



## Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)

This meeting will be hosted **virtually**

**February 6, 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	Gary Beedy, STAC Chair
8:40-8:45	Approval of the Jan. 2025 Meeting Minutes	Gary Beedy, STAC Chair
8:45-8:50	CDOT Update on Current Events (Informational Update)	Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Director
8:50-8:55	Transportation Commission Report (Informational Update)	Gary Beedy, STAC Chair
8:55-9:20	TPR Representative and Federal Partners Reports (Informational Update)	STAC Members and Federal Partners
9:20-9:50	Legislative Report (Informational Update)	Emily Haddaway and Jamie Grim, CDOT Office of Government Relations
9:50-10:00	Break	
10:00-10:20	Colorado Transportation Vision 2035 (Informational Item) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of the Governor's Vision for Transportation</li> </ul>	Darius Pakbaz, Director, Division of Transportation Development
10:20-10:40	Statewide Plan Update (Informational Item) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Engagement Approach</li> </ul>	Marissa Gaughan, DTD Multimodal Planning Branch Manager
10:40-11:00	Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A TPR Administrator Meeting is scheduled immediately following STAC (Virtual Meeting)</li> </ul>	Gary Beedy, STAC Chair

# Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** Thursday, January 9, 2025; 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

## **Attendance: Roll Call - Darius Pakbaz**

**Denver Area:** Steve O'Dorisio  
**Central Front Range:** Dwayne McFall  
**Eastern:** Gary Beedy  
**Grand Valley:** Dana Brosig  
**Gunnison Valley:** Vince Rogalski  
**Intermountain:** Brian Pettit  
**North Front Range:** Paul Sizemore  
**Northwest:** Brian Cerkenik  
**Pikes Peak Area:** Holly Williams and John Liosatos  
**Pueblo Area:** Eva Cosyleon  
**San Luis Valley:** Vern Heersink  
**South Central:** Brian Blasi and Mitch Wardell  
**Southeast:** Ron Cook  
**Southwest:** Sarah Hill  
**Upper Front Range:** Kevin Ross  
**Southern Ute:** None  
**Ute Mountain Ute:** None

## **Call to Order & Roll Call - Gary Beedy, STAC Chair**

The meeting commenced at approximately 8:30 am and a roll call established that a STAC quorum was present.

## **Approval of the November Meeting Minutes - Gary Beedy, STAC Chair**

- Chair Beedy requested a motion to approve the November STAC meeting minutes.

**STAC Action:** STAC members approved the November 2024 meeting minutes following a motion for approval.

## **HQ Updates - Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Executive Director**

- Next week's Transportation Commission (TC) Meeting will have a budget workshop and revenue forecast. CDOT is applying for a Federal PROTECT grant on avalanche mitigation, and is asking the Commission for \$5.4M from their program reserve. This project would replace WW2 howitzers with a new remote avalanche control system. CDOT is requesting the money regardless of whether or not they get the grant, because they will either use the funds to apply for other grants, or use the money to get started because the need is deemed a high priority.

- Additional agenda items include:
  - Fuel Impact Enterprise Workshop. \$10M goes through CDOT to local governments, and \$5M CDOT retains for freight improvements.
  - A Speed Safety Camera Program workshop. At the moment, this concerns CDOT Work Zones.
  - Bridge and Tunnel Financing Workshop. TC will look back at the bonds (\$271M in proceeds last year.) This year will be another \$200-250M in Q1, most of which will go to the I-70 Floyd Hill project.
  - Workshop on transmission lines on I-76.
- Last month PPACG had a great presentation to the TC on their greenhouse gas (GHG) report. They are asking the Commission to adopt it, and CDOT is supporting that.
- Cecil Gutierrez is going to get sworn in as the newest TC member. He will represent TC District 5.
- There are no upcoming policy/procedural directives (PDs). There will be some changes to Policy Directive 1601.0 Interchange Approval Process and Procedural Directive 1601.1 Requests for Interchange Access and Modifications to Existing Interchanges on the State Highway System.

## Transportation Commission (TC) Report - Gary Beedy, STAC Chair

- Key topics covered at the November TC meeting included:
  - A proposal regarding Burnham Yard, see TC minutes for more details.
  - In November there was a Budget Workshop discussing the Governor's proposed budget cuts and how to fill the gap in funding, more information will be shared during the legislative update.
  - PD 1601.1 for the Greeley US 34 interchange request.
  - Build Back Bond refinancing for the Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise.
  - Public comment from the asphalt industry saying CDOT did not purchase as much asphalt in 2024 as it did in 2023, indicating that the pace of maintenance could be declining.
- Key topics covered at the December TC meeting included:
  - CDOT FY 26 Draft Budget.
  - Further discussion of the Burnham Yard line easement.

## TPR Representative and Federal Partners Reports (Informational Update) - STAC Members and Federal Partners

- **Central Front Range:** CFR has a TPR meeting on Monday, 1/13/2025). They will elect their TPR leadership and go through the agenda. They sent out a call for Multimodal Transportation Mitigation and Options Fund (MMOF) applications, drafts are due 1/24/2025. Appreciate CDOT's work on US50 this week.
- **Eastern:** Had their TPR meeting in December working on developing their 2050 Regional Transportation Plan process. Struggling to figure out how to get improvements rather than just maintenance. They are moving forward with their MMOF call for projects and are electing a co-chair replacement.
- **Pikes Peak:** On 1/8/25, Pikes Peak began the public hearing process for their 2050 long range transportation plan. They also had a successful GHG presentation from the TC in December. PPACG also had their PPACG Board elections and the new chair is Holly Williams, also the STAC Vice Chair.

- **San Luis Valley:** SLV has not had a meeting since the last STAC meeting.
- **Southwest:** They have had three 2050 plan meetings, they will be able to make recommendations to the TPR for a vote at the February meeting. They are into their MMOF process, all the applications have been submitted to CDOT for review. There has been some turnover of County Commissioners in Dolores County, so they are waiting to see who their representative from there will be.
- **Pueblo:** Pueblo had their groundbreaking for their US 50 and I-25 interchange. They are working on Medal of Honor Blvd project, which is 27.5% complete. They are electing new County Commissioners. The PACOG Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) adopted bylaws.
- **DRCOG:** At the November meeting, DRCOG approved amendments to their Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including CDOT's Region 4 surface treatment project on US 287, along with Box Elder Crossing, Boulder Safe Streets, Sanderson Gulch, and Lena Gulch. In December the board approved awards for DRCOG's Livable Centers Small Area Planning Program and the Innovative Mobility Program. They also reviewed TIP project delays and heard a presentation on their congestion report.
- **Gunnison Valley:** Gunnison Valley is in the middle of the planning process, and working on the MMOF call for projects. Both bridges in both directions are open over Blue Mesa on US 50. They will return in the Spring to paint.
- **South Central:** The bridge on I-25 South is complete at Walsenberg. South Central will be meeting on 1/24/25 for a work session to conduct project prioritization, new member training and orientation. They will hold officer elections on 2/20/25.
- **Southeast:** Working on their 2050 RTP project priority list and transit connectivity. Their next TPR meeting is on 1/29/2025.
- **Northwest:** At their last meeting, they gave .25% of a vote to each county's transit agencies. Next week that will get put into their IGA. They are also considering changing their chair and vice chair positions to two year positions to reduce the frequency of elections. Northwest is working on their 10-Year plan.
- **Intermountain:** Had an executive committee meeting which includes all the regional transit providers and representatives from Intermountain's five counties. The priority list developed at this meeting will go to the TPR next week for a vote. They will also elect a new Chair and Vice Chair. Intermountain extended the MMOF deadline to solicit more applications.
- **Upper Front Range:** They held elections recently, Kevin Ross is the new chair and Kristin Stephens is the new vice chair of their TPR. They had a 2050 plan presentation and have been working on their MMOF project selection process. They will be announcing award recipients shortly.
- **Grand Valley:** Grand Valley did not have a board meeting in December, but will meet in January. At that meeting they will request an extension on their long range plan. They are making progress on their greenhouse gas analysis. In December they spent time going to each board in the area to adopt the Mesa County Safety Action Plan and got a lot of support. The next step will be to obtain funding to fully implement the plan. Mesa County was awarded a \$22M grant to build a multimodal corridor through

their community. A new fleet maintenance facility for transit under construction is about 50% complete.

- **North Front Range:** In December the planning council held elections and has new officers. The new chair is Johnny Olson, and the new vice chair is Kristin Stephens. Council also approved a budget amendment to their UPWP to get them into compliance with FHWA, and it has been accepted. In December, NFR's new transportation management organization for the region GONOCO34 met and elected its officers and incorporated as a nonprofit. It will meet soon to adopt its bylaws.
- No Federal updates due to the Federal day of mourning for President Jimmy Carter.

