

**Southwest Transportation Planning Region Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 9:00 am**

Colorado Department of Transportation  
20581 US-160 West, Durango, CO

**ZOOM:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89468420554>, **Phone:** 1 (719)359-4580 **ID:** 89468420554

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| <b>A. Introductions</b>                             | <b>9:00 am</b>  |
| <b>B. Consent Agenda</b>                            | <b>9:10 am</b>  |
| 1. Previous Meeting Minutes' approval               |                 |
| 2. Financial Report approval                        |                 |
| <b>C. Public Comment</b>                            | <b>9:15 am</b>  |
| <b>D. Reports</b>                                   | <b>9:20 am</b>  |
| 1. STAC Update - Heather Alvarez                    |                 |
| 2. Transportation Commissioner Report – Mark Garcia |                 |
| 3. Legislative Updates                              |                 |
| 4. Congressional Updates                            |                 |
| <b>E. Decision/Discussion Items</b>                 | <b>10:00 am</b> |
| 1. Planning Process – Tim Funk                      |                 |
| 2. Recommended Bylaw Amendments -Shak               |                 |
| <b>F. CDOT Reports</b>                              | <b>11:00 am</b> |
| 1. Construction Update - Kevin Curry                |                 |
| 2. Grants Update                                    |                 |
| <b>G. Other Business</b>                            | <b>11:30 am</b> |
| 1. Updates – Round Robin                            |                 |
| <b>H. Adjourn</b>                                   |                 |

## Southwest Transportation Planning Region Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 8, 2023, at 9:00 am

### A. Introductions

TPR Representatives			Guests		
X	Brian Peckins	City of Cortez	X	Shak Powers	Region 9 EDD
X	Kevin Kissler	City of Cortez Alt.	X	John Masura	CDOT
X	Sarah Hill	City of Durango	X	Jennifer Allison	CDOT
X	Steve Garchar	Dolores County	X	Julie Constan	CDOT
X	Jim Candelaria	Montezuma County	X	Kevin Curry	CDOT
X	Katie Sickles	Town of Bayfield	X	Timothy Funk	CDOT
X	Paul Ruud	Town of Dolores	X	TJ Burr	CDOT
X	Mark Garcia	Town of Ignacio	X	Tony Cady	CDOT
X	Kevin Bruce	Archuleta County	X	Phil Von Hake	CDOT
X	Heather Alvarez	Town of Mancos Alt.	X	Drew Sanders	City of Cortez
X	David Harris	Town of Pagosa Springs	X	Ian Roberson	City of Cortez
X	Brendon Adams	Ute Mountain Ute Tribe	X	Elizabeth Heine	Region 9 EDD
X	Patrick Davis	SW Center for Inde.	X	Alisa Schultz	Dolores County
			X	Kathleen McFadden	Pagosa Springs CDC
			X	Laura Lewis Marchino	Region 9 EDD
			X	Emily Lashbrooke	Pagosa Springs CDC
			X	Mike Torres	Archuleta County

Sarah Hill, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

### B. Consent Agenda

1. Previous Meeting Minutes' approval

**Motion from Steve Garchar to approve the December 14, 2023 minutes as presented.**

**Second: Jim Candelaria; Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Financial Report approval

- The COG statement is 2023 through June 2023, and Region 9 EDD is July -Jan. 2024. Financials will be Region 9 only moving forward.

**Motion from Heather Alvarez to approve the financial report as presented.**

**Second: Steve Garchar; Motion passed unanimously.**

### C. Reports

1. STAC Update-Sarah Hill and Jim Candelaria

**Presentation Highlights and Meeting Discussion on December's Meeting, attended by Hill and January's meeting attended by Candelaria.**

- There was an update on multimodal planning.

- This last year was a heavy transportation year for legislation. There are a lot of laws that the state is currently working on.
- *There is a possible state ride pass for youth to ride for free that would affect transit in this area.*
- *Bill 24091: Broadband -CDOT opposes this bill, but CCI and those in rural areas support it.*

2. Transportation Commissioner Report – Mark Garcia

**Presentation Highlights and Meeting Discussion:**

- There may be a separation of one TPR and a combination of a two others. The amount of TPRs in the state would remain the same – 15. This change will give less of a voice to rural communities like ours.
- There have been letters opposing and supporting these two actions of separating one TPR and combining two others, but it was noted that most letters have been in opposition of these changes.
- The final decision should be made after the virtual sessions sometime in April and May. Garcia did not have a definitive answer, other than the decision should be made before June.
- Dolores County wrote a letter opposing the separation of one TPR and the combination of two other TPRs.
- The April virtual meeting will have the opportunity for folks to oppose these TPR Changes.
- Mark Garcia and one other on Transportation Commission voted against ROW Broadband Fee (not unanimous); encouraged TPR to work with CCI to see what might happen in leg session.

3. Congressional Updates

- No report

**D. Decision/Discussion Items**

1. Election of Officers

**Meeting Discussion:**

- This was on the agenda in December, but there was not a quorum.
- Sara Hill and Jim Candelaria stated that they are open to not continuing as Chair and Vice Chair. Candelaria is stepping down due to other commitments.
- Hill issued the call for nominations for Chair.

Nomination from Heather Alvarez to nominate Heather Alvarez as Chair

Second: Katie Sickles ; Motion passed unanimously to approve Heather Alvarez from Mancos as Chair of the SWTPR.

- Hill completed 3 rounds of calling for nominations, as per Robert’s Rules of Order. There were no other nominations.
- Hill issued the call for nominations for Vice Chair of SWTPR.

Nomination from Jim Candelaria to nominate Sarah Hill as Vice Chair.

Second: Steve Garchar ; Motion passed unanimously to instate Sarah Hill as Vice Chair.

- **Hill completed the 3 rounds of calling for nominations, as per Robert’s Rules of Order. There were no other nominations.**

2. Amend Bylaws

**Meeting Discussion:**

- **Recommended edits were shared. Some of the edits included the below bullet points.**
- **There are now 18 seats represented on the SWTPR.**
- **The elections are now going to be at the first meeting of the year.**
- **The day of the meeting was changed to the second Thursday of the month instead of ‘a day.’**
- **The location for the meeting was updated to the CDOT building.**

**Motion from Jim Candelaria to approve the amendments to the bylaws as presented.**

**Second: Steve Garchar ; Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Reimbursement Procedures

**Meeting Discussion:**

- **CDOT put out new guidelines in October of 2023 which includes changes to reimbursements of meals. Shak reviewed the changes which includes more restrictive times.**
- **There is a new expense sheet to use when traveling.**
- **The membership dues that Region 9 collects can help reimburse meals as needed, and supplement CDOT reimbursements.**

**E. CDOT Reports**

1. Construction Update - Kevin Curry

a. US 160 West of Pagosa MP 135- 144 ST- 23505

Budget: \$12.6 million

Funding: SUR, Safety, FSA, HAZ, Culverts

Awarded: Oldcastle SW Group, Inc.

