improvement and not just adding lanes. Excited to see progress of this project.
 Working towards safe and healthy communities, a sustainable source of revenue for the corridor and multimodal uses along the corridor as well. Help folks get to and from their jobs. You can have environmental sustainability in conjunction with adding roadway capacity.
- Emily Baer, Council Person of the Town of Erie, and the Chair of the North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA). Finishing North I-25 was strongly encouraged. Phase 2 in place for 15 years. Express Lanes have two crashes per day on average desires to add Segment 2 of I-25 in the 10-Year Plan and also need Segments 3 and 4 completed. Encourage CDOT 3B and 4 Segments. CDOT is requested to prioritize Segment 2, 3B and 4 in the 10-Year Plan.
- Three written comments were received:
 - Katherine Miles opposition of the disposal of the El Rancho Park-n-Ride Lot
 - Jean Chanel Hidden Valley Evergreen also opposed.
 - Tom Elbring resident of Morrison C-470 resident of Morrison noted the need for improvements along that corridor.
- Removal of the resolution from today's agenda to approve the disposal of the El Rancho Park-n-Ride was announced.

Comments of the Chair and Commissioners

- Commissioner Masters attended the press conference in Boulder to deploy a speed camera along CO 119, with a trial period with warnings and then tickets for over 10 miles per hour, and is hopeful to move this program to other areas of the state. The hope is that the use of this deployment is a deterrent vs. a punishment.
- Commissioner Ridder visited Clear Creek where CDOT presented at a meeting on needs and responses for Clear Creek County. Clear Creek County is a gateway to the west. Many apps point to the shortest distance traveling from east to west includes travel trough Clear Creek County. Lots of truck traffic travel through as well. It is impressive that a small County of 9,000 population can contribute to the economic vibrancy of the nation.
- Commissioner Hart welcomed the new Commissioners. Recognized CDOT staff for work during TC workshops that occurred yesterday. Winter weather, GHG report, to name a couple. Article in Pueblo Chieftain where Colorado is in ranking of road rage -Colorado is three in the nation. A big change since COVID. Please relax when driving and be safe and stay calm.

- Commissioner Marcano expressed enthusiasm to serve and learn on the TC. Encouraged more use of transit and rail for modes of travel. Looking forward to building out the transportation system.
- Commissioner Jones also is excited and honored to serve on the TC. Has served in various capacities related to transportation. Served on STAC, former County Boulder County Commissioner, served with DRCOG, and Air Quality Control Commission, to name a few. Climate change and multimodal options are important issues to tackle.
- Commissioner Holguin welcomed the new Commissioners, the experience to serve on the TC changes lens of how you look at the transportation system. Commissioner Hart was recognized for his service as TC Chair. The last NAAPME meeting was a milestone, deciding how funds spent from SB 21-260. Approve the awards of projects. Recognized Darius Pakbaz and CDOT staff for their work on this enterprise. Holguin will continue to serve on the NAAPME, even though this meeting is her last with the TC.
- Commissioner Gutierrez Appreciated Commissioner O'Diorisio and Emily Baer comments. Welcomed the new Commissioners. Completion of managed lanes are critical. Once Bustang was expanded it generated a 40% increase in ridership. NFRMPO recently hired someone, Elizabeth Relford as NFRMPO Executive Director. Commissioner Gutierrez is looking forward to working with Elizabeth.
- Commissioner Bowman announced she is the Commissioner for the Scenic Byways
 Committee and noted a sister Byways partnership between Colorado and with the
 Hokkaido Scenic Byways Promotion Council in Japan. This will prompt many
 collaborative events between Colorado and Hokkaido. An event to celebrate this
 partnership will occur at the Golden Welcome Center on July 21, 2025 with a drum
 ceremony. Lenore Bates, the Scenic Byways Program Manager, was recognized for her
 work on this collaboration.
- Commissioner McLachlan is honored to be selected/appointed to the TC. McLachlan lives in Durango. Lots of driving. Learning a lot already. Thankful for this opportunity.
- Commissioner Parsons echoed a thank you to Commissioner Hart and farewell and thanks for service to Commissioner Holguin. Parsons thanked CDOT staff for their work on the roads during the July 4th holiday. There were frustrations with closures on US 285. Parsons acknowledged the frustrations, and noted that there is much more work to do, and appreciated the work of CDOT staff.
- Commissioner Cook noted the timing of the new Commissioner coming on board during the 10-Year Plan development, and noted the STIP and 4P processes that are required. Chair Cook participated at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Alameda Bridge. Cook also attended the ground breaking of the Lone Tree Mobility Hub.

Executive Director's Management Report - Sally Chafee (Acting Executive Director)

- CDOT Celebrated the Alameda Bridge opening, enhancing a remarkable bike facility.
- Chafee attended the Lone Tree Mobility Hub ground breaking.
- CDOT conducted a Press Conference for the automated speed enforcement Program along CO 119. CDOT's Automated Speed Enforcement Program began on State Highway 119 on July 18, 2025 in Boulder County, in the work zone of the CO 119 Safety, Mobility and Bikeway project. Speed safety cameras will be placed in other Colorado highway

work zones as the program develops. The State Legislature provided the ability to implement this program. Keith Stefanik, CDOT Chief Engineer, was recognized for his work on this.

- Working a lot on the 10-Year Plan. Many meetings. Telephone Town Hall and other public outreach efforts were conducted to engage the CDOT customers.
- Executive Director Lew will return to work next month.

Chief Engineer's Report - Keith Stefanik

- Attended the CDOT Automated Speed Enforcement Press Conference in Boulder. This took a lot of coordination to bring this about and observed other states, and a formal rulemaking process is part of implementation of this program.
 - Colorado State Patrol is in lock step with CDOT, to help reduce speeds. The next area to consider for this tool is I-25 Segment 5.
 - Work with Judson Cary of the attorney Generals's Office was recognized and appreciated.
- A gateway to the West is I-70. There are planned repairs of the slow lane at the Eisenhower Johnson Memorial Tunnel (EJMT).
- BTE eligibility and bridge repairs are underway.
- Peak construction advertisement time occurs in the fall each year, and CDOT is preparing for that.
- An active GIS layer was created by DTD staff to help keep track of projects.
- A Commissioner noted public support for the automated enforcement program, and another noted that a neighborhood automated enforcement they were involved in was not successful.

Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO) - Piper Darlington

- No action items were requested at the CTIO Board meeting yesterday.
- Darlington acknowledged and expressed excitement that Commissioner Hart is now on the CTIO Board
- DTR Director, Paul DeRocher, provided an overview of the Mountain Rail Service Development Plan.
- In terms of automated enforcement tools, CDOT has seen a lot of success to avoid illegal entry into toll lanes, and have seen over a 90% drop in violations. So it works in the tolling space, and hopefully the same will occur for speed enforcement.

Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Report - Gary Beedy, STAC Chair

- No STAC meeting was held this month.
- CDOT is wrapping up 2050 Regional and Statewide Plans update and the 10-Year Plan.
- There are frustrations with the shortfall of funding for safety and capacity projects that would alleviate traffic congestion.
- CDOT needs more funding, much more than the 10-Year Plan has to offer.
- Facility maintenance needs are a major concern.

• Beedy, expressed gratitude to Region staff who help with being creative in terms of how to implement critical projects.

Discuss and Act on Consent Agenda - Herman Stockinger

- Proposed Resolution #1: Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2025 -Herman Stockinger
- Proposed Resolution #2: IGA Approval >\$750,000 Lauren Cabot
- Proposed Resolution #3: Disposal Parcel 33 Rev3 EX, Evergreen/El Rancho Hope Wright this item was pulled from the agenda for today.
- Proposed Resolution #4: Disposal PE-8B Rev.2-EX, Auraria Campus, Denver Hope Wright
- Proposed Resolution #5: Disposal Parcel 6-EX, 40th and Colorado Blvd., Denver Hope Wright
- Proposed Resolution #6: 2025 Legislative Memorial Designations Approval Emily Haddaway

A motion by Commissioner Ridder was raised to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Holguin, and passed unanimously.

Discuss and Act on Proposed Resolution #7: First Budget Amendment of FY 2025-2026 - Jeff Sudmeier and Bethany Nicholas

A motion by Commissioner Bowman was raised to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Marcano, and passed unanimously.

Discuss and Act on Proposed Resolution #8: First Budget Supplement of FY 2025-2026 - Jeff Sudmeier and Bethany Nicholas

A motion by a Commissioner Masters was raised to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:06 am

Transportation Commission (TC) Notes

June 18, 2025, 12:00 p.m.

Workshops & Board Meeting 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Attendance:

Ten Transportation Commissioners were present: Chair: Terry Hart, Vice Chair: Eula Adams, Shelley Cook, Barbara Bowman, Rick Ridder, Todd Masters, Cecil Gutierrez, Karen Stuart, Mark Garcia, and Yessica Holguin. Commissioner Hannah Parsons was excused.

1. Joint Workshop with CDOT, CTIO, CTE, and RTD and - on the Joint Service Agreement - Diane Barrett and Lisa Kaufman

Purpose and Action: To provide details of the IGA between CDOT, the Clean Transit Enterprise (CTE), the Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO), the Regional Transportation District (RTD), the FRPRD, and the Governor's Office. The Transportation Commission (TC) is authorized on SB 24-184 to be the signatory of the agreement for CDOT. Action Requested is the adoption this month of a Resolution authorizing the Commission Chair to sign the IGA on behalf of the Commission and CDOT.