## **Legislative Report (Informational Update) - Emily Haddaway and Jamie Grim, CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations**

### **General Legislative Update**

- Jared Polis is giving the State of the State address today (1/9/25).

### **State Legislative Update - Emily Haddaway**

- The legislative session kicked off yesterday. There were about 130 bills introduced. Of those, CDOT is tracking 5 or 6, especially the Transportation Legislative Review Committee (TLRC) bills.
- CDOT is continuing to track the budget closely, including the two budget balance measures.
- The TC heard a proposal for a 2 cent diesel fee and a registration fee.
- The governor's office is supporting a modal choice bill. In addition there is a vulnerable road user bill, wildlife crossing bill, outdoor advertising, and others. These will be added to weekly reports starting next week.
- There is new bill tracking software that will generate automatic reports.
- The bill to permit the formation of 16 vs. 15 Transportation Planning Regions (TPRs) was introduced. It permits, but doesn't direct, the TC from creating a 16th TPR.

### **Federal Legislative Update - Jamie Grim**

- The 119th Congress was sworn in on 1/3/25. Colorado has 3 new members of congress and 5 returning members.
- The house is currently making committee assignments, so we don't know yet whether anyone from the Colorado delegation will be on the Transportation and Infrastructure (TNI) committee. There is no Colorado member on the senate commerce committee. The senate commerce committee's first meeting will be next Wednesday

## 2025 STAC Onboarding/Workplan Discussion - Marissa Gaughan and Darius Pakbaz

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- An overview of the STAC, its member composition, purpose, meeting schedule and roles and responsibility were outlined. The [STAC Bylaws](#) define the roles and responsibilities of the STAC.
- Any changes to STAC Representatives must be submitted in writing to the DTD Director within 30 days, and include the name, title, mailing address, telephone number, and email address of the new member representative.
- A STAC work plan is developed at the beginning of each calendar year. The current work plan is included in this month's STAC packet.
- The [STAC Website](#) contains more information including current meeting materials, and an archive of past meeting documents.

### Discussion

- Vice Chair Williams commented that she was surprised to learn that FASTER fees were TABOR limited, even when Enterprise funds are not TABOR limited. Is there a method, such as moving the FASTER fees into an enterprise, to make them not subject to TABOR?

## 2050 Statewide Plan Update - Marissa Gaughan and Darius Pakbaz

- Marissa Gaughan, CDOT Multimodal Planning Branch Manager, and Darius Pakbaz gave an update on the development of the 2050 Statewide Transportation Plan (SWP). CDOT is about 1/3rd of the way through the planning process that will be followed up with an update to the 10-Year Plan anticipated to finish at the end of 2025.
- Key Planning Documents include Long-Range Regional Transportation Plans, Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plans, and 4-year STIP, and the 10-Year Plans.
- Progress on the Current 10-Year Plan
  - 100% of projects in the first four years 2019-2023 are complete or underway
  - Over 50% of the full 10-year plan is now complete or in progress at the start of the 2025 construction season
  - The department completed 40 projects from its 10-year plan in 2024 and had 56 projects from the plan start this construction season.
- CDOT maintains web pages for many major projects and publishes a monthly dashboard for the 10-year plan, produces quarterly 10-year plan project status updates, an annual 10-year plan report, and annual department accomplishments reports.
- [2050 Long Range Transportation Visualizer](#) is also available for everyone to use to compare data with observations.

## Overview of Colorado's Greenhouse Gas Pollution Reduction Planning Standard - Chris Laplante

- Key Legislation:
  - [House Bill 19-1261](#): Climate Action Plan to Reduce Pollution
  - [House Bill 23-016](#): Greenhouse Gas Reduction Measures

- [Colorado Greenhouse Gas Roadmaps](#): list of near term actions the state will pursue.
- [Senate Bill 21-260](#): Sustainability of the Transportation System
- Roadmap 1.0: Near Term Actions for Transportation: The goal is the reduction of GHG pollution by 12.7 million metric tons by 2030.
- The GHG Transportation Planning standard was adopted by the TC in 2021. Requires CDOT and Colorado's five metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to create transportation plans that improve travel choice. CDOT is responsible for the GHG emissions in all non-MPO areas.
- Emissions are calculated using two inputs: the CDOT Travel Model and the EPA MOVES Model.
- Long Range Planning documents' project lists are used to determine GHG impacts. If the plan meets the standard, it is approved, if not, it goes through additional processes.
- Compliance Determination: GHG Transportation Reports are submitted to the Transportation Commission for their approval.
- Policy Directive 1610, GHG Mitigation Strategies are a key concept within the GHG Rule providing another pathway toward meeting the GHG reduction levels

#### Discussion

- STAC Members expressed concerns on the economic impacts of the GHG models on their regions and questioned the validity of modeling versus measuring actual emissions.
- Communication to elected officials and the public on GHG models can be improved to help build trust around this process.

### **Rural Planning Assistance (RPA) Program Update - Darius Pakbaz**

- Funds provided by CDOT to assist with rural planning
- TPR Administrator Meeting is scheduled for 2/5/25 at 1pm virtually to provide a refresher and update on the RPA program.
  - Check-in on how TPR administration is going
  - Review reimbursement request finances with TPR administrators
  - Provide an overview of the Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) project selection process
  - Identify next steps to continued coordination
- RPA uses federal State Planning and Research funds to reimburse rural TPRs for administrative activities.
- Contracts are executed July 1- June 30 annually.
- Total funded about for FY 2025 is \$204,000
- RPA funds are distributed based on:
  - Distance from CDOT HQ
    - <100 miles - 2000
    - 101-200 miles - 4000
    - 200-300 miles - 8000
    - >300 miles - 16000

- Responsibilities of STAC members:
  - STAC Chair - 15000
  - STAC Vice Chair - 3000

#### **Discussion**

- Chair Beedy asked about when food is an allowable expense at meetings. It was explained that only during public meetings, where the majority of invitees are the public learning about transportation planning projects and other related matters, and not at TPR meetings with Regional Planning Commission members, who are regularly engaged as decision makers in the transportation planning process.

#### **Next STAC Meeting**

- The next STAC meeting is virtual and scheduled for February 6, 2025.



# Transportation Commission (TC) Notes

## January 15th - January 16th, 2025

### Workshops - January 15th, 2025

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1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

#### Attendance:

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

### Transportation Commission Workshops

#### 1. Budget Workshop - Jeff Sudmeier and Bethany Nicholas

##### FY '26 Budget Update

##### Purpose and Action:

The Proposed FY 2025-26 Revenue Allocation Plan totals \$2,162.1 million for CDOT and the transportation enterprises. In accordance with Policy Directive (PD) 703.0, decision items requests of less than \$1 million are reviewed and subject to approval by the Executive Management Team (EMT), while decision items of \$1 million or greater are reviewed by the EMT and then forwarded to the TC for consideration, with final approval with the Final Annual Budget Allocation Plan in March 2025. If all of these requests are approved by the EMT for inclusion in the Final Budget, staff will need to reallocate that amount from the balance in the Commission Reserve Funds line to the impacted budget lines, leaving a balance of approximately \$2.6 million in the Commission Reserve Funds line after accounting for changes to the CDOT HUTF revenue forecast.

The Governor's Budget Request includes four decision items that were submitted by CDOT, which are briefly summarized below. More information about each of these items can be found in the January Transportation Commission packet.

- R-01 Multimodal Options Fund Spending Authority
- R-02 Continuous Spending Authority for Clean Transit Enterprise Cash Fund
- R-03 Reduce SB 21-260 Transfers and Extend the Funding
- R-04 Reduce Road Safety Surcharge and Distribution Update

No action is required at this time.

## **Discussion:**

- It was clarified that two representatives from the Division of Accounting and Finance would be the ones to meet with the JBC.
- Commissioner Garcia asked about R04, the reduction in the safety surcharge from the FASTER revenue, and the underlying reasoning for reducing the fee. It was clarified that the \$65 million decrease is strictly out of the CDOT portion of the fees. The significant imbalance in the budget was pointed to, and one of the CDOT specific items put forth to reduce requests of the budget was to reduce the FASTER fee to allow for more room TABOR cap. At this point in the legislative process, it is just a proposal and there will be continued discussions throughout the next month to determine where it is headed.
- Commissioner Cook asked about updates for the proposed road maintenance enterprise that was discussed at the December Joint Budget Committee (JBC) meeting. During this discussion and other discussions with stakeholders, there was some feedback received about looking at some different fee sources. At this point nothing has been introduced, but by next month's meeting there is likely going to be a better sense of timeline and how the proposals will fare. Past fees of this sort have lagged by about a year, which gives a rough estimate for this proposal's timeline, but nothing is concrete at this point.