This surface treatment project was located on US 160 in the Town of Pagosa Springs, approximate MP 135 to 144. Work included a 1" surface treatment leveling course and a 1.5" SMA overlay as well as a 2.5" mill and fill at intersection locations with curb and gutter construction. Additional work included culvert and guardrail replacement and re- striping. This project began on May 15, 2023 and was completed in December 11, 2023.

b. US 160 Section 3 Priority Culverts- 23191

Budget: \$2.6 million

Funding Type: Structures

Awarded: American West Construction, LLC

This project was located on US 160, starting in Montezuma County, at approximate MP 47, and continuing East to several locations up to a culvert on Wolf Creek Pass. A number of Priority culverts were repaired or replaced. This project began on May 15, 2023, and was completed on December 15, 2023.

c. US 160 San Juan River MP 0.8 & Aztec- 20685

Budget: \$3.2 million

Funding Type: BR

Awarded: Meridian

This project is located on US 160 at the Colorado/ New Mexico state line, approximate MP 0. The project will provide scour protection for the San Juan River Bridge which will help contain the increase in runoff. Improvements to a second bridge at Aztec Creek have also been added to the project scope. This project began on January 8th, 2024 with a tentative completion date in April 2024.

d. US 172 Ignacio to Elmore's Corner- 24092

Budget: \$19 million

Funding Type: Surface Treatment, Culverts, Structures

Awarded: Oldcastle SW Group, Inc.

This project is located on SH 172 at approximate MP 8.3 to 24.5, from Ignacio to the Elmore's Corner intersection of SH 172 and US 160. The work will include a 16.2-mile surface treatment along with ADA ramp improvements in the Town of Ignacio. Construction began on March 20th, 2023 and should be completed by February 2024.

e. US 160 Signals at SH 145 & Chestnut Street- 24772

Budget: \$2 million

Funding Type: Traffic & Safety, Signals

Awarded: Bixby Electric, Inc.

This project is located on US 160 in the City of Cortez, in Montezuma County. The project will consist of signal improvements at the intersection of US 160 and SH 145, as well as the intersection of US 160 and Chestnut Street. Work will include the replacement of old existing traffic signals, poles and electronics. This project began on May 1st, 2023 and should be completed in January 2024.

f. US 160 Wolf Creek West Fiber- 22107

Budget: \$12 million

Funding Type: Traffic

Awarded: Paonia

This project will take place on US 160 Wolf Creek Pass from approximate MP 153- 168, within Archuleta and Mineral Counties. Conduit, fiber optic cables and manholes will be installed on the western side of Wolf Creek Pass, from the summit down to Pagosa Springs. The project will also install ITS devices such as variable speed limits tied to friction sensors, a downhill truck warning system for the west side of the pass, and additional cameras. Due to contractor issues, this project was on hold for a period of time. The second season of construction started in May 2023 and is anticipated to be complete in fall 2024.

g. US 550/160 Connection South Design- Build- 22420

Budget: \$112 million (estimated total cost)

Funding Type: FASTER/ SB 267/ SUR/ RPP

Awarded: Lawrence Construction Co.

This project is focused on the US 550 connection to US 160 in La Plata County. The connection will realign US 550 directly into the existing US 160 interchange, eliminating the steep and windy grade of the current US 550 Farmington Hill and improving roadway geometry. The project will include wildlife highway mitigation features which will reduce animal-vehicle collisions. Both bridge structures are now constructed. Additional current work includes continued paving, deer fence

installation, ROW fence installation and access gates. Construction began in August 2020 and now has an estimated completion date in spring of 2024.

h. US 160 Section 3 Chipseal- 24954

Budget: \$8.2 million

Funding Type: Surface Treatment

Awarded: Intermountain Slurry Seal, Inc

This project is a combination of 2 surface treatment projects on US 160. One is located on US 160 from Mancos Hill, Eastbound to Durango in Montezuma and La Plata Counties, approximate MP 61-81. The second location will be on US 160, at approximate MP 102.7 to 117, in-between Bayfield and Piedra. Work will include a chipseal, fog coat, the addition of rumble strips and new pavement markings at select locations. This project has been awarded with construction tentatively anticipated for spring 2024.

i. US 160 Pagosa Reconstruct- 21919

Budget: \$17 million

Funding Type: Priority

Ad Date: January 2024

This project is located on US 160 through the Town of Pagosa Springs, approximate MP 142- 144, in Archuleta County. The current scope includes improvements to US 160 Between 10th and 1st Streets. An overlay and restriping is planned from 10th Street to the west side of 8th Street with concrete reconstruction continuing from west of 8th Street to the east side of 3rd Street. Additional work will include ADA upgrades to curb ramps and sidewalks at select intersections throughout the project limits and drainage improvements. This project is scheduled for Ad in February 2024 with construction tentatively planned for spring 2024.

j. US 550 DGO 14th St Signal Replace- 24673

Budget: \$2.4mill

Funding Type: Traffic & Safety

Ad Date: January 2024

This project is located at the intersection of US 550 and 14th Street in the City of Durango, approximate MP 21.8. Work will include a signal replacement and the intersection will be reconfigured to eliminate the southbound left turn, replacing it with a through lane only. This project is scheduled to go to Ad date in February 2024.

k. US 160D Mancos Pedestrian Improvements- 24618

Budget: \$2.1 million

Funding Type: ADA, Local Agency

Ad Date: October 2024

This project will take place along US 160D in the Town of Mancos, from approximate MP .8 to 1.58. Sidewalk and ADA ramp improvements will take place. Improvements will also be made to the intersection of Main Street and Bauer Street. This project is in the design phase with a tentatively scheduled Ad date in October 2024.

l. US 160 & CR 225 MP 94.04 Improvements- 23001

Budget: \$6.8mill

Funding Type: Traffic & Safety

Ad Date: Unknown

This project will be located on US 160 at the intersection of CR 225, at approximate MP 94.05, east of Durango. An intersection study was performed here to evaluate safer, alternative options for the

design of this intersection. The results of this study were analyzed, and the project is in final review. This project schedule was pushed out to align with Grant funding opportunities. The Ad date for this project is currently unknown.

