

# Self-Certification

## Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

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### SELF-CERTIFICATION OF THE FY2026 – FY2029 STIP

The Colorado Department of Transportation is responsible for carrying out the statewide transportation planning process. This planning process is carried out in accordance with the following requirements:

- 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5304, and this part;
- In States containing nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
- 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-357) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in DOT funded projects;
- 23 CFR part 230, regarding implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;
- The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- 23 U.S.C. 324, regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

I hereby certify that the *FY2026 – FY2029 STIP* has met the above requirements.

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Sally Chafee, Acting Executive Director  
Colorado Department of Transportation

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The STIP is the culmination of the comprehensive statewide transportation planning process sifted down to a four year program of projects. This plan is fiscally constrained and meets the planning requirements detailed in the federal regulations listed above.

Ongoing activities consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, citizen involvement, and coordination of transportation services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities include the following:

### Meetings

Transportation planning meetings are held across Colorado on a regular basis. These meetings are open to the public and the meeting hosts make accommodations for those attendees with special needs. Below is a list of the primary transportation meetings held regularly in Colorado.

*Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)* – This Committee, comprised of County Commissioners and local officials representing the ten rural Transportation Planning Regions and five Metropolitan Planning Organizations, meets monthly to discuss transportation issues and advise the Transportation Commission on those issues.

*Transportation Planning Region/Metropolitan Planning Organization* – Each planning region conducts regularly scheduled meetings to discuss transportation issues for their area. Attendees include CDOT Region staff, as well as planning staff from both the Region and CDOT Headquarters. These meetings are also open to the public.

*Transportation Commission* – The Transportation Commission meets each month, setting policy and budget direction for the Department. The STIP is generally brought to the Commission for two purposes each year – the Public Hearing, as part of the public involvement process; and for STIP adoption. Overall planning issues are discussed regularly at the monthly workshops and at the regular Commission meetings.

### Public Involvement

The Draft STIP is released for a minimum 30 day public comment period. A public hearing is held with the Colorado Transportation Commission. The STIP is informed by the larger development processes for the Statewide Plan and the 10 Year Plan. Currently, discussions are under way with the transportation planning regions for updating the 2050 Statewide Plan and the FY2027 – FY2036 10 Year Plan. Efforts include telephone town halls, as well as public meetings with the transportation planning regions and CDOT staff. These efforts are open to the public with accommodation to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. These meetings are held across the state and include a diverse cross-section of the population.

The Public Involvement Plan is being updated and mitigated for website accessibility at this time. It will be re-posted on the CDOT external website later in the spring of 2025.

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### Environmental Justice and Civil Rights at CDOT

CDOT's Office of Environmental Justice and Equity oversees equity programs, small business certifications, and civil rights compliance requirements for engineers, contractors, consultants, local agencies, and transit agencies.

#### *Civil Rights*

The mission of CDOT's Statewide Civil Rights Team is to promote equal access to and participation in CDOT Programs and activities. The Team's core services include efforts to:

- Promote access to facilities and services for persons with disabilities (ADA Title II)
- Ensure equal employment opportunity and labor compliance of federally assisted highway construction contracts
- Promote equal treatment of and access for all individuals to CDOT programs and activities (Title VI)
- Facilitate the participation of small businesses on CDOT transportation projects (DBE and ESB Programs)
- Determine the eligibility of firms to participate in U.S. Department of Transportation's DBE Program and CDOT's ESB Program (DBE and ESB Certification)

#### *Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Emerging Small Business Programs*

CDOT hosts a variety of events that provide opportunities for networking and discussion among small businesses, CDOT staff, and industry leaders. Connect2DO helps small businesses in the transportation industry become more competitive and successful in bidding and contracting with CDOT and other local transportation agencies. By partnering with the [Colorado Small Business Development Center \(SBDC\) Network](#), Connect2DOT is able to offer free unlimited consulting and business training statewide.

#### *Accessibility*

CDOT makes reasonable modifications to policies, practices, and procedures in an effort to ensure CDOT programs are accessible to individuals with disabilities and to ensure nondiscrimination against person with disabilities. Resources for accessibility include:

- **Access for the Visually and Hearing Impaired:** Dial 711 or (800) 659-3656 to reach Relay Colorado. Relay Colorado is a free service that provides full telephone access to people who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, or speech-disabled.
- **Locations & Facilities:** CDOT strives to provide services and hold meetings in locations accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals may contact the Office of Environmental Justice & Equity at [dot\\_civilrights@state.co.us](mailto:dot_civilrights@state.co.us) to make an accommodation request.



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- **Pedestrian Right-of-Way:** Individuals may request installation of a curb ramp or accessible pedestrian push button by contacting the Civil Rights & Business Resource Center.
- **Interpretation & Translation Services:** CDOT provides reasonable language assistance free of charge upon request. Contact the Office of Environmental Justice & Equity at [dot\\_civilrights@state.co.us](mailto:dot_civilrights@state.co.us) for translation or interpretation requests related to any CDOT public meeting or service.