## **Revenue Forecast Update**

### **Purpose and Action:**

The Office of Financial Management and Budget (OFMB) released its second FY 2024- 25 quarterly revenue forecast, which is summarized in an informational memo in this month's packet. OFMB reduced its forecast for fuel tax and fee revenue compared to the previous quarter. These changes result in a reduction of \$12.8 million in CDOT's Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) that is available for the FY 2025-26 Annual Budget. Based on the revised revenue forecast, that amount is reduced by \$12.8 million to just \$5.6 million coming from fuel tax and fee revenue. Updated allocations will be presented in February 2025. In addition, staff will reduce the obligation limitation assumption to 87% for FY26, to mitigate against large reductions to the TC Program Reserve during revenue reconciliation. Congress is considering legislation that may impact future obligation limitations for state DOTs, which is currently being monitored by OFMB.

### **Discussion:**

- Commissioner Ridder inquired if the reduction in the fuel fees appears to be a trend or a one time incidence. The response was that since the update is based upon the last three months of data, it is hard to tell at this point if it will be a long term trend. It could be a wide combination of things affecting this revenue stream and thus difficult to determine any singular root causes.

## **State Match for Federal PROTECT Grant Application for Avalanche Mitigation**

### **Purpose and Action:**

The Division of Accounting and Finance (DAF) is requesting the TC to review and adopt the fifth budget amendment to the FY 2024-25 Annual Budget, in accordance with Policy Directive (PD) 703.0, which consists of one item that requires TC approval. The fifth budget amendment reallocates \$5,352,000 from the TC Program Reserve Fund in the Commission Reserve Funds line (Line 73) to the Geohazards Mitigation line (Line 7) to provide state match for the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) grant going towards the statewide avalanche mitigation project. This project includes modernizing our avalanche mitigation technology from WWII howitzer cannons to Remote Avalanche Control Systems, performing a small slope study, and supporting debris removal equipment and statewide transportation system resilience efforts. This move would leave a balance of approximately \$45 million in the Commission Program Reserve Budget. If the grant award is not successful, the \$5.4 million will be retained to advance avalanche mitigation efforts. The requested action is a review and potential adoption of the budget amendment to reallocate \$5,352,000 to the Geohazards Mitigation line as a state match for the statewide avalanche mitigation project.

### **Discussion:**

- Commissioner Garcia expressed excitement about the project and asked about the locations and phases of the avalanche mitigation phases, which are as follows: phase one is along i-70 just east of the Eisenhower Tunnel on Mount Bethel, phase two is Wolf Creek Pass, phase three is Coal Bank Pass and Molas Pass along US 550, and phase four is Red Mountain Pass between and Ouray and Silverton.
- Commissioner Ridder asked about acquiring parts for current avalanche mitigation equipment, and it was made clear that while there is an adequate stockpile, these weapons are beginning to age out and the availability of parts will continue to decline.
- Commissioner Bowman also expressed excitement for this project.

## **2. Fuel Impact Enterprise (FIE) Workshop on Budget, Funding Distribution and Potential Projects - Darius Pakbaz and Craig Hurst**

### **Purpose and Action:**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an overview of the Fuels Impact Enterprise (FIE), the fiscal year 2024-25 budget, and to discuss the next steps in the grant program. The FIE Board of Directors are being asked to review and provide feedback on the fiscal year 2024-25 budget as it is broken down into revenues, allocations and expenses, and administrative and operating activities. During revenue reconciliation of the fiscal year 2024 funds, additional, unobligated funds were collected and staff is asking for direction from the Board of Directors on how to distribute these funds. No action required at this time. However, potential action on budget amendments for the fiscal year 2024-25 budget at a future board meeting, as well as finalization of the fiscal year 2026 budget, consideration of usage of funds by the board, and execution of intergovernmental agreements with local entities.

Two options were identified:

1. Distribute \$1,226,810 to local agencies already receiving grants from FIE, according to the formula in statute.

2. Distribute \$1,226,810 to the Board Directed Statewide Hazmat and Freight Projects.

**Discussion:**

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- Commissioner Stuart asked if there was a staff recommendation and if a pro and a con for each option could be provided. For option one, it was explained that a potential con is that local agencies may be unable to use the funds and they will need to be redistributed and the IGAs may require readjustment, which requires additional work. The pro is that there would be more money going to the localities where the fuel distribution centers are located. For option two, statewide distribution to Hazmat and Freight projects allows money to go to areas that were not yet identified within statute. However, the potential TABOR limitations may pose an issue. For option two, the money would potentially increase the amount of work able to be done by the enterprise to benefit the movement of fuel and freight, but it is hard to identify specific projects at this point. However, there is a list of projects that would be eligible for and benefit from this additional funding.

### **3. CDOT Speed Safety Camera Program - San Lee and Ben Acimovic**

**Purpose and Action:**

Colorado Revised Statute 42-4-110.5 was revised in July of 2024 and enabled CDOT to administer a Speed Safety Camera Program, allowing for Speed Safety Cameras (SSC), also referred to as an automated vehicle identification systems (AVIS). The purpose of this discussion is to provide an overview of the CDOT Speed Safety Camera Program that is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2025. CDOT is focusing on work zones in March 2025 with one (1) pilot site expanding to up to four (4) within the calendar year. The goal of the AVIS Program is to establish an effective corridor program to reduce speeding and increase safety along CDOT owned highway facilities as noted in the Colorado Revised Statutes 42-4-110.5. No action is required at this time.

**Discussion:**

- STAC Chair Beedy asked if this could be presented to the STAC, and asked if there will be signs letting drivers know that there will be cameras ahead, to dissuade the assumption that this is a “gotcha” program focused on capturing the maximum number of violations and revenue possible. It was explained that signage has been developed, and it is required at certain points by statute, but observations and peer learning from other states have shown that excess signage is beneficial.
- Chief Engineer Keith Stefanik added that this is a strategy they have been looking at for some time, and after working closely with the legislature to ensure the revised statute reflected CDOT’s ability to work with Colorado State Patrol (CSP) to support the advancing transportation safety Wildly Important Goal (WIG). They established a strategy to have 150 calendar days of camera speed enforcement this year to support this goal. It was emphasized that this is not designed to be a revenue generating project, as they will not break even for a while.
- Vice Chair Adams asked about the difference between a \$2 million pilot and a \$5 million pilot. The initial backend setup will cost about \$1 million, and the cost after

that depends on the level of expansion and the total number of other sites, cameras, and hours. The first site will be I-70 at Floyd Hill, and expand to up to five other sites.

- Commissioner Garcia mentioned the \$40 million in fines raised through CTIO, and inquired about expansion in workzones throughout different parts of the state. Other states have shown impressive trends in citations in even the first few months, and they hope to mirror that same level to justify and determine their expansion plan. One of the most important factors guiding the rate of expansion is the efficiency of the back office and the hearing process, but the efficacy of the initial pilot program will determine the official expansion plan.
- Commissioner Gutierrez asked if it was possible to expand faster than the outlined one-year period, but it was emphasized that this is not something to be rushed into. The current focus is on school and work zones to focus on improving safety for vulnerable users. Placement on large freeways such as I-70 or I-25 would result in a massive amount of citations right away, potentially before the hearing process and backend framework is in place. There are certain criteria that need to be met, and ramping up too quickly may hinder that and trigger high levels of scrutiny on the program.
- Commission Chair Hart emphasized the focus on protecting people in sensitive areas by slowing people down rather than generating revenue from citations. He also showed support for the fact that it is CDOT managing this enforcement program, and appreciated the caution and hesitation shown throughout its development.
- Commissioner Holgiun asked about potential opportunities to proactively focus on outreach and marketing of the program to ensure knowledge of it, even if that may reduce potential revenue by increasing compliance. In response, the solid line movement violation was referenced as something that people have often gotten away with, as it is less of a clear cut violation. Speeding, on the other hand, is an explicit violation, and potentially requires less outreach than other programs, as enforcement itself is an effective outreach program.