- Diane Barrett, Special Assistant to the Mayor at the City and County of Denver, provided an overview of the Joint Service Agreement resulting from SB 24-184, which allowed a new funding source via a Congestion Impact Fee to be initiated. CDOT, FRPRD, and RTD are the formal entities of the Joint Service Agreement. An Joint Service Executive Oversight Committee is to serve as the governance structure for FRPR - JSEOC has representatives from: RTD, FRPRD, CTIO, CTE, CDOT and the Governor. JSEOC will negotiate with BNSF for this FRPR project.
- Commissioner Bowman asked a question about a weighted voting system it is related to having entities with more investment in the projects to have more influence on voting.
- Commissioner Ridder asked for any reasons to not approve this agreement. Lisa
 Kaufman, Chief of Staff to Governor Polis, explained It is a new model for passenger
 rail in Colorado but is done in California. Also the support of trains vs. buses and focus
 on roads is controversial. But a project like this does help meet climate goals of the
 future.
- Commissioners Cook and Stuart thanked the project team for their work on this project.
- Commissioner Stuart liked the fact sheet provided, and noted her support for this project and the change it will provide and noted her support.

- Commissioner Adams noted the excellent work by the team and his support of this, but asked about this really large commitment and when will the broader electorate - a ballot yes or no, to see if there is public support to spend the large sum on this project. The response was from Lisa Kaufman, was that a catalog of public engagement efforts conducted to date has been compiled and is being updated. The electorate vote of 2004 showed support for the project/passenger rail. No further ballot measure is anticipated.
- Commissioner Gutierrez expressed support for the project and mentioned having access to other rail projects in New Mexico and Wyoming is a consideration. People are excited about this and the project is receiving bipartisan support. The Commissioner thanked project team working on this.
- Commissioner Hart also expressed excitement and support for this project.

Discuss and Act on the SB 24-184 (FRPR) Joint Service Agreement IGA Resolution 474

A motion by Commissioner Gutierrez was raised to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Cook, and passed unanimously.

2. Fiber Fees and Surcharges Update - Allie Axley and Leslie Gaylord

Purpose and Action: This workshop summarized the background and informational update to be provided to the Transportation Commission regarding CDOT's permit fees and surcharges for fiber built within CDOT Right of Way (ROW). No action at this time, this workshop was informational only.

- The fee structure was established by E.O. 2022-0009 and SB 22-083, CRS 43-1-1204.
- The status of delinquent accounts for those paying for access to CDOT's ROW and penalties imposed was described. A total of 339 permits have been issued and CDOT has collected \$50,825.09 in initial application fees, with staff spending \$49, 087.20 over the same time period.
- The Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) status was presented to the TC. A BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice was released by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) on June 6, 2025. Colorado Broadband Office has 90 days to start the BEAD program over and will need to collect new applications.
- CDOT executed an Interagency Agreement (IAA) with several entities, and can work with BEAD funding: Maverix, El Paso County, Ute Mountain Ute, Stratus, and Clearox Network
- CDOT is advancing and working to improve its Dig Once Program, with a project team initiating this project July 1, 2025.
- Commissioner Holquin asked about the salary costs for CY 2024 and if there is the desire to eventually to get at least all the funds spent to start the program, or just collecting for costs moving forward. Allie noted the desire is to cover CDOT costs for this program. Keeping diligent to not charge more than what is expended and costs for

management of the program are anticipated to go down as staff becomes more familiar with practices. Commissioner Holguin also noted it is important to make sure tax payer dollars are not spent to subsidize private entity costs.

- Commissioner Cook asked about fiber connections used for class room instruction for school districts. It was explained that applicants build their own infrastructure, but uses are not monitored by CDOT. Allie will follow up with more information for Commissioner Cook.
- Commissioner Garcia noted it is problematic for the time being spent to get this program up and getting fiber installed to provide internet services. NTIA has also disrupted the progress made under this program to restart BEAD. CDOT should revamp this policy, and help communities. Commissioner Garcia has concerns with raising the fees, as it is not a solution.
- Commissioner Adams noted we were to establish a market value for this installation of fiber in CDOT ROW. Focus is how do we make broadband available and not to be focused on how CDOT would profit from this program. Did the state legislature did not ever pass any bills to support and expedite the provision of broadband across Colorado? The answer was no. Commissioner Adams noted that we are missing the opportunity to enhance the transportation system to also enhance safety, and mobility technology with this fiber installed.
- Bob Fifer, CDOT Director of Operations, noted that CDOT leases fiber below market rate to expand broadband - a couple hundred dollars a year per mile. No complaints have been received to date. This is a dark fiber lease. Commissioner Garcia noted that this leasing does not work for rural Colorado especially in Southwest Colorado.
- Commissioner Hart observed that the team has negotiated an unsolicited program to find another system that was less expensive, and that has been done. We need as a state to work to provide this service and not just rely on CDOT. We are working towards this and CDOT has a major role, and this is an ongoing conversation.

3. Audit Review Committee (ARC) Request to Approve February 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

ARC Committee Members include: Eula Adams, Chair; Rick Ridder, and Hannah Parsons

Purpose and Action: To approve February ARC February 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Discussion:

• No comments, the ARC approved the February 19, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Adams is the Chair of this committee.

A motion by Commissioner Adams was raised to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Ridder, and passed unanimously by present Committee members.

Frank Spinelli, CDOT Audit Division Director, recognized and expressed appreciation to Commissioner Adams for his work with the ARC as Chair.

Transportation Commission Regular Meeting

Call to Order, Roll Call

Ten Transportation Commissioners were present: Chair: Terry Hart, Vice Chair: Eula Adams, Shelley Cook, Barbara Bowman, Rick Ridder, Todd Masters, Cecil Gutierrez, Karen Stuart, Mark Garcia, and Yessica Holguin. Commissioner Parsons was excused.

Public Comments

• Three letters received, one each from: BNSF, Commuting Solutions, and Northwest Mayors and Commissioners Coalition that all address the Northwest Passenger Rail, and the Joint Service Agreement being voted on today. The TC is taking letters into their record for consideration.

Comments of the Chair and Commissioners

- Commissioner Garcia sat in on the telephone town hall (TTH) for his district. Had a
 good response from callers with a good turnout. Good feedback on the Statewide
 Transportation Plan. Garcia attended the Southwest TPR meeting last week. Lots of
 construction happening across the state. Wolf Creek guard rail replacement project is
 underway. Folks working on the roads were recognized and thanked. Awaiting to hear
 if he has been reappointed to the Commission. If not reappointed, his last meeting is
 today, and has enjoyed his time on the TC.
- Commissioner Bowan recognized service of Commissioner Garcia. Was on TTH and noted that the questions were interesting and learned a lot and it went seamlessly. Comments were meaningful and good information obtained. Attended the GVRTC meeting and echoed Garcia's comments regarding the construction occurring across the state.
- Commissioner Cook attended TTH hosted jointly with Commissioner Stuart. Attended the 4P meeting for Broomfield County. Recognized support from Commissioner Stuart and help to get up to speed as a TC member. Will miss all Commissioners leaving their seats.
- Commissioner Gutierrez echoed comments from Commissioners Bowman and Cook. East West corridors and attended the north metro area meeting. Discussed CO/US 34 that has became an issue. Asked to bring that focus to the TC. Company Blackshirt Feeders started 50,000 head of cattle feedlot, with a goal to eventually feed 200,000 head of cattle with traffic issues being generated now. Need to determine how to fund improvement projects to US 34 in that area. Segment 5 on I-25 experienced 110 crashes in that area. A recent crash of semi with the barrier into oncoming traffic and blocking traffic for a substantial amount of time was a real concern.
- Commissioner Holquin attended the DRCOG RTC meeting where their FY 26-29 TIP amendments were reviewed. Ron Papsdorf is moving to Houston. Last week Holquin hosted the TTH with Commissioner Adams. Had great engagement with 5,000 attending. It was a masterful process and thanked Regional Transportation Director Myklebust for her help, Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Executive Direct, and the team to make the event a success. Attended the Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME) meeting. NAAPME board opened the Community Clean

Transportation Assistance program and received 20 applications for over \$50 million with only \$17 million to distribute. The Enterprise will decide on distributions at their June meeting. Commissioner Holquin thanked the other Commissioners and CDOT staff for help during her service on the TC, and decided not to accept her seat on the TC moving forward, but will continue to keep engaged with transportation.