**Meeting Discussion:**

- **There is a cap of \$250,000 for projects. Although they do need more funds, they would have to find the funding. There is a push to get more funding.**
- **There are multiple culvert projects that will be worked on in the next 18 months, a few will be in Dolores County.**
- **We have \$16 million dollars that was reallocated to our region. We have over 900 culverts that we need to repair, but with the funds, it was noted that we would be lucky to get 50 repaired a year.**
- **Each culvert should be a two-day impact.**
- **CDOT does a quarterly update that gets distributed to the counties going over the various upcoming projects.**
- **The Hwy 160 project that is going through town will be advertised soon.**

2. Grants - Tony Cady

- Revitalizing Main Street grant is open. It's for between \$10,000-\$250,000. It closes February 28. It's open for Small Multimodal and Economic Resiliency.
- Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF). Next call for the projects likely in May-June 2024. This is to be awarded by the TPR.
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) has a 3 year call for projects (FY24-FY26) (closed last year. Mancos and Silverton were award winners within SWTPR. The next call is anticipated in the Spring of 2026.
- Safe Routes to School (SRS) has the next grant period opening August 2024.
- Congestion mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) is only available for use in Pagosa Springs and a small part of Archuleta County. The next call for projects is likely in March of 2024. The anticipated amount available is 500 thousand dollars.
- Federal Opportunities has the Bridge Investment Program which is currently open and closes March 19 of 2024. The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) closes 2/28/24. There are several more opportunities opening in February -March of this year.
- Elmore's Corner Grant- Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) CDOT awarded \$58,940,000 for US 160 East of Elmore's Corner. The Eastern section currently doesn't have a lot of designs completed, but there are varying levels of progression and design along this corridor. This section is considered one of the worst stretches for animal collisions. The intersection will be improved at highways 160 and 172. The 225 intersection doesn't need a signal, and a great separator interchange would be a viable solution. Noted that they were initially denied and had 24 hours to resubmit an application, which they did and were successful.

3. SWTPR Report

a. FY 24 Maintenance Projects (Completed)

- SH 184 MP 13-17 in Montezuma County had a chipseal treatment completed in August of 2023

- SH 151 MP 22-22.5, 22.9-23.6 in Archuleta County/Southern Ute Reservation had a repave treatment that was completed in August 2023.
  - US 160 MP 83.1 (Double Tree Bridge) in La Plata County had a slab repair completed in October of 2023.
  - US 84 MP 11.2 (Coyote Creek Bridge) in Archuleta County had a bridge repair completed in the fall of 2023.
  - US 491 MP 36.7 in Montezuma County had a cure-in-place culvert lining treatment completed in the fall of 2023.
  - SH 151 MP 7.2 in La Plata County/Southern Ute Reservation had an irrigation culvert replacement completed in the fall of 2023.
  - US 160 MP 6.9 in Montezuma County/ Ute Mountain Ute Reservation had a guardrail repair/highway paving (truck crash/fire), in which the highway was reopened after 12 hours. This was completed in October of 2023.
- b. SWTPR-FY 24 Maintenance Projects (Upcoming)
- SH 184 MP 21-24 in Montezuma County needs a chipseal treatment that's tentatively scheduled for April-June of 2024
  - US 550 MP 7-11.8 in La Plata County is scheduled for a chipseal treatment for April-June of 2024.
  - SH 172 in LA Plata/Southern Ute Reservation is scheduled for a chipseal treatment in April-June of 2024.
  - There are 14 In-Kind Culvert Replacements.

## F. Other Business

### 1. Updates – Round Robin

- a. City of Cortez – Kevin Kissler
- i. An application was put in for Revitalization of Main Street, but it was denied. They are recrafting the application and will be resubmitting it soon. They have a SS4A Award that they are about to make a selection on a consultant to assist. Safe Routes to School has an active reward that will enter the design phase this Fall. They've been working with CDOT to address crossings at 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. They are working on their RAISE application as well and are in the public outreach phase. There was going to be a culvert replacement project on 160, but it has now been pushed back to 2027. Kissler brought up the question of if we are allocating funding equally to all of our communities. Julie Constan said that the projects are based upon the quality of the asset, not the population of the area. Constan said that CDOT can provide data on project locations upon request.
- b. City of Durango – Sarah Hill
- i. Durango was awarded the Safe Streets for All grant. The College and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave project has gone out to bid for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time and they are hoping for some responses. They are submitting a Revitalizing Main Street Grant soon. They are submitting a RAISE application as well for the Camino project. The Roosa project is being funded through TAP which they want to start advertising construction soon. The final numbers got in for Durango transit and the ridership is up. The 32<sup>nd</sup> street project is looking at a date in 2026.
- c. Montezuma County – Jim Candelaria
- i. Current maintenance for the winter. Noted that there is not a lot going on.



- d. Town of Bayfield – Katie Sickles
  - i. The plans for the Shared Use Path has been submitted. The Revitalization on Main Street should get started as soon as the weather clears. There was an extension for that process with the goal completion before the Spring of 2024.
- e. Archuleta County – Mike Torres and Kevin Bruce
  - i. They have started some planning and design for future projects coming up this year. The contractor for the two culvert replacements North of Pagosa Springs will be completed before the spring run offs. There are some business owner concerns with the downtown project not being started just yet. There is a meeting coming up with the business owners and the county to go over what the plans call for. A consultant is being hired to assist with the construction in the Revitalization of Main. They are also about to being construction on the transit center in April.
- f. Ute Mountain Ute – Brendon Adams
  - i. They are applying for a RAISE grant. They are also preparing a proposal for a LRTP; they may need a consultant for it.
- g. Dolores County – Steve Garchar
  - i. They are getting though the winter as per normal. They are looking forward to upgrades at the Stateline.
- h. Regional Transit Council – Patrick Davies
  - i. There has been an increase in fraudulent companies that are offering Medicaid rides. These fraudulent companies will be addressed if found guilty. A subcommittee formed to help assist the needs of the PCC students. There is currently a survey out to investigate the needs of the PCC students. January was the Human Trafficking month that brought attention to all the Human Trafficking going on in the State of Colorado. On March 21, there will be a presentation on the labor side of trafficking in Colorado. All Points Transit has added Ouray and Ridgeway.
- i. Town of Ignacio – Mark Garcia
  - i. They have a subdivision working on utilities, but nothing pressing. They are also applying for a downtown redevelopment grant. The 2023 Annual Report is out and Garcia encourages everyone to check out the CDOT website to view it.