#### **4. Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise (BTE) Workshop on BTE 10-Year Plan Financing - Patrick Holinda and Katie Carlson**

##### **Purpose and Action:**

Staff prepared this workshop to provide the Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise (BTE or the Enterprise) Board of Directors (Board) a briefing on the outcome of the Series 2024B Senior Revenue Refunding Bond (Series 2024B Refunding Bond) transaction and an informational progress update on BTE's contemplated new money financing in early 2025. In December of 2024, BTE closed on its Series 2024B Refunding Bonds, which refunded the remaining outstanding Series 2010A Build America Bonds. Staff will now coordinate with OFMB to adjust the FY2025 and FY2026 budgets to reflect the Series 2024B Refunding Bond transaction and work with the underwriting syndicate, its Municipal Advisor, and Bond Counsel to evaluate and refine structuring alternatives for the planned new money financing in early 2025. There will also be a future workshop recommending a structure for the contemplated 2025 new money financing. No approval action requested this month. Staff requests Board feedback on ongoing Enterprise planning activities.

## **Discussion:**

- Commissioner Garcia asked about the cumulative funding capacity from FY29 to FY33. It was also pointed out that this is focusing on the delivery of the first four years of the 10-year plan, and the investment strategy beyond FY27 will depend on the projects selected in the updated 10-yr plan, and to not view the budget surplus as going unused.

## **5. Request for Approval- National Renewable Solutions (NRS) Request for Approval - Public Private Initiative Agreement (New Longitudinal Overhead Transmission Lines in CDOT Right-of-Way [ROW]) - Bob Fifer and Heather Paddock**

### **Purpose and Action:**

This memorandum summarizes an unsolicited proposal for a unique public-private partnership, its background, and the proposed next steps. In October 2022, National Renewable Solutions (NRS) submitted to CDOT an Unsolicited Proposal (§§ 43-1-1201, C.R.S.) to build a longitudinal high voltage transmission line on the I-76 corridor right of way from mile point 99.2 to mile point 151.8 in exchange for provision of fiber instruction along the corridor and power infrastructure. After evaluation and technical review, FHWA provided conditional approval via email. Today's action item calls for Issue Resolution providing express approval of the proposed PPI Agreement pursuant to Section 3.2.2.6 of the Utility Accommodation Code.

There is also interest in proposing legislation that would allow high voltage transmission lines to be sited in highway rights-of-way in Colorado. This was recently done in Minnesota, and has been established since the early 2000s in Wisconsin.

### **Discussion:**

- Vice Chair Adams asked about separating these use of the ROW and the provision of fiber as two separate transactions to determine if it would be a fair market deal to exchange these two services quid pro quo. It was noted that when this proposal was accepted, part of the process was assessing the market value of this transaction and it was determined that this would be a fair market deal. All assets are treated competitively neutral when making these decisions.
- Commissioner Holguin asked about the impact to the highway during the construction and inquired about the special extenuating circumstances that allow this to happen. It was explained that in terms of construction, the underground conduit bank was identified as being extremely disruptive, but aerial implementation is much less invasive and allows for pole placement and stringing in a shorter time period with less disruption to the roadway and safety. However, specific impacts on the roadway and traffic have yet to be determined, with future coordination, permitting, and construction planning determining this. The extenuating circumstances are mainly regarding the expansion and provision of renewable energy, as this project will allow 1200 megawatts (MW) from northeast Colorado into the main grid. This is supplemented by the inclusion of fiber optics, allowing CDOT to expand their network and help expedite rural broadband into this part of the state. This section of the interstate was identified as being unique, with a relatively large right of way and a

smaller volume of traffic passing through. These attributes paired with the potential benefits led to the affirmation of extenuating circumstances. There has also been a lot of thought going towards utilizing the right of way, and this presents a viable use case. However, because this will set precedent, it is important to clearly establish how and why this may be successful.

- Commissioner Garcia affirmed that it will be CDOT fiber, and asked if there was any thought about integrating rail into the right of way, which there is currently not.
- Commissioner Ridder and Commissioner Cook shared concerns about potential fire risk and other damages and how electrical infrastructure may pose a risk in a dry environment such as the project area. It was noted that risk mitigation is incorporated into the plan for this project. For example, the general design life of these structures is 100 years, but these are being designed to a 300 year standard, and resilience is being taken into consideration, especially with regard to fires. NRS representatives also explained the breakers that shut the line down within 1/60th of a second in the event of a fault. Further operations and maintenance considerations involve proactive inspections and repairing potential fault points before they fail, as well as managing vegetation in the area. There are also plans for coordination with local EMS and other services to develop training, create emergency preparedness plans, and share resources.
- Commissioner Parsons asked about the process for defining mitigating circumstances and how that was applied to this project. Chief Engineer Stefanik pointed to the extensive analysis done and emphasized that this is not granting an easement within the right of way. While this scenario does set precedent, the unique context of this right of way creates an isolated scenario, and thus there are few other areas within the state that fall under this same circumstance.
- Commissioner Gutierrez asked about any other projects in northeast Colorado that are also being serviced by this company, and if other companies may need these same transmission requirements. It was explained that there is hesitancy to provide an advantage to one particular company.
- Vice Chair Adams referred back to the unprecedented nature of this in Colorado, and asked about discussion with other states or areas where projects like this have been implemented, and inquired about potential issues seen in these projects. The response was that NRS worked closely with the Wisconsin DOT and have not heard any issues with their other projects. Several of their past developments have involved transmission lines to link them to the main grid. This project is done in coordination with other industry partners, some local, that have experience in similar transmission-related projects.
- Commissioner Masters asked how quickly CDOT is prepared to take advantage of the fiber optics asset involved in this project. It was clarified that it may take several years before communities can begin to utilize this. The planning and permitting process itself may take over a year. However, CDOT will not have to spend anything to connect to and access the fiber line.
- Commissioner Holguin asked about CDOT's role with the impacted towns and who is responsible for notifying these communities. The response was that CDOT is in coordination with FHWA and a public process will be part of the requirements for this process, however, CDOT may not lead it, it may be placed in NRS's hands.

- Commissioner Gutierrez asked about the capacity of the fiber line, and if there will be excess fiber included, beyond CDOT's current needs. The answer was yes, since one consideration of the project is to provide broadband into rural areas, there will be excess fiber included to support that and allow affected communities to utilize it.
- Commission Chair Hart brought up the permitting process and asked about any local land use considerations that NRS will need to follow, and NRS will be permitting this process in all relevant jurisdictions. It was noted that NRS is in communication with all of the impacted areas already. One of the biggest considerations when submitting these applications is site control, and they are currently working through that before submitting applications to Logan county, Washington County, Morgan County, Sedgwick County, and City of Sterling. Commission Chair Hart also inquired about the public education and public notification process, which will likely require a high level of coordination between jurisdictions. While engagement is required in the permitting process, NRS follows a standard engagement process in every project, and desires feedback from stakeholders and the general public.
- Chief Engineer Stefanik clarified the relationship between permitting and the NEPA process, and asked NRS what level of NEPA they believe is required for this project. NRS stated that based upon the current regulatory documents, they believe the project could qualify as a categorical exclusion, but they are prepared to address any higher forms of overview or environmental assessments.

## Transportation Commission Regular Meeting

January 16th, 2025

### Call to Order, Roll Call

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

### Swearing in of Commissioner Cecil Gutierrez

- The TC Secretary, Herman Stockinger, conducted the formal swearing in ceremony of Commissioner Gutierrez.

### Public Comments

- Andrew Gunning, Executive Director of PPACG, thanked CDOT staff for their assistance in navigating the transportation planning process and the greenhouse gas (GHG) rules. PPACG will be able to meet the GHG reduction standards and is excited about their finished plans, including their land use plan, transit plan, and the other smart growth development projects that are in the works. He also thanked the PPACG staff behind the scenes that did all the heavy lifting throughout the plan development.



- John Liosatos, Transportation Director of PPACG, recognized Chris LaPlante and Libba Rollins with CDOT for their help in ensuring PPACG understood the process and was able to navigate it effectively.

