

# MEMORANDUM

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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**TO:** Transportation Commissioners

**FROM:** Debra Perkins-Smith, Director, DTD

**DATE:** November 8, 2013

**RE: FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The purpose of this memo is to provide information to the Transportation Commission on the newly formed Freight Advisory Committee.

The Division of Transportation Development has established a Freight Advisory Council (FAC) to address the current needs of the freight program and to assist in the development of the Freight Plan. The establishment of FAC was recommended in section 1117 of MAP-21. The council is composed of members with broad experience representing various modes, industries, and phases in freight movement. The FAC has had two meetings with CDOT staff. The Freight Advisory Council's focus will be on three main goals:

- *Planning: Enhance the development of Colorado's Freight Plan by providing technical expertise and real-world insight.*
- *Policy and Programs: Identify strategies and programs that will enhance Colorado's freight system.*
- *Partnership: Develop the structure for an ongoing partnership between the freight community and CDOT.*

As part of its advisory role during the planning process the FAC has identified the following key initiatives the department should pursue to improve freight movement in Colorado:

- *Crash Reduction: truck and rail crossing*
- *Connectivity: the connection between the statewide network and local communities including the importance of transportation to the economy*
- *Parking: address both the safety and lack of parking across the state*
- *Operations: Improve the freight system through operational initiatives*
- *Capacity Improvements: address the unique infrastructure needs of freight*
- *CDOT Freight Integration: Increasing the awareness of freight throughout the department and incorporating it into various processes and decision making*

The next meeting of the FAC will be on January 16, 2014.

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**TO:** Colorado Transportation Commission  
**FROM:** Debra Perkins-Smith  
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**DATE:** November 7, 2013

**SUBJECT: CDOT FY14-15 Performance Plan (presented for informational purposes)**

CDOT on November 1 submitted its FY14-15 Performance Plan to the Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting. The Performance Plan—the current format for CDOT's strategic plan—was required by revisions this year to Colorado's State Measurement for Accountable, Responsive and Transparent (SMART) Government Act.

The Department has worked over the past several months with its Office of State Planning and Budgeting (OSPB) analyst to ensure the Performance Plan aligns with OSPB instructions and requirements from the revised SMART Act. Dozens of contacts with employees throughout the Department helped shape the Performance Plan. The plan was presented at the Senior Management Team retreat in early September. CDOT's Regional Transportation Directors, as well as the Department's various divisions and asset managers, provided content or feedback.

The plan includes long-term goals based on National Performance Areas found in the federal Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). Shorter-term goals are based on CDOT's existing six Strategic Focus Areas. Performance objectives in the plan are from sources including Policy Directive 14. More than 50 performance measures in the plan indicate the Department's progress toward meeting those objectives.

A Department description, mission and vision statements, and an overview of current initiatives also are included. Appendices contain an overview of Major Program Areas, inputs and workload indicators, and an organizational chart.

CDOT views the Performance Plan as a step toward becoming a more performance-based organization. The Department looks forward to working with OSPB to further refine the Performance Plan in coming years and fulfill the aspirations of the revised SMART Act.