



Greenhouse Gas Pollution Reduction for Transportation Planning Proposed Standards

OVERVIEW

CDOT is proposing a new standard to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector, improve air quality and reduce smog, and provide more travel options. The standard would require CDOT and the state's five Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to determine the total GHG emissions expected from future transportation projects and take steps to ensure that greenhouse gas (GHG) emission levels do not exceed set GHG reduction amounts. This proposed standard recognizes that the projects we build have an impact on how Coloradans travel and will help bring about a transportation system that provides more choices for travelers across the state.

PROPOSED RULE SCHEDULE

Engagement and Rule Concept Development

Winter-Summer 2021

Early outreach on purpose of rule and overall framework. Input sought through dozens of meetings with a broad range of stakeholders.

Formal Processes Begin

Summer 2021

Transportation Commission authorizes rulemaking development and rule is noticed with Secretary of State.

Public Rulemaking Hearings

Fall 2021: 60-Day Review Period

Eight virtual and in-person hearings held across the state with opportunity for public testimony and submission of written comment.

Adopt Rules

Fall 2021

The Transportation Commission considers the proposed rule for adoption.

Rules Take Effect and Implementation

Winter 2022

If adopted by the Transportation Commission, the rule becomes effective with ongoing implementation.

BENEFITS AND BACKGROUND

The GHG Pollution Reduction Planning Standard is one of several transportation strategies identified in the state's [Greenhouse Gas \(GHG\) Pollution Reduction Roadmap](#) and is a key requirement established in the 2021 state transportation funding bill (SB260). The standard builds on the state's effort to rapidly deploy electric vehicles by encouraging a future transportation system that improves transit, biking and walking options. The focus is on large transportation projects that make a fundamental change to our transportation system. The basic repair and maintenance of our roads and bridges is not impacted.

The benefits made possible by this standard are meaningful; equivalent to burning 169 million fewer gallons of gasoline or taking approximately 300,000 cars off the road for a year. These benefits directly improve air quality by also reducing the harmful pollutants that cause ozone and smog.

GET INVOLVED

CDOT will hold eight public hearings across the state to provide opportunities for public comment on the standard. These meetings will have options to participate either in-person or virtually and offer Spanish interpretation. Comments also are accepted in writing via dot_rules@state.co.us. We welcome your feedback.

Visit our website for more information on public meetings and the rulemaking:
<https://www.codot.gov/programs/environmental/greenhouse-gas>

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