## Comments of the Chair and Commissioners

- Commissioner Masters reminded folks that Colorado is sending firetrucks and other emergency support services to California and to be respectful of these trucks on the roads.
- Commissioner Garcia thanked the teams keeping roads open over the holidays and wished John Lorme, the retiring CDOT Department of Maintenance and Operations Director, well in his future endeavors.
- Commissioner Holguin mentioned the canceled DRCOG Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) meeting this month, as well as her recent presentation at the neighborhood collaboration transportation subcommittee meeting, where there was significant interest in federal bus rapid transit (BRT).
- Commissioner Cook mentioned that DRCOG has been awarded an Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Grant to be used to accelerate BRT planning in the 2050 RTP. In addition, the Jefferson County Wildfire Protection Plan is posted, the Lakewood speed limit resolution has passed, and Wheatridge voters approved a sales tax extension to improve corridors, bike facilities, and drainage. The Morrison Spring Street bridge is 80% completed and the timber structure of the bridge is worth noting. Commissioner Cook also complemented the Bustang services and showed appreciation for the opportunity to attend the Community Solutions Annual Legislative Forum in Boulder.
- Commissioner Ridder applauded the commitment of the CDOT staff on the morning of January 1st for maintaining the roadways, as well as the positive momentum and dedication to advancing passenger rail in the north of the state. He also mentioned the work he has been doing to mitigate wildlife incidents and maintain wildlife corridors.
- Commissioner Stuart welcomed Commissioner Gutierrez to the Commission and expressed appreciation for the work done by John Lorme throughout his career. Commissioner Stuart also thanked the seven snowplow drivers that blocked a fleeing criminal, leading to their arrest.
- Commissioner Bowman wished everyone a happy New Year.
- Commissioner Parsons expressed gratitude for the team at PPACG and CDOT for their work on the PPACG GHG report.
- Commissioner Gutierrez thanked the warm welcome from the Commission and appreciated the assistance that CDOT has provided during the onboarding process.
- Commission Vice Chair Adams welcomed Commissioner Gutierrez to the Commission and echoed the comments made about John Lorme, emphasizing his willingness to listen and the good work he has done. Vice Chair Adams also emphasized the commitment to safety made by everyone in CDOT.
- Commission Chair Hart congratulated the folks in Region 2 for receiving a significant award of \$40 million to expand lanes along the US50 passage from Pueblo to Kansas. Chair Hart also emphasized the importance of respecting the people working on the highways and the need to slow down when passing these areas, as well as honored the work John Lorme has done throughout his career at CDOT.

## **Executive Director's Management Report - Shoshana Lew**

- Executive Director Lew applauded PPACG's work on their GHG plan development and shared excitement about the recipients of the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) awards and the US 50 project receiving an award. Executive Director Lew echoed thanks to the CDOT team for their work over the holidays to keep roads open and safe, as well as thanked John Lorme for his incredible work and mentioned that John Lorme's successor will be announced within the next few days.

## **Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO) Director's Report - Piper Darlington**

- There were no major action items at the most recent board meeting, but announced that CTIO is now required to produce a capital plan that aligns with CDOT's 10-Year Plan, as outlined in Senate Bill 24-184.
- Key takeaways from the Safety and Tolling Enforcement Program included a reduction in average daily express lane violations, from 2,600 in the prior warning period to 1,400 violations per day in the most recent period, a 47% reduction. From September 2023 to January 2025, the program saw an 85% decrease in violations, and 79% of drivers that receive a violation do not commit a second.
- Senate Bill 24-184, which expands rail and transit projects for the state, went live to help expand the Winter Park Express Rail service. The funding was used to reduce the ticket price and expand the days and number of trains available. Weekend trains are at 90% capacity, and bookings are much higher than last year.
- Commissioner Garcia asked about inmates being used to review camera footage, and CTIO Director Piper Darlington explained the process of camera review, a very small part of the project, is contracted through the Colorado Corrections Institute.

## **Legislative Report - Emily Haddaway**

- The CDOT SMART Act hearing is tomorrow, where each agency will be presenting on their WIGS and sharing other information about each department. There has also been a lot of time dedicated to getting the new class of legislators up to speed. Common themes that have come up in the first week include the budget and potential measures needed if different regulations or protections are lifted at the federal level.
- Some introduced bills include a Voting Rights Act, workers rights, and gun control legislation. The governor mentioned transit and housing as continuing to be a priority, even though there are no major bills regarding these things like there were last year. The Transportation Legislative Review Committee (TLRC) bills from over the summer were introduced, as well as the Transportation Planning Region (TPR) bill that changes the maximum allowable number of TPRs in Colorado to 16 from 15.
- Other topics include legalizing key trucks and allowing transmission lines in the right of way. We can expect to see a bill next week that would enable CDOT to allow independent businesses to set up in the right of way and provide chain assist services. Lastly, we can expect to see more emissions bills, another Regional Transportation District (RTD) bill, and a big focus on the budget.

## **FHWA Division Administrator Report - John Cater**

- Colorado has received \$825 million in grants alone under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and the grants process is not letting up. Furthermore, Colorado has received \$154 million in grants in just the last 6 weeks, including the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program, the Charging and Fuel Infrastructure pilot program, the RAISE program, the Rural Program, Safe Streets and Roads for All, the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) program, and the Low Carbon Transportation Materials Program.
- While final 2024 fatality data is not out yet, rates seem to be trending in a good direction, down by 5% in Colorado. with total fatalities under 700.

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

- The previous STAC meeting was lighter in terms of materials and mostly consisted of work on the Statewide Plan work plan and deciding how to utilize STAC to assist the TPRs in receiving information on grants and the grant process.
- Additionally, STAC is interested in working with communities that passed transportation districts to generate tax revenue to share information on how they got passed and the relevant funding sources utilized.
- Another future endeavor for the STAC is gaining a better understanding of the various enterprises and how their funding moves forward. There is a lot of opportunity to share enterprise funding information with STAC and the local communities to ensure accurate understanding of these processes.
- The STAC is providing a GHG planning standard refresher and is beginning to work with MPOs on this.
- Lastly, the STAC discussed an update to the Rural Transportation Funding program.

## **Discuss and Act on Consent Agenda - Herman Stockinger**

- Proposed Resolution #1: Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 18th, 2024 - Herman Stockinger
- Proposed Resolution #2: IGA Approval >\$750,000 - Lauren Cabot
- Proposed Resolution #3: Disposal Parcel 47REV-EX located at Marshall St. and W 49th Drive in Wheat Ridge - Jessica Myklebust
- Proposed Resolution #4: Disposal Parcel 350-EX located at US Highway 50 and Morris Ave in Pueblo - Shane Ferguson
- Proposed Resolution #5: FY '25 Maintenance Projects - \$150k-\$300k - John Lorme and Jim Fox
- Proposed Resolution #6: STIP Amendment #3, Additional Funding for US 287 Safety Improvements - Jamie Collins

A motion by Commission Chair Hart was raised to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Ritter and passed unanimously.

### **Discuss and Act on Proposed Resolution #7: 5th Budget Amendment of FY '24-'25 - Jeff Sudmeier**

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

### **Discuss and Act on Proposed Resolution #8: PPACG GHG Transportation Report for the 2050 RTP - Darius Pakbaz**

Discussion:

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

### **Recognitions:**

- US 50 Blue Mesa Bridges Project - Jason Smith and Keith Stefanik
  - The goals of the response and the project were shared, and it was emphasized that the key to success was communication and the team itself.
  - Director Lew pointed to the unique balance of this project between routine maintenance and a natural disaster situation and the unprecedented process and cadence of the entire process. Both the engineering work and the human aspect of the project were applauded.
  - Commissioner Bowman lauded the handling of this crisis by every party involved and thanked them for their work.
  - Commissioner Stuart brought up the initial virtual town hall meeting and the countless impacts of this project on the people in the area.
  - Commissioner Gutierrez commented on both projects and highlighted CDOT's culture throughout the organization that allows them to efficiently and effectively respond to issues such as this.
- Recognition of CDOT Awards - Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) - Jessica Myklebust
  - WTS CO Employer of the Year: CDOT
  - WTS CO Person of the Year: Heather Paddock
  - WTS Innovative Transportation Solution: US50 Blue Mesa Emergency Repairs and Centerra-Loveland Mobility Hub

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:40 am.

The next Transportation Commission meetings, workshops and regular meeting will be held on February 19th and February 20th, 2025.