2. Next Meeting: April 11, 2024 at 9am

**G. Adjourn**

**Sarah Hill, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11am.**

**Minutes provided by Elizabeth Heine**

**Region 9 Economic Development District**  
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures  
From 7/1/2023 Through 3/31/2024

		TPR	
Operating Revenue			
Grants - Program	4020	10,249.33	
Total Operating Revenue		10,249.33	
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>10,249.33</b>	
Expenditures			
Wages	5110	9,322.90	
Payroll taxes	5120	748.78	
Retirement Expense	5135	397.85	
Workers' Comp Insurance	5140	37.88	
FAMLI	5145	41.91	
Health Expense	5150	1,335.89	
Travel	5510	2,202.78	
Meetings	5512	623.66	
Internet, Computer Expense, & Soft...	5527	240.00	
Membership/Subs	5540	450.00	
Total Expenditures		15,401.65	
<b>Net Revenue Over Expenditures</b>		<b>(5,152.32)</b>	

# Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting Summary

Date/Time: Thursday, March 7, 2024; 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

[STAC Meeting March 7, 2024 Recording](#)

## Highlights and Action Items

### CDOT Legislative Updates - CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations

State Legislative Updates - Emily Haddaway ([Recording Timestamp 00:45:50](#))

- The Senate Transportation and Energy Committee heard the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety bill. The bill passed 5-2 with scaled baci restrictions on areas where CMVs are required to put on chains.
- HB24-1235, that reduces aviation Impacts on communities, was also heard, and with amendments the Aeronautics Division supported the Bill.
- The Distracted Driving Bill should be up at the Appropriations Committee tomorrow, which passed the Senate Transportation and Energy Committee.
- Broadband Deployment in CDOT right-of-way is being discussed.
- In total, 60 Bills under consideration at the Colorado State Legislature are being tracked by CDOT.

Federal Legislative Updates - Jamie Grim ([Recording Timestamp 00:51:44](#))

- Finally, the federal budget mini-omnibus Bill was received, which covers FY24 for \$469B, with no major changes in funding noted.
- Three Appropriations Bills were included in the mini- omnibus.
  - The military construction, VA and related agencies appropriations bill.
  - The agricultural, rural development, Food and drug and related agencies appropriations bills
  - The transportation, housing, urban developments and related agencies appropriation bill
  - 460\$ billion in total.
- Other Topics: The Transportation Commission's second public hearing of the HB 23-1101 TPR Boundary Study rulemaking is March 11th at 6 pm.

FY 2024-2025 CDOT Final Budget Overview (Action Item) - Jeff Sudmeier, CDOT Chief Financial Officer ([Recording Timestamp 00:56:38](#))

- The TC accepted the FY 2024-2025 budget in draft form for submission to the Office of State Planning and Budget. In the past months, revenue forecasts and final changes have been made.
- Final approval by the TC will happen in two weeks.
- The budget is then submitted by April and then approved by the Governor before July 1st.
- The FY 2025 total budget is \$2.033 Billion and the [FY 2024-2025 Revenue Allocation Plan](#) is available on CDOT's website.

**STAC Action:** STAC recommended adoption of the FY 2024-2025 Budget as proposed.

Winter Maintenance Update (Informational Update) - John Lorme, Division of Maintenance and Operations ([Recording Timestamp 01:49:06](#))

- The winter operations cycle prioritizes safety and then mobility, with 30% of Maintenance and Operations funding spent on Snow and Ice removal.
- Staffing shortages remain a serious problem as resort areas are very difficult to staff and resort area housing is difficult to find and often too expensive for maintenance crews requiring extremely long commutes. Employees are required to live within 30 minutes of their job location. However, staffing shortages have improved from a 36% vacancy rate in 2022 to a 13% vacancy rate in 2024.

- The Joint Area Program seeks to solve some staffing issues by shifting maintainers from other CDOT Regions that allows the I-70 corridor needs to be filled, with more than 40 maintainers sent out for a week to work in places like Alamosa or Lamar or Limon.
- Enhanced Recruitment and Training Programs are promoting jobs for younger staff aged 18-21, and offering programs that include training for heavy equipment operation and money for college courses. Starting salaries increased from 39k in 2019 to 51K in 2023. New training programs such as CDL qualification courses have led to 92% staff retention rate. Housing programs offer stipends, mobile home rental pads, and employee housing.
- This summer, the Division of Maintenance and Operations will be hosting an I-70 Mountain Corridor Summit to prepare the Team CDOT maintenance crew for the coming winter.

Rest Area Update (Informational Update) - Hope Wright, Rest Area and Building Assets Manager  
([Recording Timestamp 02:31:40](#))

- In 2018, the Transportation Commission established rest areas as a CDOT asset and dedicated funding for ongoing maintenance. In 2023 Rest Areas received \$6.9 million in dedicated funding, which is not enough to properly maintain these facilities.
- In 2008, there were 33 rest areas and as of 2023 there were 26.
- FY 24 Capital Improvement projects
  - Vail pass Rest Area is currently closed for construction and Two rest areas north of Pueblo were closed, but funding has been identified to open one new replacement facility.
  - Glenwood Canyon, Arriba, Holly, and Virginia Dale Rest Areas are all scheduled for major plumbing improvements.
  - Shaw Creek Rest Area redesign will be completed soon.
- Current Rest area projects are planned out to FY 2027.
- The greening initiative aims to retrofit rest areas with LED lighting, low-flow fixtures, xeriscaping and energy efficient HVAC.

Other Business - Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair, and Jill Locken, FHWA Selection of STAC Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Committee Representative (Action Item) ([Recording Timestamp 02:47:49](#))

- STAC members and FHWA's Federal Lands Selection Committee representative, Jill Locken, gave special thanks to Keith Baker, Chaffee County Commissioner and San Luis Valley TPR Chair, for his many years of service on the STAC. Commissioner Baker was also the representative to the Federal Lands Access Program Committee as the STAC representative. FLAP provides funding for states, counties, cities and local agencies to improve transportation facilities leading to or accessing federal lands. Now this Committee seat needs to be filled. The committee member is expected to attend 2-3 meetings a year and provide guidance and make decisions on all the Colorado projects.