- Commissioner Ridder thanked folks on the TC when he arrived for the guidance and support, especially from Commissioners Adams, Garcia, Stuart, and Holquin. Noted a quote from Alfred E. Neuman of Mad Magazine "Change is inevitable except from vending machines".
- Commissioner Stuart spoke well of their TTH with over 7,000 attendees. Comments received included the need for safe hazard free roads, addressing congestion and desire for more transit. Recognized Commissioners Garcia, Holguin, and Adams departing the TC. Noted not to forget the projects underway or still needed in her District 4. Thanked CDOT Executive Management for their support as well.
- Commissioner Masters noted it was a pleasure working with Commissioners leaving.
- Commissioner Adams recognized a bittersweet moment and that there are too many to thank you to mention them all. Thanked stakeholders and county commissioners from Arapahoe and Douglas County. CDOT staff was recognized for their support and their professionalism and dedication. It is all about safety related to what we do at CDOT and the TC. Specially mentioned were Commissioners Stuart, Herman Stockinger, Jessica Myklebust, Jeff Sudmeier and team, and Shoshanna Lew.
- Commissioner Hart expressed how wonderful the group of folks who have served are.
 Awaiting to hear if reappointed, and this meeting is the last time he is serving as the
 chair. Recognized Commissioner Stuart for support while he served as chair. Recognized
 and thanked Herman Stockinger for his support. Lots of construction projects are
 occurring now. Safety is very important. We need to bring back the Golden Rule in how
 to treat others on the roadways.

Executive Director's Management Report - Sally Chafee (Acting Executive Director)

- Loveland Pass is open after the landside on Sunday. The CDOT team cleared it this morning and thanked the team for their hard work to get it back open.
- Rental car suit and case against CDOT was dismissed they have 30 days to appeal.
- SB 260 lawsuit has been appealed to the Colorado State Supreme Court.
- Two multi-state law suits NEVI and restrictions on funding waiting on these to hear back.
- Thanked staff for the Telephone Town Hall work and noted that CDOT received lots of positive feedback on them.
- The Mountain Rail Open House is occurring tonight.
- Roadeo is starting Maintenance staff compete at the CDOT Regions.
- Thanked the Commissioners who are leaving, and noted that Director Lew passed on her regards.

Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Report - Gary Beedy, STAC Chair

- Thanked and recognized the four Commissioners who are leaving the TC for their service.
- STAC on June 5 was brief with information updates regarding Statewide Plan updates with TTHs, along with an end of winter maintenance update, and a rest area update.
- Rest Area in Arriba is the second busiest in the state and is being worked on and looking at truck parking enhancements.
- A Multimodal Transportation Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) funding update was provided.
- Next meeting is July 10 (more currently moved to August 7, 2025).

Discuss and Act on Consent Agenda - Herman Stockinger

- Proposed Resolution #1: Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2025 -Herman Stockinger
- Proposed Resolution #2: IGA Approval >\$750,000 Lauren Cabot
- Proposed Resolution #3: Disposal: Parcels 17A-EX and 17C-EX, Washington Street,
 Golden Jason Smith
- Proposed Resolution #4: Disposal, Brush Creek Park-n-Ride, Pitkin County Jessica Myklebust
- Proposed Resolution #5: Approval of FY 2026 Maintenance Projects Between \$150k-\$300k - Shawn Smith
- Proposed Resolution #6: SIB Interest Rate Recommendation for Second Half of 2025-Jeff Sudmeier

A motion by Commissioner Bowman was raised to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Ridder, and passed unanimously.

Discuss and Act on Proposed Resolution #7: Approve Transfer of Assets to BTE - Jeff Sudmeier

A motion by Commissioner Holguin was raised to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Garcia, and passed unanimously.

Discuss and Act on Proposed Resolution #8: Approving TC Chair to Sign Joint Service IGA (between CDOT and CTIO) - Herman Stockinger

A motion by a Commissioner Masters was raised to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Ridder, and passed unanimously.

Discuss and Act on Proposed Resolution #9: 9th Budget Supplement of FY 2025 - Jeff Sudmeier and Bethany Nicholas

A motion by a Commissioner Cook was raised to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Holguin, and passed unanimously.

Other Matters

• Election of Officers for FY2025-2026 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)

A motion by Commissioner Stuart to nominate and elect Commissioner Cook as TC Chair, Commissioner Bowman as TC Vice Chair, and Herman Stockinger as the TC Secretary was raised to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Guttierez, and passed unanimously.



Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)

To: Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)

From: Darius Pakbaz, Director, Division of Transportation Development

Marissa Gaughan, Assistant Director, Multimodal Planning, DTD

Date: August 7, 2025

Subject: 2050 Statewide Transportation Plan Update

Purpose

This memo provides the STAC with an overview of the draft 2050 Statewide Transportation Plan that is available for public review and comment.

Action

Informational only, no action required.

Background

After over a year of hard work, collaboration, and input from partners across the state, the draft 2050 Statewide Transportation Plan, "Your Transportation Plan", is available for public review and comment starting on August 1, 2025. The 2050 Statewide Transportation Plan, written to meet the federal requirements of a performance-based, long-range transportation plan, includes the following content areas:

- Welcome to Your Transportation Plan
 - Features an introduction similar to the telephone town hall introductions;
 - Talks about accomplishments from the last five years, and key highway and transit projects that have been delivered around the state;
 - Describes Colorado's evolving transportation needs, land use and housing;
 - Introduces CDOT's citizen-informed, performance-based approach to transportation planning.
- Engagement and Regional Collaboration
 - Describes how regional plans from the MPOs and rural TPRs, and tribal coordination plans are integrated into the statewide plan;
 - Describes how this plan builds on the expansive outreach from our last planning effort, how we gathered input, and what we heard by area of the state:
 - o Provides results and key themes from survey and telephone town halls.
- Goals and Performance Measures
 - Describes the PD 14 priority areas (Fix Our Roads, Advancing Transportation Safety, Sustainably Increase Transportation Choice);
 - Addresses the National Performance Measures;

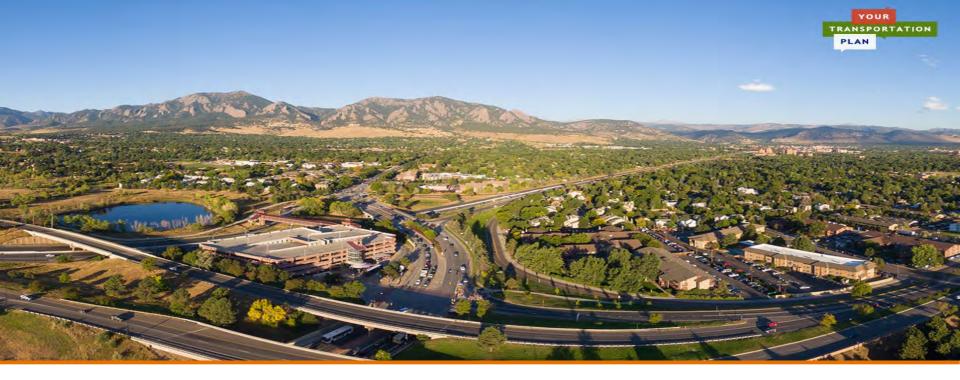
- Integrates data from CDOT's Performance Plan and Transportation Asset Management Plan;
- Includes a section about environmental consultation.
- Colorado's Transportation Story
 - Talks about how fixing our roads, advancing transportation safety and sustainably increasing transportation choice is essential to meeting the evolving needs of communities around the state;
 - Describes the relationship between the built environment and transportation;
 - Shares safety data trends and themes from the Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP);
 - Describes transit goals for Bustang, mobility hubs, and rail, consistent with the Transit Connections Study.
- CDOT's Transportation Investment Strategy
 - o Describes CDOT's budget, the 10-Year Plan, and the five enterprises;
 - Describes funding for asset management;
 - Talks about how CDOT leverages funding to make the most of every dollar;
 - Describes how the 10-Year Plan is only a portion of CDOT overall budget and is designed to work in parallel with CDOT's other funding sources to stretch our budget further and meet our performance goals.
- Implementation of Your Transportation Plan
 - Talks about CDOT's commitment to transparency and accountability
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 - Colorado Crash Data Dashboard
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- The Future
 - Describes initiatives that will shape the future of transportation in Colorado including:
 - Vehicle technology and electrification
 - Connectivity and automation
 - Emerging mobility and changing demand
 - Freight and Supply Chain Innovations

Next Steps

Please visit <u>YourTransportationPlan.com</u> to review the draft of the 2050 Statewide Transportation Plan and provide comments. Also available to review using the same web link is the Statewide Transit Plan and the rural Regional Transportation Plans. At the conclusion of the public review and comment period on August 31st, staff will return to STAC in September to ask for a recommendation for adoption by the Transportation Commission.

Attachments

Presentation: Statewide Plan Update





Statewide Plan Update August 7, 2025



Discussion Topics

- Timeline
- Approach for the 2050 Statewide Transportation Plan
- 2050 Statewide Transportation Plan Contents
- Schedule / Process for adoption of 2050 Statewide Transportation Plan
- Next Steps



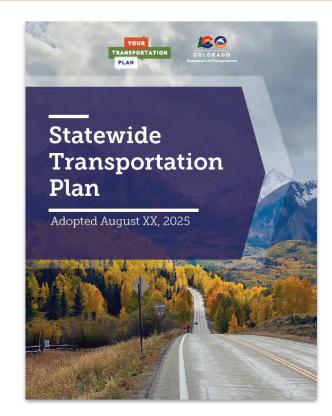
2050 Statewide Plan Development Timeline





Approach for 2050 Statewide Transportation Plan

- The long-range transportation plan is a federallyrequired document.
- The 2050 Statewide Transportation Plan was written to meet the federal requirements of a performanced-based long-range transportation plan.
- State-required planning elements will be directly incorporated into the 10-Year Plan (adoption anticipated in December 2025), or listed as a "related-planning document" on the CDOT website.
- Themes from state-required planning elements are summarized at a high-level in the 2050 Statewide Plan.