# 1/30/25 CDOT Legislative Report

## Highlighted Bills

Bill	Sponsors	Title	Last Action	Latest Version	Lists
<b>SB 25-052</b>	Faith Winter Nick Hinrichsen Alex Valdez	Railroad Investigative Report Confidentiality  Current law requires investigative reports of railroads made for the public utilities commission to be kept confidential. The bill repeals this requirement.	Senate, Jan 29, 2025: Senate Committee on Transportation & Energy Refer Unamended to Senate Committee of the Whole	<a href="#">Introduced (01/15/2025)</a>	<b>Subjects</b> Transit, Rail, and Multi-Modal  <b>Position</b> CDOT Monitor
<b>SB 25-051</b>	Dafna Michaelson Jenet Rod Pelton William Lindstedt	Regional Transportation District Operating Costs  The bill changes the definition of "operating costs" to mean all operating expenditures, excluding depreciation.	Senate, Jan 29, 2025: Senate Committee on Transportation & Energy Refer Unamended - Consent Calendar to Senate Committee of the Whole	<a href="#">Introduced (01/15/2025)</a>	<b>Subjects</b> Transit, Rail, and Multi-Modal  <b>Position</b> CDOT Monitor
<b>HB 25-1144</b>	Dan Woog	Repeal Retail Delivery Fees	House, Jan 29, 2025: Introduced In House - Assigned to Transportation, Housing & Local Government	<a href="#">Introduced (01/29/2025)</a>	<b>Subjects</b> Funding and Budget Transit, Rail, and Multi-Modal  <b>Position</b> CDOT Monitor
<b>HB 25-1130</b>	Michael Carter Monica Duran Jessie Danielson	Labor Requirements for Government Construction Projects	House, Jan 28, 2025: Introduced In House - Assigned to Business Affairs & Labor	<a href="#">Introduced (01/28/2025)</a>	<b>Subjects</b> General Admin and Common Policy  <b>Position</b> CDOT Monitor
<b>HB 25-1125</b>	Stephanie Luck	State Agency Budget Transparency	House, Jan 28, 2025: Introduced In House - Assigned to Appropriations	<a href="#">Introduced (01/28/2025)</a>	<b>Subjects</b> Funding and Budget  <b>Position</b> CDOT Monitor
<b>HB 25-1046</b>	Chris Richardson Rod Pelton	Increase Maximum Number of Transportation Planning Regions  The bill increases the maximum number of transportation planning regions of the state from 15 to 16.	House, Jan 28, 2025: House Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government Postpone Indefinitely	<a href="#">Introduced (01/08/2025)</a>	<b>Subjects</b> Transportation Planning  <b>Position</b> CDOT Monitor  Assigned Postponed Indefinitely
<b>HB 25-1039</b>	Brianna Titone Lesley Smith Dylan Roberts	Commercial Vehicle Muffler Requirements  This bill would require CDOT to include language in all construction contracts stating that a contractor's or subcontractor's commercial vehicle that enters a public project site must comply with the new muffler requirements in the bill. CDOT has not taken a position on the bill but has not found concerns with the language as introduced.	House, Jan 28, 2025: House Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government Refer Amended to Appropriations	<a href="#">Introduced (01/08/2025)</a>	<b>Subjects</b> Trucking and Freight  <b>Position</b> CDOT Monitor



<b>HB 25-1110</b>	Ty Winter Monica Duran Byron Pelton	Railroad Crossing Maintenance Costs	House, Jan 27, 2025: Introduced In House - Assigned to Transportation, Housing & Local Government	<a href="#">Introduced (01/27/2025)</a>	<b>Subjects</b> Transit, Rail, and Multi-Modal <b>Position</b> CDOT Monitor
<b>HB 25-1101</b>	Lorena Garcia Jennifer Bacon Mike Weissman	State Disbursement Process <b>hearing item</b> • House Finance Feb 10, 2025 01:30pm HCR 0112	House, Jan 27, 2025: Introduced In House - Assigned to Finance	<a href="#">Introduced (01/27/2025)</a>	<b>Subjects</b> Funding and Budget <b>Position</b> CDOT Monitor
<b>HB 25-1048</b>	Bob Marshall Matt Soper Kyle Mullica	State Tax Expenditure & Grant Database  The bill creates an online database managed by the Department of Revenue that includes information on all qualifying state tax expenditures and state grant opportunities.	House, Jan 27, 2025: House Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs Postpone Indefinitely	<a href="#">Introduced (01/08/2025)</a>	<b>Subjects</b> Funding and Budget <b>Position</b> CDOT Monitor Assigned Postponed Indefinitely
<b>SB 25-081</b>	Jeff Bridges Judy Amabile Shannon Bird	Treasurer's Office <b>hearing item</b> • Senate Finance Feb 11, 2025 02:00pm SCR 357	Senate, Jan 23, 2025: Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Finance	<a href="#">Introduced (01/23/2025)</a>	<b>Subjects</b> Funding and Budget <b>Position</b> CDOT Monitor
<b>SB 25-077</b>	Cathy Kipp Janice Rich Michael Carter	Modifications to Colorado Open Records Act	Senate, Jan 23, 2025: Introduced In Senate - Assigned to State, Veterans, & Military Affairs	<a href="#">Introduced (01/23/2025)</a>	<b>Subjects</b> General Admin and Common Policy <b>Position</b> CDOT Monitor
<b>SB 25-069</b>	Marc Catlin Dylan Roberts Meghan Lukens	Tire Chain Traction Control Device Permit  This bill has CDOT administer a permit system for vendors to administer traction devices for vehicles. <b>hearing item</b> • Senate Transportation & Energy Feb 12, 2025 01:30pm SCR 352	Senate, Jan 22, 2025: Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Transportation & Energy	<a href="#">Introduced (01/22/2025)</a>	<b>Subjects</b> Safety Trucking and Freight <b>Position</b> CDOT Monitor
<b>SB 25-050</b>	Iman Jodeh	Racial Classifications on Government Forms  The bill requires a form issued by the state or a local government that requests that the individual completing the form disclose the individual's race or ethnicity to include a space to indicate if the individual's race or ethnicity is Middle Eastern, North African, or South Asian. <b>hearing item</b> • Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Feb 06, 2025 SCR 352 Upon Adjournment	Senate, Jan 13, 2025: Introduced In Senate - Assigned to State, Veterans, & Military Affairs	<a href="#">Introduced (01/13/2025)</a>	<b>Subjects</b> General Admin and Common Policy <b>Position</b> CDOT Monitor
<b>SB 25-028</b>	Chris Kolker Eliza Hamrick Rick Taggart	Public Employees' Retirement Association Risk-Reduction Measures  <b>hearing item</b> • Senate Finance	Senate, Jan 8, 2025: Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Finance	<a href="#">Introduced (01/08/2025)</a>	<b>Subjects</b> General Admin and Common Policy <b>Position</b> CDOT Monitor



		Feb 11, 2025 02:00pm SCR 357			
<b>HB 25-1023</b>	Matthew Martinez Julie Gonzales Cleave Simpson	Local Government Review of Fencing Projects  <b>hearing item</b> • House Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources  Feb 03, 2025 01:30pm HCR 0107	House, Jan 8, 2025: Introduced In House - Assigned to Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources	<a href="#">Introduced (01/08/2025)</a>	<b>Position</b> CDOT Monitor
<b>HB 25-1044</b>	Andrew Boesenecker Faith Winter Lisa Cutter	Local Funding for Vulnerable Road User Protection  <b>The bill allows for counties to impose a registration fee to fund vulnerable road user projects.</b>  <b>hearing item</b> • House Transportation, Housing & Local Government  Feb 05, 2025 01:30pm LSB A	House, Jan 8, 2025: Introduced In House - Assigned to Transportation, Housing & Local Government	<a href="#">Introduced (01/08/2025)</a>	<b>Subjects</b> Transit, Rail, and Multi-Modal  <b>Position</b> Admin Amend
<b>HB 25-1007</b>	Meg Froelich Alex Valdez Faith Winter	Paratransit Services <b>The bill imposes a series of new paratransit requirements for transit agencies and creates a paratransit task force under CDOT.</b>  <b>hearing item</b> • House Transportation, Housing & Local Government  Feb 12, 2025 01:30pm LSB A	House, Jan 8, 2025: Introduced In House - Assigned to Transportation, Housing & Local Government	<a href="#">Introduced (01/08/2025)</a>	<b>Subjects</b> Transit, Rail, and Multi-Modal  <b>Position</b> Amend (CDOT initially had amendments related to the Paratransit task force, but have since heard this section is being removed.)
<b>SB 25-030</b>	Faith Winter Meg Froelich Nick Hinrichsen	Increase Transportation Mode Choice Reduce Emissions  <b>The bill requires CDOT to present a statewide mode choice assessment to the transportation legislation review committee with mode choice targets, which must be adopted by applicable municipalities, counties, and transit agencies.</b>  <b>The Polis Administration is supportive of this TLRC bill given its nexus to the Governor's Transportation Vision 2035.</b>	Senate, Jan 8, 2025: Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Transportation & Energy	<a href="#">Introduced (01/08/2025)</a>	<b>Subjects</b> Transit, Rail, and Multi-Modal Transportation Planning  <b>Position</b> Admin Support