**Action:** John Liosatos was nominated to fill the FLAP Committee position by Commissioner Holly Williams - the STAC voted to approve John Liosatos for the nomination to represent the STAC on the FLAP Committee.

- Upcoming TPR administrator meeting - CDOT Planning staff will host an orientation and training for TPR administrators biannually (twice a year). The first meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2024.
- The next STAC meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 8:30 am** and will be held virtually.



**DATE:** March 29th, 2024

**TO:** Transportation Commissioners, Executive Director, CTIO Board Members, Executive Management Team, Branch Managers, Office Directors, STAC Members

**FROM:** Emily Haddaway, Legislative Liaison, Office of Policy & Government Relations

**RE:** Legislative Session Update

<b>Key:</b>
<b>Active Bills-</b> Bills currently moving through the system
<b>Postponed Bills-</b> Bills that have died this year
<b>Signed Bills-</b> Bills that have passed both chambers and have been signed
<b>Blue-</b> There has been new action this week
<b>Orange-</b> No new action since the last update

## Active Bills

### SB24-190: Rail & Coal Transition Community Economic Measures

**Summary:** This bill creates an income tax credit for qualified costs incurred in the use of certain freight rail lines. It will also create an income tax credit for qualified costs incurred in the maintenance, operation, and improvement of certain rail lines. In addition, this bill will expand the rural opportunity office's duties in relation to coal transition communities, allow coal transition communities to qualify as enterprise zones and enhanced rural enterprise zones, restrict the length of contracts that allow use of the Moffat tunnel, and restrict the ability to purchase real property interests of the Moffat tunnel improvement district.

**Sponsors:** Sen Roberts, Rep Lukens, Rep McCluskie

**Status:** This bill was introduced on Thursday, March 28th and is not yet scheduled to be heard in the Senate Finance Committee.

### SB24-184: Support Surface Transportation Infrastructure Development

**Summary:** The bill clarifies the scope of the high-performance transportation enterprise's (transportation enterprise) powers and duties to expand its capacity to execute its charge and more explicitly prioritize mitigation of traffic congestion and traffic-related pollution through the completion of multimodal surface transportation infrastructure projects.

**Sponsors:** Sen Fenberg, Sen Marchman, Rep McCluskie, Rep Boesenecker



**Status:** This bill was introduced in the Senate Transportation & Energy Committee on March 19th. It was heard in committee on Wednesday, March 27th. Director Lew and John Putnam testified in support of this bill. It was referred to the Senate Finance Committee.

### **HB24-1366: Sustainable Local Government Community Planning**

**Summary:** This bill requires state agencies to prioritize awarding grants that satisfy a list of criteria described in the bill. In addition this bill will require, beginning January 1, 2025, upon updating a county or municipal master plan, local governments to include a climate action element in its master plan. The bill requires a local government to provide the Colorado energy office with the climate action element and then requires the office to deliver a copy of any climate element it receives to the department of local affairs, CDOT, and any other state agency that the office determines. This bill requires CDOT to coordinate with metropolitan planning organizations to establish criteria that define growth corridors and identify these growth corridors. Having identified these growth corridors, the department and metropolitan planning organizations shall coordinate with local governments to develop transportation demand management plans for these growth corridors. Section 5 makes 2 changes related to the statewide transportation plan. First, the bill requires the statewide transportation plan to include:

- An examination of the impact of transportation decisions on land use patterns;
- The identification of highway segments where promotion of context-sensitive highway permitting and design can encourage the development of dense, walkable, and mixed-use neighborhoods in transit-oriented centers and neighborhood centers; and
- An emphasis on integrating planning efforts within CDOT to support multimodal transportation, neighborhood centers, and transit-oriented centers in infill areas as well as growth corridors through the associated transportation demand management corridor planning.

Second, the bill requires CDOT to conduct a study in connection with the statewide transportation plan that identifies:

- Policy barriers and opportunities for the implementation of context-sensitive design, complete streets, and pedestrian-bicycle safety measures in locally-identified urban centers and neighborhood centers; and
- The portions of state highways that pass through locally identified transit-oriented centers and neighborhood centers that are candidates for context-sensitive design, complete streets, and pedestrian-bicycle safety measures.

**Sponsors:** Rep Froelich, Rep Brown

**Status:** This bill was introduced on March 11th, and it will be heard in the House Transportation, Housing, & Local Government Committee on April 9th.

### **SB24-100: Commercial Vehicle Highway Safety Measures**

**Summary:** Changes the geographic location where CDOT has authority to require CMVs to carry chains to I-25 and state highways west of the interstate. Allows the department to establish a heightened speed limit enforcement zone in Glenwood Canyon. Makes it a traffic offense for any commercial vehicle to be driving in the farthest left lane on I-70 on designated areas on I-70. Ensures that a port of entry officer has all the powers of a peace officer when enforcing highway closures and the state's winter traction device law. The freight mobility and safety branch is required to study the feasibility of funding additional locations of chain-up stations.

**Sponsors:** Sen Roberts, Sen Will, Rep Velasco, Rep Taggart



**Status:** This is a 2024 CDOT agency priority. The bill has passed the Senate on March 22nd. It is scheduled in first committee in the house on April 10th.

### **SB24-065: Mobile Electronic Devices & Motor Vehicle Driving**

**Summary:** This bill prohibits the use of mobile electronic devices for all drivers.

**Sponsors:** Sen Hansen, Sen Fields, Rep Froelich, Rep Ortiz

**Status:** This is a 2024 CDOT agency priority. This bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee unanimously on March 8th. This bill passed the senate floor on third reading on March 15th. It is scheduled to be heard in the House on April 9th.

### **SB24-091: Rights-of-Way Permits for Broadband Deployment**

**Summary:** This bill adds new requirements for CDOT's ROW permitting process and prohibits CDOT from charging an annual fee for Fair Market Value, which is a federal requirement.

**Sponsors:** Sen Pelton, Sen Mullica, Rep Martinez, Rep Catlin

**Status:** CDOT opposes this bill. It was scheduled to be heard in the Senate Transportation Committee on February 7th and taken off the agenda. A new hearing has not been scheduled.