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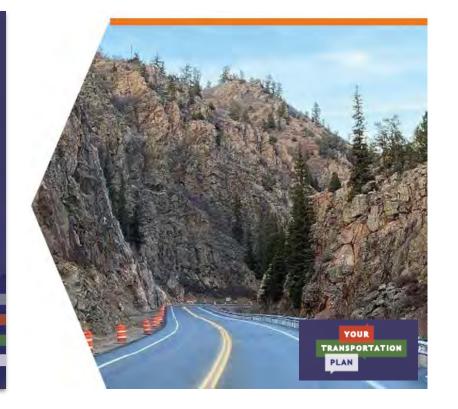
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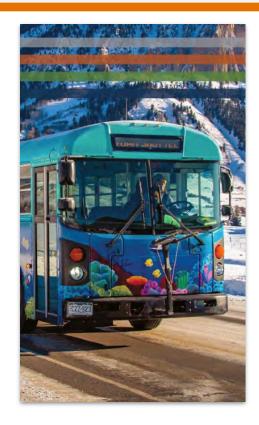
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Schedule / Process for review & adoption of 2050 Statewide Transportation Plan

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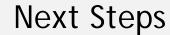
August 7: STAC Meeting (Informational Update)

August 20 - August 21: TC Meeting (Workshop)

August 31: Public review & comment period ends

September 4: STAC Meeting (Action Item)

September 17 - September 18: TC Meeting / Formal Adoption (Action Item)





- Ongoing: Discussions with MPOs, TPRs, and local partners
- August 2025: 2050 Statewide Plan public comment period
- September 2025: 2050
 Statewide Plan adoption
- Fall 2025: 10-Year Plan development
- November 2025: GHG Transportation Report
- December 2025: Anticipated adoption of next 10-Year Plan





Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)

To: Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)

From: Paul DesRocher, Director of Transit & Rail

CC: George Gromke, Planning Specialist

Date: July 31, 2025

Subject: Transit Connections Study Update

Purpose

This memorandum and accompanying presentation summarize the draft findings of the Transit Connections Study (TCS).

Action

Informational only, no action required.

Background

Transit is a foundational component of Colorado's transportation system, and central among CDOT's Wildly Important Goals (WIGs). Transit not only helps to manage traffic congestion, improve mobility, connect urban and rural communities, and reduce air pollution, but also supports strategic growth in the State. In working towards building a statewide transit network, CDOT's Division of Transit and Rail (DTR) launched the Transit Connections Study (TCS) in 2024 and now presents the study's draft findings.

The TCS aims to provide a strategic vision for an interconnected statewide transit network. This includes identifying transit gaps and needs and highlighting opportunities to further integrate Colorado's transit network with intercity, regional, and local transit/mobility providers.

This study envisions a future where Colorado's Statewide Transit Network is:

- Comprehensive: Providing a connected network of services across the state, focusing on key corridors.
- Accessible & Equitable: Addressing the needs of rural, underserved, and transit-dependent communities by ensuring equitable transit access and breaking down barriers to mobility opportunities
- Reliable: Enhancing transit services through infrastructure improvements and maintaining consistent, predictable travel times for transit users.
- Integrated: Collaborating with local transit agencies and communities to ensure seamless connections between transit systems, mobility hubs,
- Sustainable: Considering operational costs alongside capital needs to ensure long-term financial viability and strategic investments.

• Fosters Strategic Growth: Encouraging denser development near transit hubs, reducing car dependence and emissions but also maximizing infrastructure use for a sustainable future.

The issues and solutions identified within the study identify community level opportunities to increase connectivity, access, and equity for public transit. The study identifies areas to add transit to meet existing travel demand in areas where transit is poorly networked or doesn't exist. The study proposes transit project typologies and recommends potential solutions to filling the gaps.

Next Steps

Staff will incorporate STAC comments and issue a final report.

Attachments

STAC Transit Connections Study Presentation Aug 2025





Transit Connections Study Transportation Commission July 2025

Department of Transportation



Division of Transit and Rail





The Division of Transit & Rail (DTR) was created in 2009 via state legislation and is responsible for the planning, developing, operating, and integrating transit and rail into the statewide transportation system.



Transit & Rail Programs and Project Categories

PROGRAM LEVEL

PROJECT LEVEL Passenger Rail

Front Range Passenger Rail

Mountain Rail

Rail Planning

Grant Programs

Pre-Award

Post-Award

Transit
Planning &
Operations

Bus Ops (Bustang)

Transit Planning

Transit Project
Delivery



Bustang History

- Bustang "Main Lines" service launched in July 2015 as a Mon-Fri, mostly commuter-focused service serving the Front Range I-25 corridor
 - One trip each weekday between Denver and I-70
- Rural-focused Bustang Outrider network launched in 2018
 - Currently eight different routes throughout Colorado
- Seasonal services, Snowstang and Bustang to Estes Park, both launched in 2019
- Pegasus shuttle service launched in 2022, offering more frequent service between Denver and Vail using smaller (non-CDL) vehicles
- SB22-180 significantly increased service on I-70 & I-25









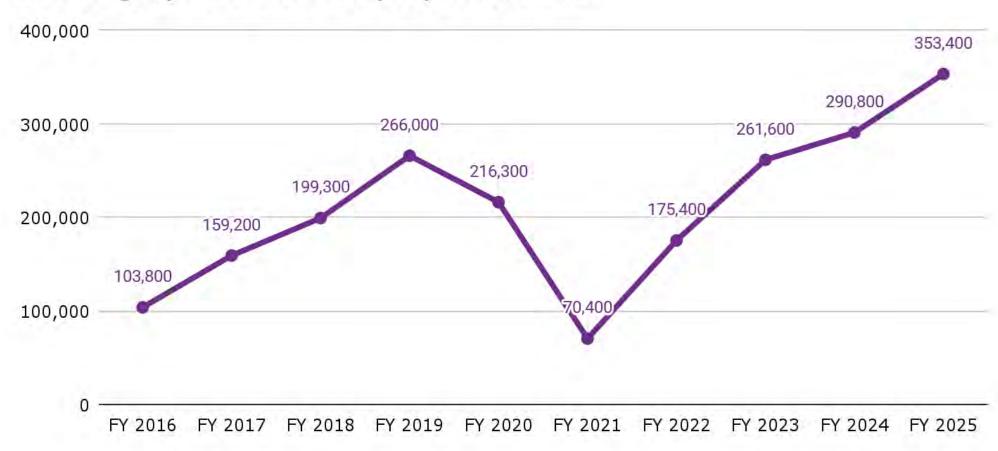


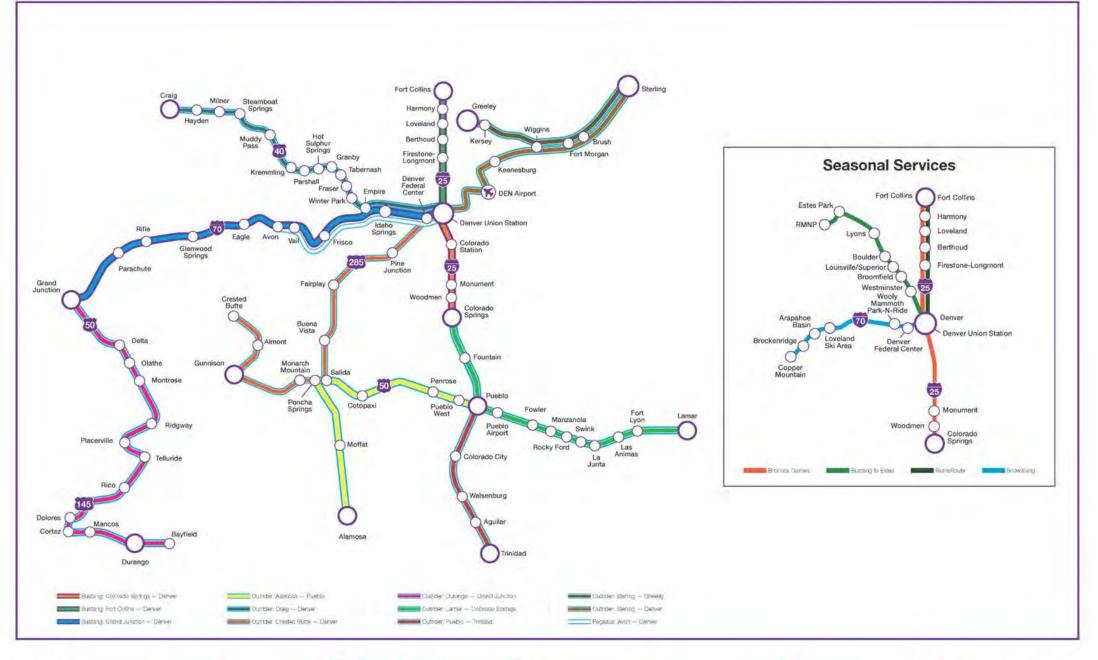




Ten Years of Bustang Ridership

Bustang System Ridership by Fiscal Year

















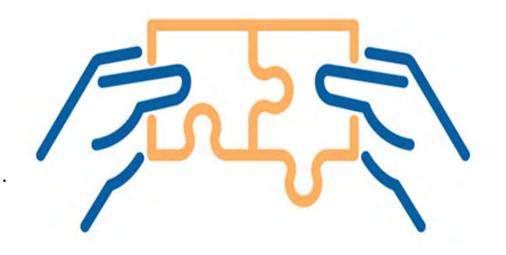
Transit Connections Study





Overview

- Purpose: To create a strategic vision for an integrated statewide transit network, improving mobility and connectivity across Colorado.
- Scope: Examines stops, stations, regional and interregional service gaps, and opportunities to better connect Colorado's statewide transit network.
- Outputs: Transit projects to support Colorado's continued transit network integration neutral of provider.