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## New License Plates

Bill	Sponsors	Title	Last Action	Lists
<a href="#">HB 25-1036</a>	<a href="#">Elizabeth Velasco</a> <a href="#">Jessie Danielson</a>	Missing Murdered Indigenous Relative License Plate  <b>hearing item</b> • <a href="#">House Finance</a>  Feb 03, 2025 01:02 PM HCR 0112	House, Jan 8, 2025: Introduced In House - Assigned to Finance	<b>Subjects</b> New License Plates
<a href="#">HB 25-1066</a>	<a href="#">Ron Weinberg</a> <a href="#">Lindsey Daugherty</a>	Colorado Eagles Special License Plate	House, Jan 8, 2025: Introduced In House - Assigned to Finance	<b>Subjects</b> New License Plates



		<b>hearing item • <a href="#">House Finance</a></b> Feb 03, 2025 01:02 PM HCR 0112		
<a href="#">HB 25-1103</a>	<a href="#">Chris Richardson</a>	Fallen Firefighter Special License Plate <b>hearing item • <a href="#">House Finance</a></b> Feb 10, 2025 01:02 PM HCR 0112	House, Jan 27, 2025: Introduced In House - Assigned to Finance	<b>Subjects</b> <b>New License Plates</b>

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## Memorial Highways

Bill	Sponsors	Title	Last Action	Lists
<a href="#">HJR 25-1007</a>	<a href="#">Chad Clifford</a> <a href="#">Jeff Bridges</a> <a href="#">John Carson</a>	Troy Jackson Memorial Highway <b>hearing item • <a href="#">Senate</a></b> Jan 30, 2025 09:01 AM Senate Chamber	Senate, Jan 30, 2025: Senate Third Reading Passed - No Amendments	<b>Memorial Highways</b>

1 bill

## Miscellaneous Transportation Bills (Awareness Only)

Bill	Sponsors	Title	Last Action	Lists
<a href="#">HB 25-1054</a>	<a href="#">Andrew Boesenecker</a> <a href="#">Rod Pelton</a> <a href="#">Julie Gonzales</a>	Repeal Legislative Audit Committee Reviews of Emissions Program	Senate, Jan 29, 2025: Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Transportation & Energy	<b>Subjects</b> <b>Emissions and EVs</b> <b>Position</b> <b>Misc. Transpo Bills (Awareness Only)</b>
<a href="#">HB 25-1119</a>	<a href="#">Manny Rutinel</a>	Require Disclosures of Climate Emissions	House, Jan 28, 2025: Introduced In House - Assigned to Energy & Environment	<b>Subjects</b> <b>Emissions and EVs</b> <b>Position</b> <b>Misc. Transpo Bills (Awareness Only)</b>
<a href="#">HB 25-1076</a>	<a href="#">Andrew Boesenecker</a> <a href="#">Mandy Lindsay</a> <a href="#">Lisa Cutter</a>	Motor Vehicle Regulation Administration	Senate, Jan 29, 2025: Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Transportation & Energy	<b>Subjects</b> <b>Motor Vehicle Admin</b> <b>Position</b> <b>Misc. Transpo Bills (Awareness Only)</b>
<a href="#">HB 25-1083</a>	<a href="#">Eliza Hamrick</a> <a href="#">Mary Bradfield</a> <a href="#">Lisa Frizell</a>	Vehicle Transactions Deployed Military Families <b>hearing item • <a href="#">House State, Civic, Military, &amp; Veterans Affairs</a></b> Feb 03, 2025 01:02 PM LSB A	House, Jan 15, 2025: Introduced In House - Assigned to State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs	<b>Subjects</b> <b>Motor Vehicle Admin</b> <b>Position</b> <b>Misc. Transpo Bills (Awareness Only)</b>
<a href="#">HB 25-1112</a>	<a href="#">Brianna Titone</a> <a href="#">Eliza Hamrick</a> <a href="#">Tony Exum</a>	Local Authorities Enforce Vehicle Registration <b>hearing item • <a href="#">House Transportation, Housing &amp; Local Government</a></b> Feb 11, 2025 01:02 PM LSB A	House, Jan 27, 2025: Introduced In House - Assigned to Transportation, Housing & Local Government	<b>Subjects</b> <b>Motor Vehicle Admin</b> <b>Position</b> <b>Misc. Transpo Bills (Awareness Only)</b>





<a href="#">HB 25-1121</a>	<a href="#">Larry Don Suckla</a>	Permanent Trailer Registration <b>hearing item • <a href="#">House Finance</a></b> Feb 10, 2025 01:02 PM HCR 0112	House, Jan 28, 2025: Introduced In House - Assigned to Finance	<b>Subjects</b> <a href="#">Motor Vehicle Admin</a> <b>Position</b> <b>Misc. Transpo Bills (Awareness Only)</b>
<a href="#">HB 25-1127</a>	<a href="#">Carlos Barron</a> <a href="#">Byron Pelton</a>	Register & Drive Surplus Military Vehicles <b>hearing item • <a href="#">House Transportation, Housing &amp; Local Government</a></b> Feb 11, 2025 01:02 PM LSB A	House, Jan 28, 2025: Introduced In House - Assigned to Transportation, Housing & Local Government	<b>Subjects</b> <a href="#">Motor Vehicle Admin</a> <b>Position</b> <b>Misc. Transpo Bills (Awareness Only)</b>
<a href="#">SB 25-021</a>	<a href="#">Scott Bright</a>	Registration of Off-Highway Vehicles <b>hearing item • <a href="#">Senate Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources</a></b> Jan 30, 2025 01:01 PM SCR 352	Senate, Jan 30, 2025: Senate Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources Postpone Indefinitely	<b>Subjects</b> <a href="#">Motor Vehicle Admin</a> <b>Position</b> <b>Misc. Transpo Bills (Awareness Only)</b>
<a href="#">HB 25-1122</a>	<a href="#">Sheila Lieder</a>	Automated Driving System Commercial Motor Vehicle	House, Jan 28, 2025: Introduced In House - Assigned to Transportation, Housing & Local Government	<b>Subjects</b> <b>Trucking and Freight</b> <b>Position</b> <b>Misc. Transpo Bills (Awareness Only)</b>

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# COLORADO

## Department of Transportation

## Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Memorandum

**To:** Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)

**From:** Darius Pakbaz, Director, Division of Transportation Development

**Date:** February 6, 2025

**Subject:** Governor's Colorado Transportation Vision 2035

### Purpose

To provide a summary of the Governor's Colorado Transportation Vision 2035.

### Action

This agenda item is for discussion purposes only.

### Background

The Governor's Colorado Transportation Vision 2035 focuses on identifying goals and strategies that expand transportation options to meet Colorado's climate, affordability, safety, and equity goals. The vision identifies strategies to help improve air quality, and public health, saves people money; fixes our roads and invests in maintenance of the system; ensures safe travel for all modes; improves access to jobs and services for all Coloradans; reduces congestion on the roads; expands opportunities for physical activity and access to public places and the great outdoors; and addresses transportation inequities for low-income residents, and rural and urban communities alike.

### Next Steps

The Governor's Colorado Transportation Vision 2035 calls for new investments and actions at all levels of government in order to achieve the GHG emission reductions needed in the transportation sector to prevent catastrophic climate change and protect our Colorado way of life. The full text of the [Colorado Transportation Vision 2035](#) can be found here.

### Attachments

STAC Summary of Governor's Colorado Transportation Vision 2035



**COLORADO**

Department of Transportation

# Colorado Transportation Vision 2035



# Colorado Transportation Vision 2035: Introduction (November 2024)



*Strategies to reduce pollution, advance affordability,  
and improve quality of life for all Coloradans*



- Vision 2035 is a high-level document that seeks to:
  - recognize the state (including CDOT) can't reach the state's goals on our own
  - local, regional, and federal efforts are critical
  - the vision aligns with PD14 in many ways, but does not add any additional tasks for CDOT



## By 2035, Colorado aims to have a transportation system that (1/2):

- Improves air quality and improves public health by reducing planet-warming greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and regional air pollution;
- Saves people money by improving access to more affordable and reliable transportation options;
- Fixes our roads and invests in maintenance of the system;
- Ensures safe travel, whether by driving, walking, biking, or taking transit;



## By 2035, Colorado aims to have a transportation system that (2/2):

- Improves access to jobs and services for all Coloradans, including those who don't drive, or prefer not to drive, such as seniors, adolescents, people with disabilities, and people who can't afford car ownership;
- Reduces congestion on the roads and improves driver safety;
- Expands opportunities for physical activity and access to public places and the great outdoors;
- Addresses transportation inequities for low-income residents, and rural and urban communities alike.