### **HB24-1030: Railroad Safety Requirements**

**Summary:** Creates new requirements for railroads by limiting train length to 8500 feet, limiting the amount of time a train may obstruct public travel at certain crossings, authorizing a crew member's designated union representative to investigate certain reported incidents, authorizing the public utilities commission to impose fines for certain violations, requiring fine revenue to be paid to the front range passenger rail district for the purposes of maintaining and improving the safety of a front range passenger rail system, and requiring certain railroads to carry insurance coverage in minimum amounts.

**Sponsors:** Rep Mabrey, Sen Cutter, Sen Exum

**Status:** CDOT has not taken a position on this legislation. The bill was heard at the House Appropriations Committee on March 15th and passed. It was referred, as amended, to the Committee of the Whole, and it is scheduled for House floor work on April 1st.

### **HB24-1055: Child Passenger Safety & Education**

**Summary:** Creates the child passenger safety education and distribution grant program within the Department of Public Safety and updates the child restraint system requirements.

**Sponsors:** Rep Froelich, Rep Pugliese, Sen Winter, Sen Priola

**Status:** CDOT testified in the House Transportation Committee on February 14th in an amend position. Our amendments were accepted and the grant program was moved from CDOT to Colorado State Patrol. This bill is still waiting to be heard in appropriations.



### **SB24-032: Methods to Increase the Use of Transit**

**Summary:** Creates a statewide transit pass exploratory committee extends the Ozone zero fare program, and creates a youth zero fare program.

**Sponsors:** Sen Jaquez Lewis, Sen Priola, Rep Vigil

**Status:** CDOT is taking an “amend to support” position. This bill has now passed the Senate Transportation Committee and the Senate Finance committee as of February 27th. This bill is still waiting to be heard in appropriations.

### **HB24-1165: Denver Airport Accessibility**

**Summary:** The bill imposes a set of duties on the Denver airport authority by established times for accessibility-related functions at Denver International Airport. The authority is encouraged to monitor the completion and ongoing upkeep of the duties and functions. The division of aeronautics is authorized to issue fines for noncompliance of the duties and functions to any entity in violation.

**Sponsors:** Rep. Ortiz, Rep. Bacon

**Status:** The bill passed the House Transportation Committee on February 21st without CDOT’s recommended amendments and waiting to be heard in appropriations

### **SB24-095: Air Quality Ozone Levels**

**Summary:** Sections 1 and 2 of the bill create a high-emitter vehicle program for owners of motor vehicles that are not in compliance with emission standards and that have been issued a certification of emissions waiver (qualified vehicle). If the owner of a qualified vehicle resides in a nonattainment area for ozone and has unsuccessfully attempted to have the motor vehicle repaired to cure the noncompliance, the owner is eligible for a voucher of \$850. The vouchers may be redeemed at qualified repair facilities that will bring the vehicle into compliance. The high-emitter vehicle program is funded by using up to 20% of the money in the AIR account in the highway users tax fund.

The high-emitter vehicle program is administered by the nonattainment area air pollution mitigation enterprise, in coordination with the department of revenue, contractors that provide inspection services, and the clean screen authority.

**Sponsors:** Sen. Kirkmeyer

**Status:** CDPHE is taking the lead on negotiating this bill on behalf of the administration and have taken an amend position. A committee date has not been scheduled but CDOT will plan to give testimony on why NAAPME is not the right entity to house this program.

### **HB24-1135: Offenses Related to Operating a Vehicle**





**Summary:** Under existing law, it is a class A traffic infraction to operate a commercial motor vehicle without a commercial driver's license, to operate a commercial motor vehicle if the operator is under 21 years of age, or to drive a commercial motor vehicle if the person has more than one driver's license. The bill makes each a class 1 misdemeanor; except that, if a person presents a valid commercial driver's license to the court within 30 days, the offense is a class A traffic infraction.

The bill creates the offense of unlawful direction to operate a commercial motor vehicle. An employer who knowingly authorizes or permits an employee to operate a commercial motor vehicle without a commercial driver's license, or permits an employee who is under 21 years of age to operate a commercial motor vehicle, commits unlawful direction to operate a commercial motor vehicle, a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense.

**Sponsors:** Rep. Soper, Rep. Synder, Sen. Will, Sen. Roberts

**Status:** CDOT is supportive of this bill and it is a Colorado State Patrol Agency Priority. This bill was heard in the House Judiciary Committee on March 26th, and it was referred, as amended, to the House Finance Committee. In Judiciary, an amendment was run to remove the DUI-related provisions of the bill and the TLRC was tasked with studying these issues further during the interim.

#### **HB24-1242: Colorado Department of Transportation Outdoor Advertising Rules**

**Summary:** The bill requires CDOT to hold a public hearing, on or before October 1, 2024, at which any person may identify any provision of the rules that the person believes allows or might allow the erection or maintenance of any advertising device that would disqualify the state from receiving complying state funding (disqualifying provision). CDOT shall review any provision identified and, if CDOT determines that the provision is a disqualifying provision, shall conduct new rule making to repeal or amend the disqualifying provision to mitigate the risk of losing complying state funding.

**Sponsors:** Rep. Lynch

**Status:** CDOT opposes this legislation as it attempts to recreate an existing process that is codified in CDOT Rules. This bill was scheduled to be heard in the House Transportation Committee on March 13th but was postponed from the agenda.

#### **HB24-1235: Reduce Aviation Impacts on Communities**

**Summary:** This legislation has a variety of aviation-related provisions including:

- Creates a state income tax credit for unleaded gasoline for aircraft, grants for airports to fund the infrastructure for and purchases of unleaded aviation gasoline;
- Modifies the structure of the Colorado Aeronautical Board;
- Modifies prioritization of grant programs to airports based on population density, and restricts grant money from being used at airports in high-density areas unless there is a process to phase out leaded gasoline;
- Requires the CDPHE to work with the Division of Aeronautics to mitigate adverse impacts of aircraft noise and use of leaded gasoline; and,



- Creates the unleaded aviation gasoline enterprise.

**Sponsors:** Rep. Brown, Rep. Bird, Sen. Zenzinger, Sen. Fenberg

**Status:** This bill was heard in the House Transportation, Housing, and Local Government Committee on March 6th. CDOT was there to testify an amend to support position. The bill, as amended, passed unanimously and was heard in the House Committee on Finance on March 18th. CDOT supported an amendment to make electric aircraft infrastructure an allowable use for CAB funds.