Key Goals

- 1. Enhance Accessibility and Connectivity of Colorado's Transit Network: Connect rural and urban areas to Bustang, passenger rail, and local transit networks.
- 2. Foster Multimodal Integration: Strengthen Colorado's statewide public transportation network.
- 3. **Promote Sustainability**: Support modeshift greenhouse gas reduction by increasing public transit use.



Current State of Transit

Gaps Analysis Recommendations & Report Development









What TCS is...

Provides a vision for a statewide public transportation network. Intended to inform public transportation planning and investment decisions.

Aims to understand the existing public transportation network's function, interconnectedness, and accessibility.

Identifies gaps in the public transportation network. Develops project types to address identified gaps.

Uses defined metrics (Transit Connections, Community Access, Equity, Financial Sustainability) for prioritization.

What TCS is not...

Does not provide specific project proposals ready for implementation. Opportunities for further refinement of TCS proposals into 10YP projects is possible, however.

Does not provide funding for specific projects or implement projects directly.

Does not provide a detailed operational analysis of public transportation agencies.

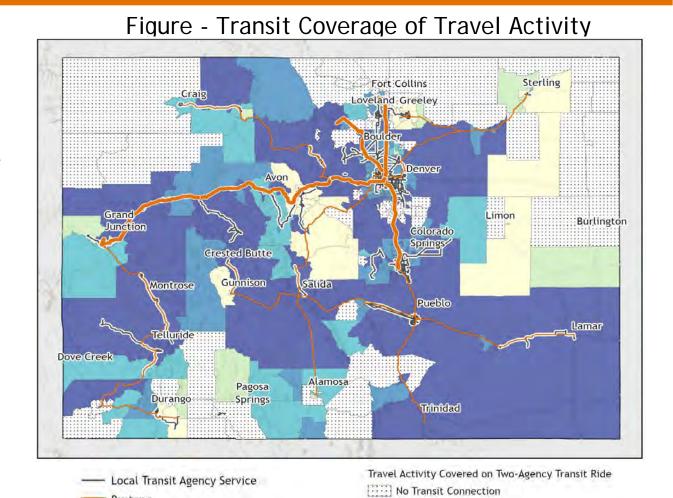
Does not use implementationreadiness criteria for its prioritization.



Transit in Colorado

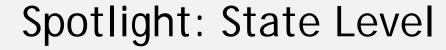
Colorado's Transit Network By the Numbers

- 48 of Colorado's 64 counties are served by more than 80 local or regional providers and 35 counties are served by Bustang
- Over 120 stops or stations connecting two or more providers, over 30 stops or stations connecting three or more providers
- 86% of the population is within 10 miles of a Bustang, private intercity bus, or an Amtrak station
- RFTA has the highest ridership among rural providers in the country.
 - Colorado has 9 out of the top 20 rural transit providers by ridership in the country.
- In 2023, RTD accounted for 71% of all unlinked transit trips in the state.



Outrider

≤ 50%





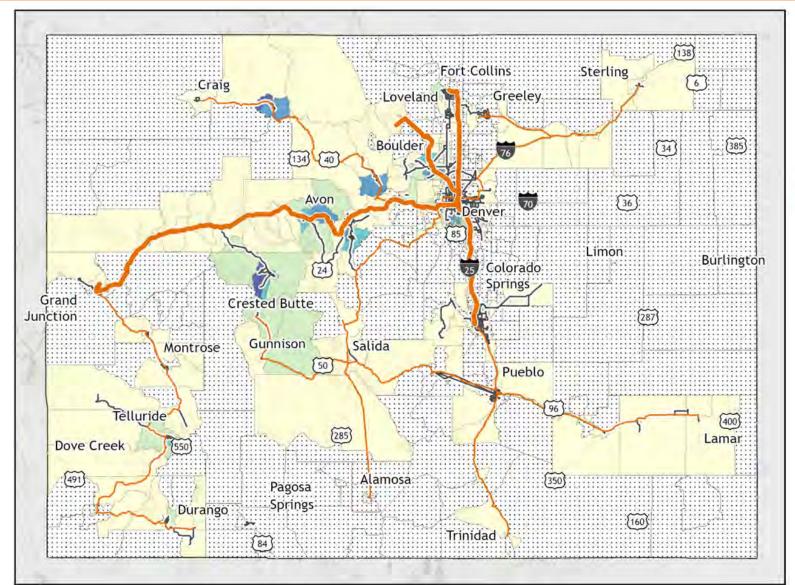
Percent of Population with Transit Access to Critical Destinations

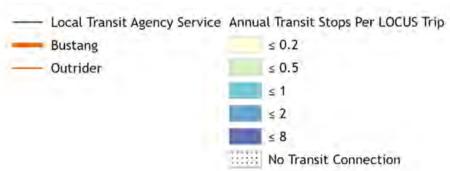
	Population	Recreational	Educational	Institutional	Medical	Essential	Lifeline
Denver	2,563,409	96%	97%	97%	97%	98%	98%
Other Urban	2,777,876	78%	82%	87%	92%	92%	92%
Rural	429,505	25%	35%	47%	51%	74%	74%
Statewide	5,770,790	82%	86%	89%	91%	93%	93%

Pockets of populations lack transportation access, as well as connectivity from limited service windows and poor transfer timing, especially outside the Denver Metro. The TCS serves to identify opportunities to further connect people, place, and opportunities.



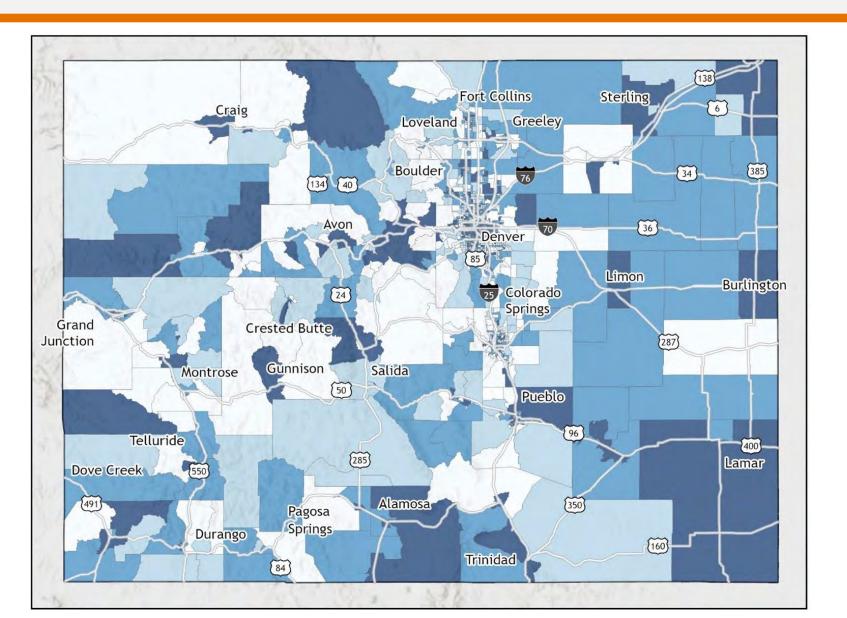
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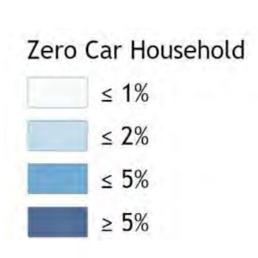






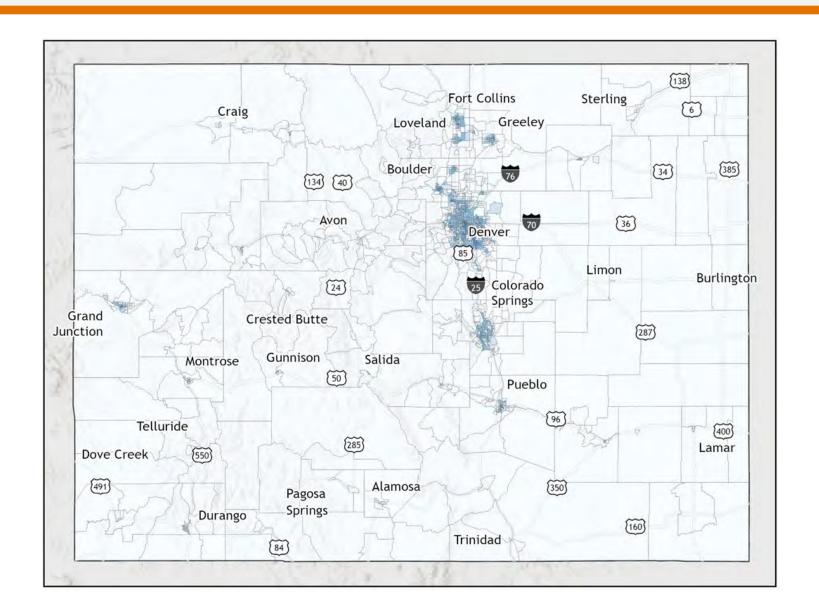
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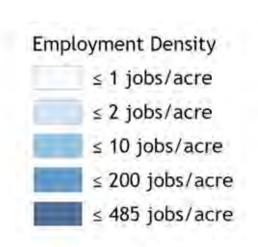






