



To: Transportation Commission
From: Mike Cheroutes
Subject: HOV policy
Date: January 8, 2013

At its meeting on January 16, the HPTE Board of Directors will consider a resolution recommending the adoption by the Transportation Commission of a requirement that toll-free travel offered to high occupancy vehicles on tolled managed lanes be limited to vehicles with 3 or more occupants (i.e., an HOV 3+ requirement), effective January 1, 2017. The action reflects the HPTE staff view (supported by CDOT senior management) of the best way to accommodate the sometimes conflicting demands of congestion management, financial feasibility, and stakeholder sensitivities in moving forward with the new capacity projects we are trying to finance.

If the HPTE Board approves the recommendation, a Transportation Commission resolution adopting the requirement will be presented for action in February. In the meantime, I and others in the HPTE would be pleased to answer whatever questions or concerns you have.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael L. Cheroutes".

Michael L. Cheroutes
Director

Resolution #TC-

Adopting a requirement that as of January 1, 2017, toll-free travel offered to High Occupancy Vehicles on all tolled managed lanes that are part of the state highway system shall be limited to vehicles with three or more occupants.

Approved by the Transportation Commission on: _____

1-WHEREAS the Transportation Commission is responsible, pursuant to C.R.S. 43-1-106(8), for formulating the general policy of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT); and

2-WHEREAS the Transportation Commission recognizes the importance of consistency among tolled managed lane corridors with regard to High Occupancy Vehicle exceptions; and

3-WHEREAS the Transportation Commission recognizes the benefits of HOV-3+ to encouraging carpooling and transit use, with resulting reductions in vehicle emissions, to reduce congestion, and improve the safety, capacity, and accessibility of the surface transportation system; and

4-WHEREAS the General Assembly created the Colorado High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) as a government-owned business within CDOT, pursuant to Section 43-4-806 C.R.S., to aggressively pursue innovative means of more efficiently financing important surface transportation projects that will improve the safety, capacity, and accessibility of the surface transportation system; and

5-WHEREAS to facilitate the financing of important transportation projects, the HPTE Board of Directors has recommended that the Transportation Commission require toll-free travel offered to High Occupancy Vehicles on tolled managed lanes that are part of the state highway system to be limited to vehicles carrying three or more occupants (HOV-3+).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Transportation Commission hereby requires that as of January 1, 2017 toll-free travel offered to High Occupant Vehicles on tolled managed lanes that are part of the state highway system shall be limited to vehicles with three or more total occupants (HOV 3+).