### **HB24-1313: Housing in Transit-Oriented Communities**

**Summary:** The bill establishes Housing Opportunity Goals to identify areas close to transit services and shopping districts where qualifying cities and municipalities could build more affordable housing. Cities and municipalities would have the flexibility to decide where it makes sense to build more housing to ensure they are meeting the diverse needs of their communities. Municipalities could meet the Housing Opportunity Goals a number of different ways including increasing the height of multi-family and mixed-use zones, or allowing multi-family residences in commercial-only or single-family zones.

Communities that meet their Housing Opportunity Goals would benefit from a new Affordable Housing Tax Credit and the Transit-Oriented Communities Infrastructure Fund to support their efforts in increasing housing opportunities near public transit, employment centers, safe biking and walking corridors.

The bill only applies to cities only if they are in Metropolitan Planning Organizations, have a population over 4,000, and have more than 75 acres of Transit Areas. Of the approximately 30 jurisdictions that would qualify under this bill, most are along the I-25 corridor. If local communities covered under the bill do not meet their Housing Opportunity Goal by Dec. 1, 2026, then the state can withhold Highway User Tax Funding (HUTF) from that municipality.

**Sponsors:** Rep. Woodrow, Rep. Judah, Sen. Hansen, Sen. Winter

**Status:** The bill is a priority of the Polis administration and was heard in the House Committee on Finance on March 25th. It was referred, as amended, to the House Appropriations Committee.

### **HB24-1304: Minimum Parking Requirements**

**Summary:** The bill prohibits a county or municipality, on or after January 1, 2025, from enforcing minimum parking requirements for real property that is within a metropolitan planning organization.

The bill also allows a municipality or county, on or after January 1, 2025, to impose the following requirements on a motor vehicle parking space that is voluntarily provided in connection with a development project:

- That the owners of such a motor vehicle parking space charge for the use of the space; and
- That such a motor vehicle parking space allow for vehicle charging stations in accordance with existing law.



The bill requires a county or municipality that is subject to the bill, on or after June 30, 2025, to submit a report to the department of local affairs detailing the county or municipality's compliance with the requirements of the bill. The bill provides a process for the review of such a report.

The bill also requires CDOT to conduct or contract a study to assist in the determination of optimal parking supply and management decisions for property within MPOS. This study must be delivered to the transportation committees by June 30th, 2025.

**Sponsors:** Rep. Vigil, Rep. Woodrow, Sen. Priola, Sen. Hinrichsen

**Status:** CDOT has not taken a position on this bill. This bill passed the House Transportation, House, & Local Government committee 8-3 on March 5th, and it is headed to appropriations.

### **SB24-165: Air Quality Improvements**

**Summary:** This bill implements strategies to reduce air pollution from mobile sources. The majority of the bill is specific to CDPHE, but there is a provision that requires the Department of transportation to establish vehicle miles traveled reduction targets for the covered nonattainment area and to develop policies and programs to assist applicable metropolitan planning organizations in meeting the targets.

**Sponsors:** Sen. Priola, Sen. Cutter, Rep. Rutinel, Rep. Garcia

**Status:** CDOT has not taken a position on this bill, but was heard in the Senate Transportation and Energy Committee on Wednesday, March 20th and has been referred, as amended to the Senate Finance Committee.

## **Signed/ Passed Bills**

### **HB24-1012: Front Range Passenger Rail District Efficiency**

**Summary:** Makes administrative changes for the operation of the FRPR rail board.

**Sponsors:** Rep Mauro, Rep Boesenecker, Sen Zenzinger

**Status:** CDOT has not taken a position on this legislation. This bill has passed both chambers and is headed to the Governor's desk.

### **SB24-079: Motorcycle Lane Filtering & Passing**

**Summary:** The bill authorizes a 2-wheeled motorcycle to overtake or pass another motor vehicle in the same lane if:

- The other motor vehicle is stopped or moving in the same direction of travel as the motorcycle;
- The road has lanes wide enough to pass safely;
- The motorcycle is moving at 20 miles per hour or less; and



- Conditions permit prudent operation of the motorcycle while overtaking or passing.
- A motorcycle rider overtaking or passing under the bill must not overtake or pass.

**Sponsors:** Sen Hinrichsen, Sen Smallwood, Rep Mabrey

**Status:** The Polis administration took an “amend to neutral” on this bill. The bill passed both the House and the Senate. It was signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House on March 28th, and it has been sent to the Governor for signature.

### **HB24-1143: Construction Bidding Cost Thresholds for Department of Transportation Projects**

**Summary:** The bill adds an inflationary adjustment to the monetary cost cap at or below which the department of transportation may undertake public projects outside of a competitive bidding process. The bill also requires the department of transportation to report annually on highway maintenance projects that cost no more than the project cost cap.

**Sponsors:** Rep. Catlin, Sen. Winter, Sen. B. Pelton

**Status:** CDOT is supportive of this bill. This bill has passed both chambers and has headed to the Governor’s desk for Signature.

### **HJR 1003: Designate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Highway**

**Summary:** Concerning the designation of the portion of United States Highway 36 in Boulder County from Mile Marker 32 to Mile Marker 37 as the "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Highway" by the placement of signs in each direction of travel where the designated portion of the highway begins.

**Sponsors:** Rep Joseph, Rep Bacon, Sen Coleman, Sen Exum

**Status:** This resolution has passed both chambers and has been adopted.

### **HJR24-1017: Brigadier General Felix Sparks Memorial Bridge**

**Summary:** This resolution renames bridge I-04-K on U.S. highway 50 over the Gunnison river as the "Brigadier General Felix Sparks Memorial Bridge".

**Sponsors:** Rep. Soper, Rep. Weissman, Sen. Will, Sen. Roberts

**Status:** This resolution has passed both chambers and has been adopted .

### **SJR24-007: Designate Highways as Purple Heart Trail**

**Summary:** Concerning designating portions of United States Highway 24 and State Highway 67 that are in Teller County as the Purple Heart Trail.

**Sponsors:** Sen. Baisley, Rep. Luck

**Status:** The resolution has passed both chambers and has been adopted.



# Postponed Bills

## **SB24-036: Vulnerable Road User Protection Enterprise**

**Summary:** The bill creates the vulnerable road user protection enterprise in the department of transportation for the purpose of providing funding for transportation system infrastructure improvements and other data-driven strategies identified in the federal highway administration-mandated vulnerable road user safety assessment, which CDOT is required to develop, that reduce the number of collisions with motor vehicles that result in death or serious injury to vulnerable road users (eligible projects).