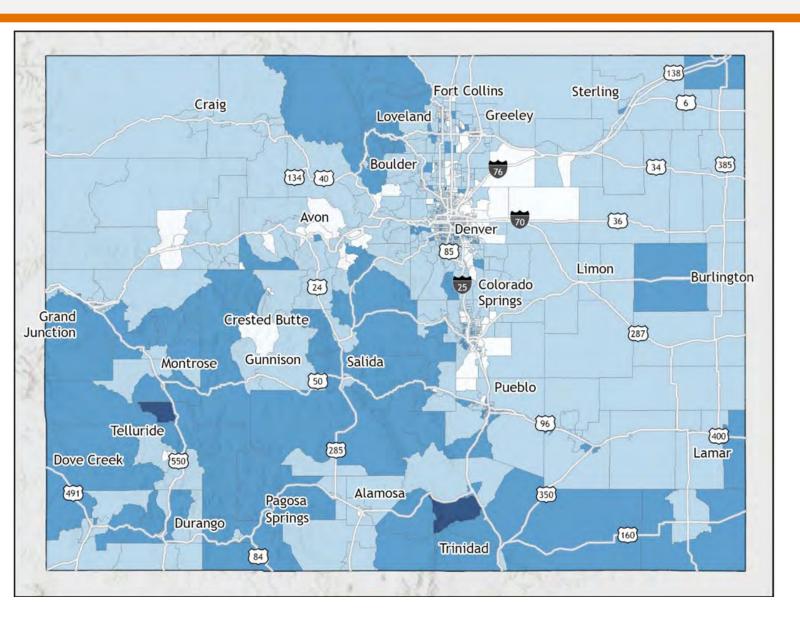
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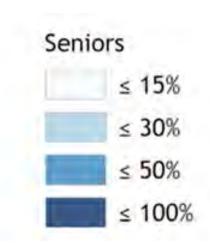






Colorado's Senior Population







TCS Analysis Process

Inputs

- 1. Travel Demand
- 2. Network Gaps & Needs
- 3. Access
- 4. Unmet & Inequitable
- 5. Needs

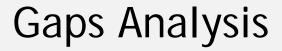
Gaps Analysis

Project Types

- New or Extended Corridor
- 2. Service Optimization
- 3. Stops and Stations

- 1. Connected Transit
- 2. Accessibility
- 3. Equity
- Financial Sustainability

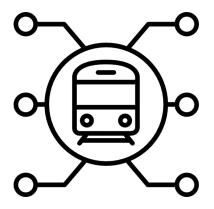
Project Prioritization





What are we trying to answer?

- Where people are trying to go?
- What transit options are available?
- What services and amenities are people trying to access?



1. Travel Demand

Demand modeling (+20 mi. trips) and corridor analysis.

2. Community Access

Identifying areas of the state with and without access transit service.

3. Transit Network Connectivity

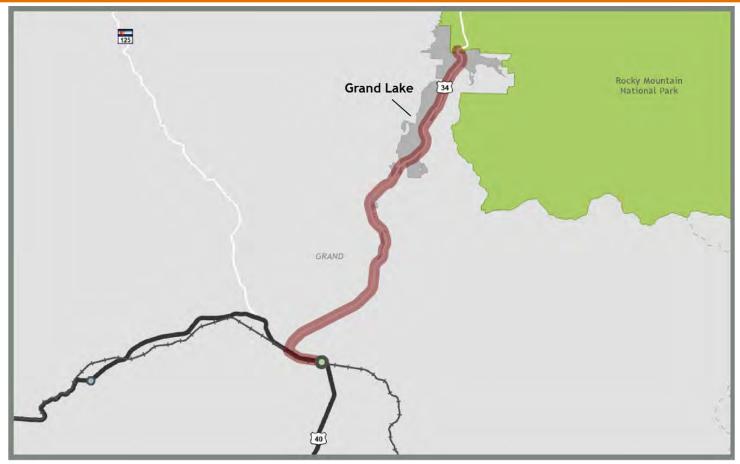
Improve connections between services to better connect the state.

4. Equity

Support access to transit for transit dependent and disproportionately impacted (CDPHE) communities



Gaps: Transit Access



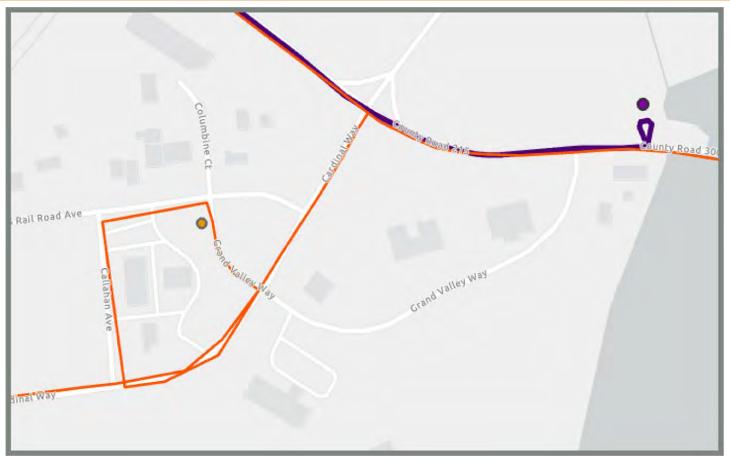


LEGEND

- +++ Intercity Passenger Rail
- Interregional Fixed Route
- Fixed Route Service Gap
 - Connected Services



Gaps: Connectivity





LEGEND

- Bustang Route
- PATS Route
- Bustang Stop
- PATS Stop



Project Type ID

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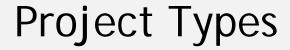
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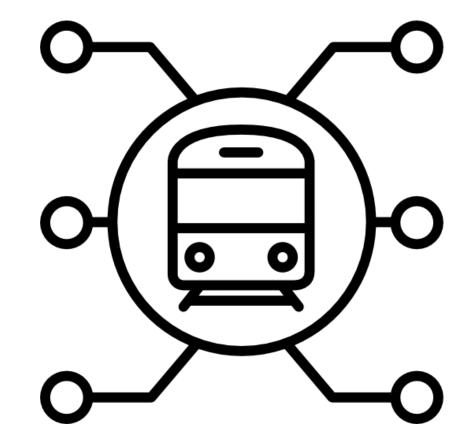
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Project Prioritization





- 1. New or Extended Service
 - a. Interregional fixed route
 - b. Regional fixed route
 - C. Demand response zone
- 2. Service Optimization
 - a. Frequency change
 - b. Timed Transfers
 - c. Schedule Change
- 3. Stops and Stations
 - a. Unlinked Transfers
 - b. New Market or Activity Center





Why Project Types?

The TCS is a statewide, planning-level study focused on identifying gaps and needs in the public transportation network:

- Opportunities to enhance connectivity, accessibility, and integration
- Highlight network-level benefits.
- Prioritize project-types on their ability to help develop a statewide network.

- Planning-Level
- State-Level Study
- Agency-Neutral
- Flexibility and Network Focused Solutions



Project Scoring and Examples

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Gaps Analysis

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Project Prioritization



Project Prioritization

TCS Evaluation Criteria	Summary Description
Transit Network Connections	 Geographical Does the project connect to an existing public transit service? Does the project connect two existing nearby transit stops? Temporal Does the project reduce connecting time between two connecting transit services? Does the project provide additional connections between existing services?
Community Access	 Geographical Does the project connect to an unserved activity center? Does the project bring additional transit to underserved areas with demand? Does the project provide transportation to a population without transit service? Temporal Does the project extend span of service or align service schedule to provide additional access? Does the project improve access to transit via frequency change?
Equity	 Does the project provide access for a DI Community? Does the project provide access for a transit dependent population?
Financial Sustainability	Would the project be eligible under existing funding sources?