# Colorado will achieve mode shift goals through:

1. Expansion of transit service
2. Implementing policies to encourage compact land use and walkable communities to reduce the number and distance of vehicle trips
3. Increasing travel choices by investing in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and micro mobility services that assist with “first and last mile” connections to transit facilities.



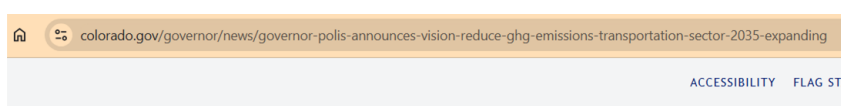


## Vision 2035 sets multiple goals:

- **Transit:** an 83% increase in Transit Revenue Miles
- **Bicycles:** A 81% increase in bicycle infrastructure statewide,
- **Sidewalks:** A 3.4% statewide increase in sidewalks,
- **Transit-Oriented Development (TOD):** At least 52% of new housing units in transit-oriented areas, and 77% within existing Census Urban Areas.
- **Note:** Transportation Demand Management (TDM) efforts like carpooling and active transportation programs (e.g., bike or scooter sharing) are important to the state's mode shift goal but not quantified for this vision.



# Colorado Transportation Vision 2035: Resources



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## Governor Polis Announces Vision to Reduce GHG Emissions From the Transportation Sector by 2035, Expanding Transportation Options to Save Coloradans Time and Money

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024

DENVER - Today, Governor Polis announced [Colorado Transportation Vision: 2035](#), which includes new goals and strategies to reduce transportation-related air pollution and GHG emissions by increasing transportation options, expanding transit services, and building more housing near train and bus stops. This vision outlines strategies to ensure Coloradans have safe and reliable transportation choices, including taking a bus or train, biking, or walking, reducing traffic for all drivers, and saving Coloradans time and money while improving air quality.





# Thank You

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## Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Memorandum

**To:** Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)

**From:** Darius Pakbaz, Director, Division of Transportation Development

**Date:** February 6, 2025

**Subject:** 2050 Statewide Plan Public Engagement

### Purpose

To provide an overview of the upcoming public engagement activities for the 2050 Statewide and Regional Transportation Plans.

### Action

This agenda item is for discussion purposes only.

### Background

#### Telephone Town Halls

CDOT will implement nine (9) telephone town hall events to ensure the public can help inform 2050 Statewide and Regional Transportation Plan decision-making. These town hall events, which function much like a radio call-in show, are scheduled to take place in the March 2025 timeframe. The Transportation Commissioner-led town halls will allow members of the public to speak directly with transportation decision-makers for their area.

The town hall events include the ability to call landline and cell phone users, Spanish language simulcast, and interactive polling. After each event, CDOT will receive an event summary including participant questions and polling results.

#### Statewide Transportation Survey

CDOT will deploy a statewide transportation survey to all areas of the state. The survey questions will center around the Policy Directive 14 themes of advancing transportation safety, fixing our roads, and sustainability increasing transportation choice.

Additionally, the survey will include a priority funding type question that will allow participants to allocate a hypothetical budget to various transportation options. CDOT anticipates the distribution of the survey will occur around the same time as the telephone town halls.



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### Next Steps

Staff requests that if STAC members are interested in participating in any of the town hall events that include their area, please contact [aaron.willis@state.co.us](mailto:aaron.willis@state.co.us). Additionally, staff requests the help of STAC members to promote and distribute information related to the telephone town halls and statewide transportation survey to your various stakeholders and distribution lists. This will ensure a high level of participation statewide.

### Attachments

STAC 2050 Statewide Plan Public Engagement Update Presentation



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# 2050 Statewide Transportation Plan Update

## February 2025



# 2050 SWP Development Timeline

## Draft Condensed 2050 Statewide and Regional Transportation Plan Development Timeline

Version: 9/3/2024



	2024								2025												
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Revenue Projections																					
Policy Directive 14																					
Plan Integration																					
Public Involvement Strategy																					
Rural TPR Outreach									TPR Meeting 1	TPR Meeting 2	TPR Meeting 3	TPR Meeting 4									
Public Involvement	Conduct Public and Stakeholder Engagement																				
MPO Coordination																					
2050 Regional Transportation Plan Review and Adoption																					Public Review
2050 SWP Review and Adoption																					
New 10-Year Plan Covering FY 2027-2036													FHWA/FTA Review								
													Adoption by Transportation Commission								
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													Prioritize 10yr plan projects using PD 14								
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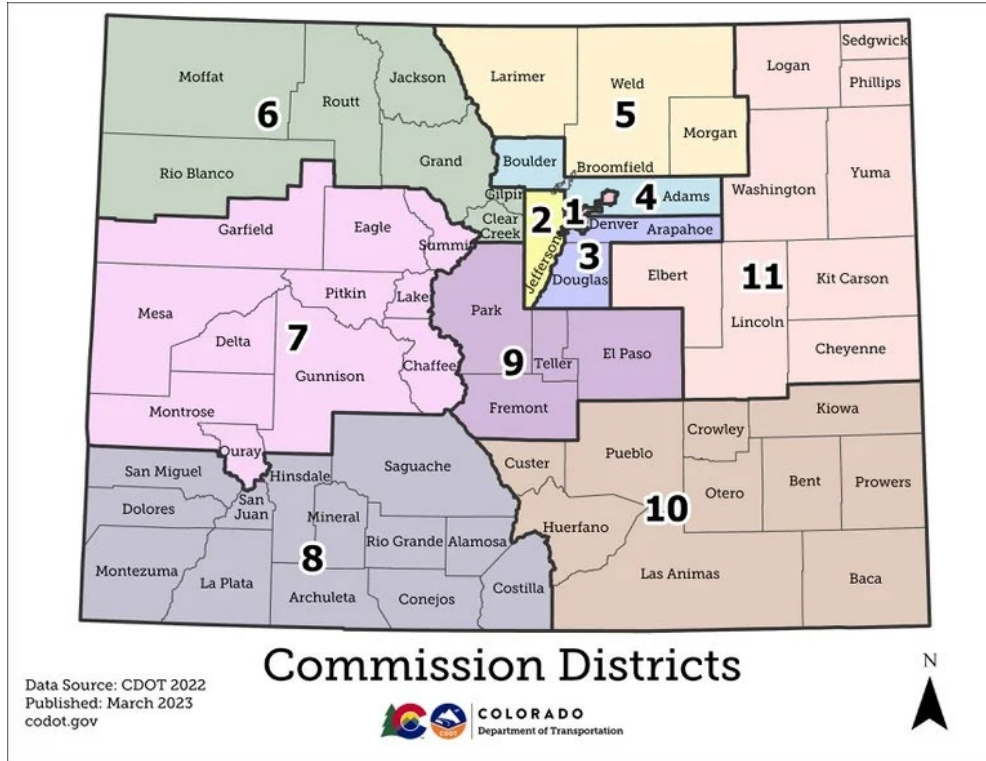
# Transportation Commissioner Town Halls

- As a part of the development of the 2050 Statewide and Regional Transportation Plans, CDOT will implement 9 Telephone Town Hall events to allow the public to learn and participate in the plan development process by speaking directly to Colorado Transportation Commissioners from their area.
- Telephone Town Halls closely resemble a radio call in show, where the public can speak directly to transportation decision-makers.





# Transportation Commissioner Town Halls Features



- The ability for CDOT to call both mobile phones and landlines
- The possibility of having an online video simulcast
- A web registration page with instructions on how to share participation links and information with interested friends, family, neighbors, colleagues, etc.
- Spanish language interpretation and simulcasting



# 2050 Statewide Plan Town Hall Goals

- Allow the traveling public to ask questions and obtain answers directly from Colorado's Transportation Commissioners
- Ensure the public has a voice in the planning process and make sure CDOT is hearing from a wide variety of stakeholders from all parts of the state
- Allow Colorado's traveling public to provide direct input on statewide transportation priorities and obtain additional information on the 2050 Statewide and Regional Transportation Plan development process.



# Statewide Transportation Survey

- This is will one of the primary method CDOT will obtain the thoughts and opinions of the traveling public.
- Questions from the Statewide Transportation Survey will center around the Policy Directive 14 themes of advancing transportation safety, fixing our roads, and sustainability increasing transportation choice.
- Additionally, the survey will include a priority funding question that will allow participants to allocate a hypothetical budget to various transportation options.



## Next Steps

- Staff anticipates the distribution of the Statewide Survey in the late February timeframe.
- If STAC members are interested in participating in upcoming Telephone Town Halls please contact Aaron Willis via email at [aaron.willis@state.co.us](mailto:aaron.willis@state.co.us)

Questions?