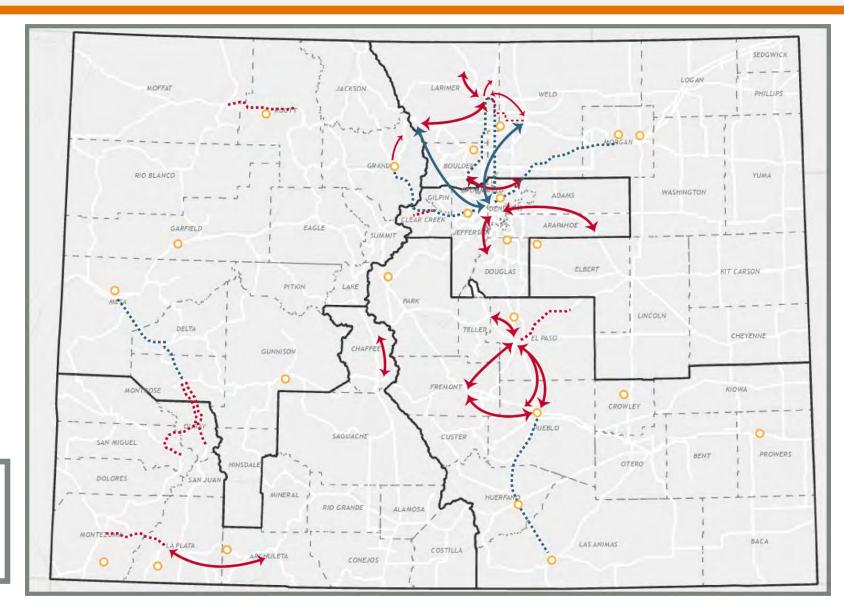


TCS Projects Overview

Summary Project Types Map

- Validating and further review of identified project types
- Review with stakeholders

Regionally Significant
Interregionally Significant
Location-based Project Type



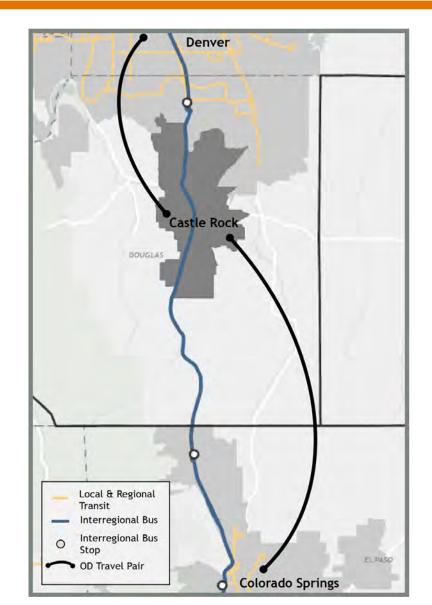


Address Travel Demand

Castle Rock Service Extension

- Castle Rock represents the largest travel demand without access to transit in the state
- Project would connect an unserved urban area and Disproportionately Impacted (DI) communities
- Transit service would address both north and south demand between Castle Rock and metro areas along the Front Range

Trip Overview	Weekday Trips	Weekend Trips
Castle Rock -> Denver	13,331	12,150
Denver -> Castle Rock	12,987	12,445
Castle Rock -> Colorado Springs	5,329	6,337
Colorado Springs -> Castle Rock	5,229	6,279



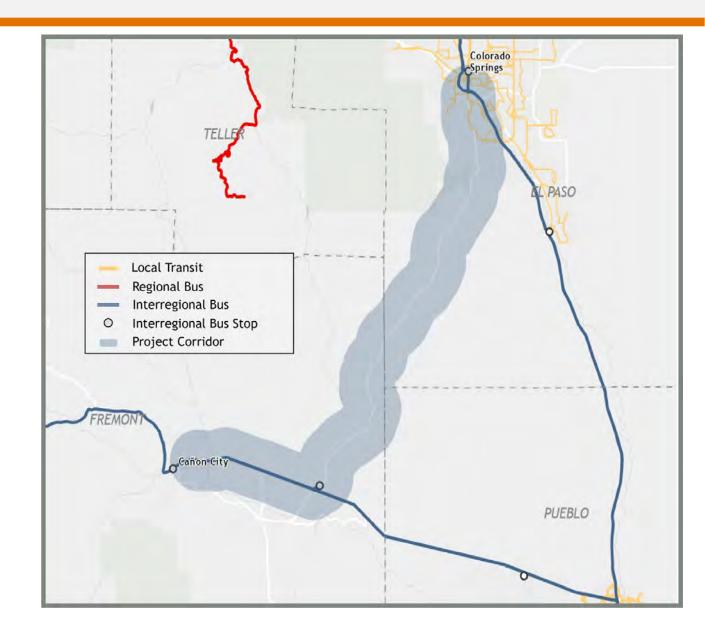


Improve Community Connectivity

Cañon City to Colorado Springs, US 115 and 50

- Secondary corridor
- No transit service
- Strong unmet travel demand
- Indirect and limited interregional connection from Cañon City to Colorado Springs (1 transfer)

Trip Overview	Weekday Trips per Day	Weekend Trips per Day
Colorado Springs -> Cañon City	2,645	2,753
Cañon City -> Colorado Springs	2,596	2,585



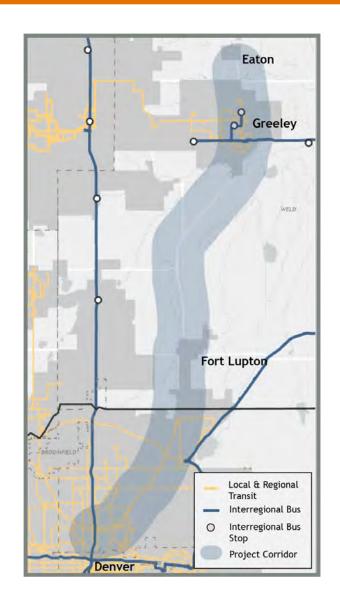


Improve DI Community Access

US 85 Corridor

- Unserved urban areas: Eaton and Fort Lupton
- Primary corridor (54,000 AADT) running parallel demand to I-25 North (97,000 AADT)
- Direct connection for existing and growing demand east of I-25.
- Strong north/south travel relationship to urban areas along corridor

Trip Overview	Weekday Trips per Day	Weekend Trips per Day
Denver -> Greeley	14,123	11,828
Greeley -> Denver	14,376	14,208
Ft Lupton -> Denver	1776	1,509
Ft Lupton -> Greeley	616	446



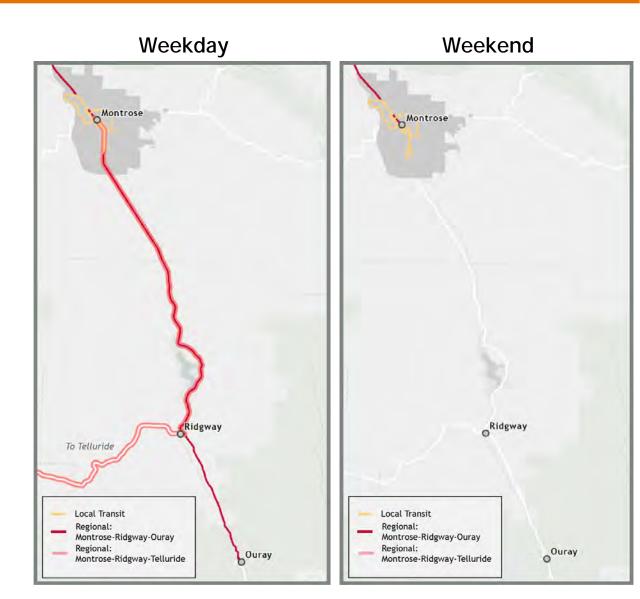


Transit Access and Weekend Demand

Montrose - Ouray

- Existing service for weekday trips
- Weekend gap in service
- Weekend demand is strong
- Weekend service would further existing community connections along the corridor and help meet weekend demand for service

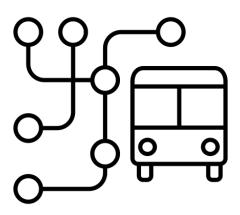
Trip Overview	Weekday Trips per Day	Weekend Trips per Day
Montrose -> Ouray	2,090	1,696
Ouray -> Montrose	2,139	1,686

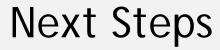






Providing a more connected statewide transit network will improve access, opportunities, and ridership across Colorado's system. The gaps and projects identified provide a starting point to help meet transit needs and build on work being done by CDOT and our partners to build Colorado's statewide transit network.







- Community Outreach
 - STAC
 - TRAC
 - Transit Monthly
 - CASTA Conference
 - Webinars & Agency Meetings
- Work with CDOT Regions and other Stakeholders for planning, implementation, and data sharing.
- Address any feedback as received.





Questions/Discussion











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Our Mission & Vision

Our Mission

The mission of the CDOT Division of Aeronautics is to support Colorado's multi-modal transportation system by advancing a safe, efficient, and effective state-wide aviation system through collaboration, investment and advocacy.

Our Vision

The vision of the CDOT Division of Aeronautics is to be the leading air and space organization by enhancing the efficiency, economic benefit, and sustainability of Colorado's aviation system through funding, innovation, education, and pioneering initiatives.





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- Commercial Service Airport (14)
- Publicly-Owned & Operated Airport (51)
- Privately-Owned Airport Open to the Public (8)
- Seaplane Base (2)
- Non-NPIAS Airport (25)
- Mountain Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) (13)





Airports by the Numbers

COLORADO'S AVIATION SYSTEM

Colorado's aviation system serves as a vital component of the state's economy and transportation network. Colorado's aviation system has:

66 Airports included in the 2020 CASP

14 Commercial Service Airports

52 General Aviation (GA) Airports

49 Airports included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS)

Airports with on-site weather reporting

57 Airports offering fuel

9 Airports with air traffic control towers (ATCTs)



The Colorado Aviation Fund

Aviation Tax Revenue Structure

Excise Tax Avgas \$0.06/Gallon **Excise Tax** 1% Jet Fuel (Non-Airline) 6% \$0.04/Gallon 93% Sales Tax All Jet Fuel 2.9% on Retail



A charter aircraft being fueled with blended sustainable aviation fuel at Telluride Regional Airport (TEX).

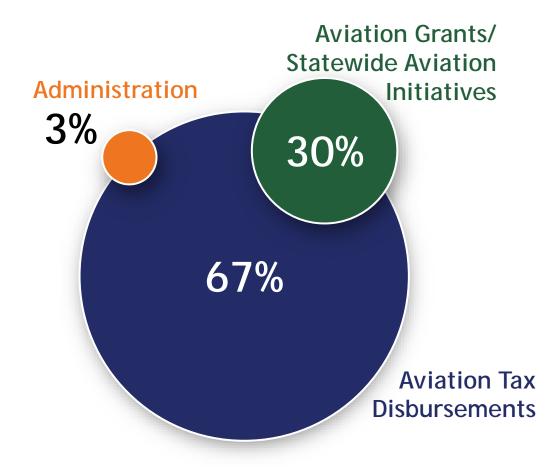


The Colorado Aviation Fund



A flight simulator at Burlington-Kit Carson County Airport (ITR) funded by the Colorado Aviation Education Grant Program.

Aviation Tax Expenditures





2025 Aviation Grant Summary

2025 Colorado Discretionary Aviation Grant (CDAG) Program					
		State	Local	Federal	Total
State and Local Program		\$16,110,776	\$4,527,740	N/A	\$20,638,516
Federal Match Program	Airport Improvement Program (AIP)	\$768,946	\$1,000,000	\$24,330,000	\$26,098,946
	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)	\$1,908,991	\$3,780,000	\$74,380,000	\$80,068,991
Grand Total (39 Airports)		\$18,788,713	\$9,307,740	\$98,710,000	\$126,806,453*

\$742,700 was allocated for unleaded fuel transition projects.

- Awarded a total of 58 discretionary grants to 48 airports.
- TOTAL CDAG FUNDS PLANNED: \$19 Million.
- *Excluding Federal Funds at DEN



2025 Aviation Grant Summary







Weather Reporting & FAA Weather Cameras



Commercial Service Airport with Weather Reporting



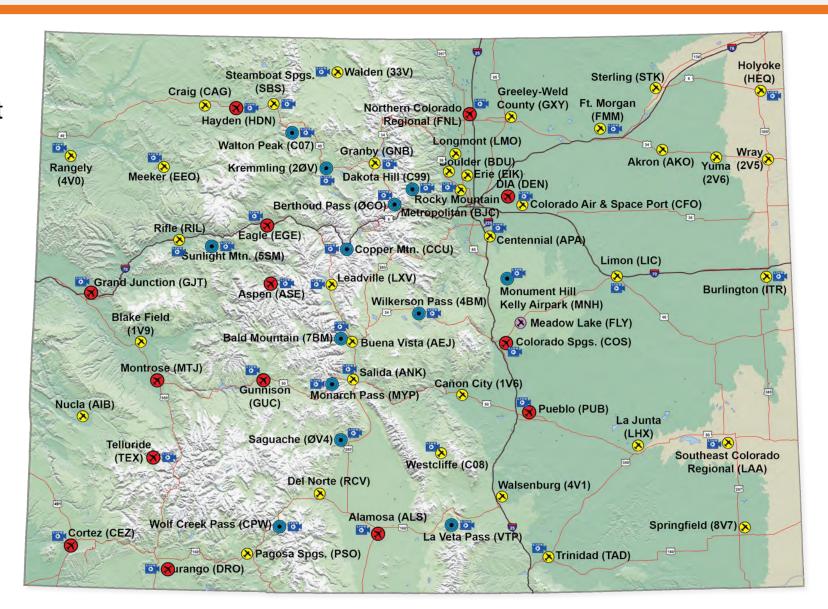
General Aviation with Weather Reporting



Mountain Automated Weather Observing System



FAA Weather Camera WeatherCams.faa.gov



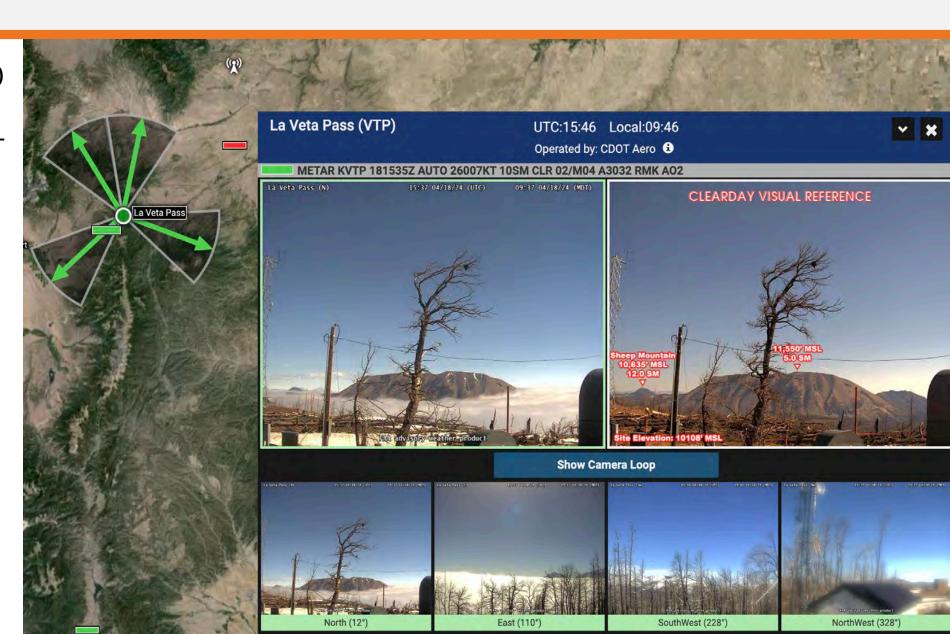


FAA Weather Cameras

La Veta Pass (VTP)

Elevation: 10,116' MSL

FAA Weather Camera WeatherCams.faa.gov





2025 Colorado Aviation Economic Impact Study





2020 Colorado Aviation System Plan (CASP)





2020 CASP - System Goals



Safety and Efficiency

Advance Colorado's airport system by promoting and preserving safe and efficient facilities, on and off airports.

Access and Mobility

Provide Colorado's airports with infrastructure and sufficient capacity enabling the public adequate access and mobility utilizing the aviation system.

Economic Sustainability

Support sustainable economic growth and development and continue Colorado's existing status as a leader in technology, testing, and the aerospace industry.

System Viability

Preserve airport system assets to promote fiscal responsibility and sustainable, cost-effective investments to ensure the system's long-term viability.

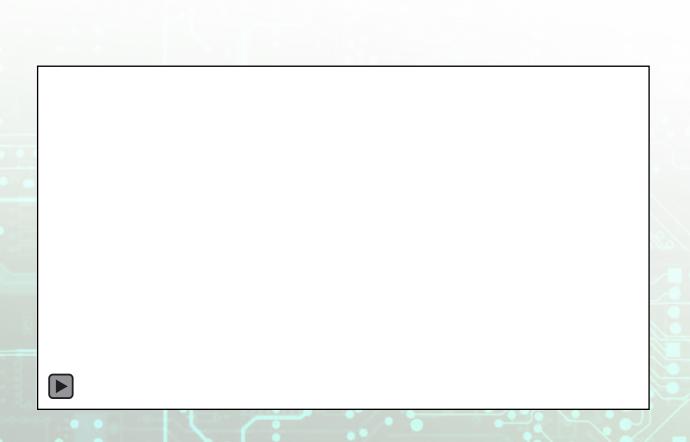


Alternatively Powered Aircraft





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ENERGIC

Powered by H55

- First FAA certified fully electric two-seater training aircraft
- Centennial Flyers APA becomes Colorado's First Launch Customer





Hybrid/Hydrogen Fuel Cell Powered Aircraft





Alternatively Powered Aircraft Study





Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)

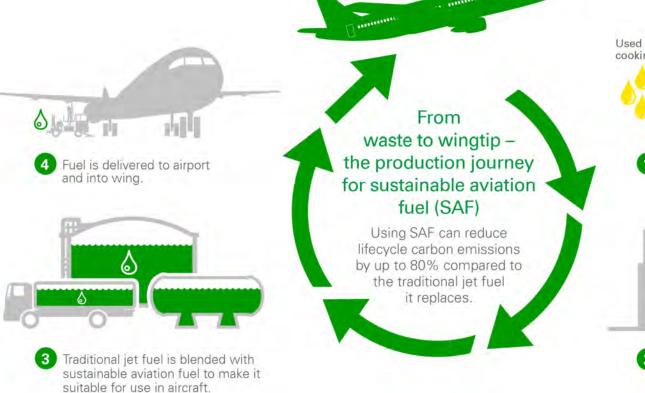




Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)

How is sustainable aviation fuel made?









Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)





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