The enterprise is required to impose a vulnerable road user protection fee, which is imposed in tiered amounts that are calculated based on motor vehicle weight and configuration, on the registration of passenger cars and light trucks that are not commercial vehicles. The enterprise is authorized to provide grants, subject to specified parameters relating to grant amounts, matching money requirements, and the use of grant money, to fund eligible projects.

**Sponsors:** Sen Winter, Sen Cutter, Rep Lindsay, Rep Linstedt

**Status:** CDOT has taken a neutral position. This bill was heard in the Senate Finance Committee on March 19th, and the committee voted to postpone the bill indefinitely.





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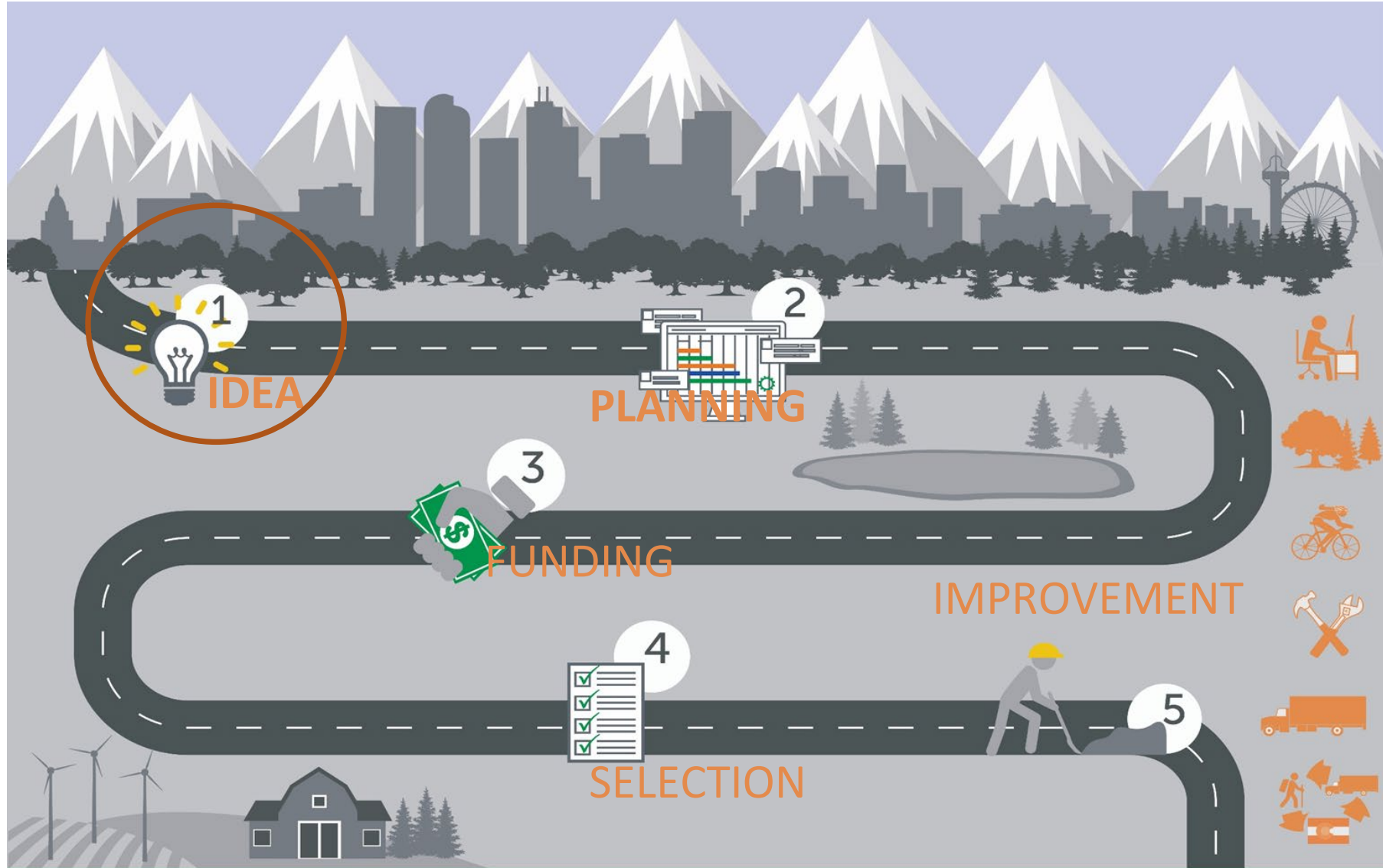
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# Region 5 and Southwest TPR Project Advancement Process

April 11, 2024



# Planning Roadmap





# Sources of Project Ideas

- Project needs are identified via:
  - TPR Meetings
  - Tribal and County Meetings
  - General Public via Elected Officials
- Asset Management
- CDOT Maintenance Forces
- Data Analysis
  - Traffic Studies, Access Control Plans, Corridor Visioning, Intersection Analysis, Wildlife Collision Hot Spots







# Tribal and County Meetings/Project Priority Programming Process (4P)

Annual meetings held with each of the 15 Counties and 2 Tribal Nations.

Discuss project priorities, along with other safety and maintenance concerns.

**2022 CDOT Annual Meeting**

**Region 5 Project Plan**

**YOUR TRANSPORTATION PLAN** CONNECTION. CHOICE. COLORADO FOR ALL.

In September, the Transportation Commission approved important updates to the 10 Year Plan. This update provides \$1.7b in projects set to deliver the next phase of the 10 Year Plan. This funding builds on \$2.2b in previous 10 Year Plan investments, many of which are now complete or underway. CDOT's 10 Year Plan provides a statewide list of priority projects compiled through the most intensive and comprehensive planning process in our state's history. Go to the CDOT Your Transportation Plan website to see Region 5 Priority Projects, Story Maps, and progress reports for more information.

**CDOT AT A GLANCE**

<b>23,000+</b> Lane Miles of Highway Maintained, Repaired and Plowed	<b>3,447</b> Bridges Maintained
<b>28 BILLION</b> Miles of Annual Vehicle Travel	
<b>6 MILLION</b> Lane Miles Plowed Each Year	
<b>35</b> Mountain Passes Kept Open Year-Round	<b>278</b> Avalanche Paths Monitored
<b>\$30 MILLION</b> Federal and State Grants Administered for Transit Agencies Statewide	
<b>\$54 MILLION</b> Federal Aviation Grants Administered for Airports	
<b>\$8 MILLION</b> Federal Grants Managed for Safe Driving Program	

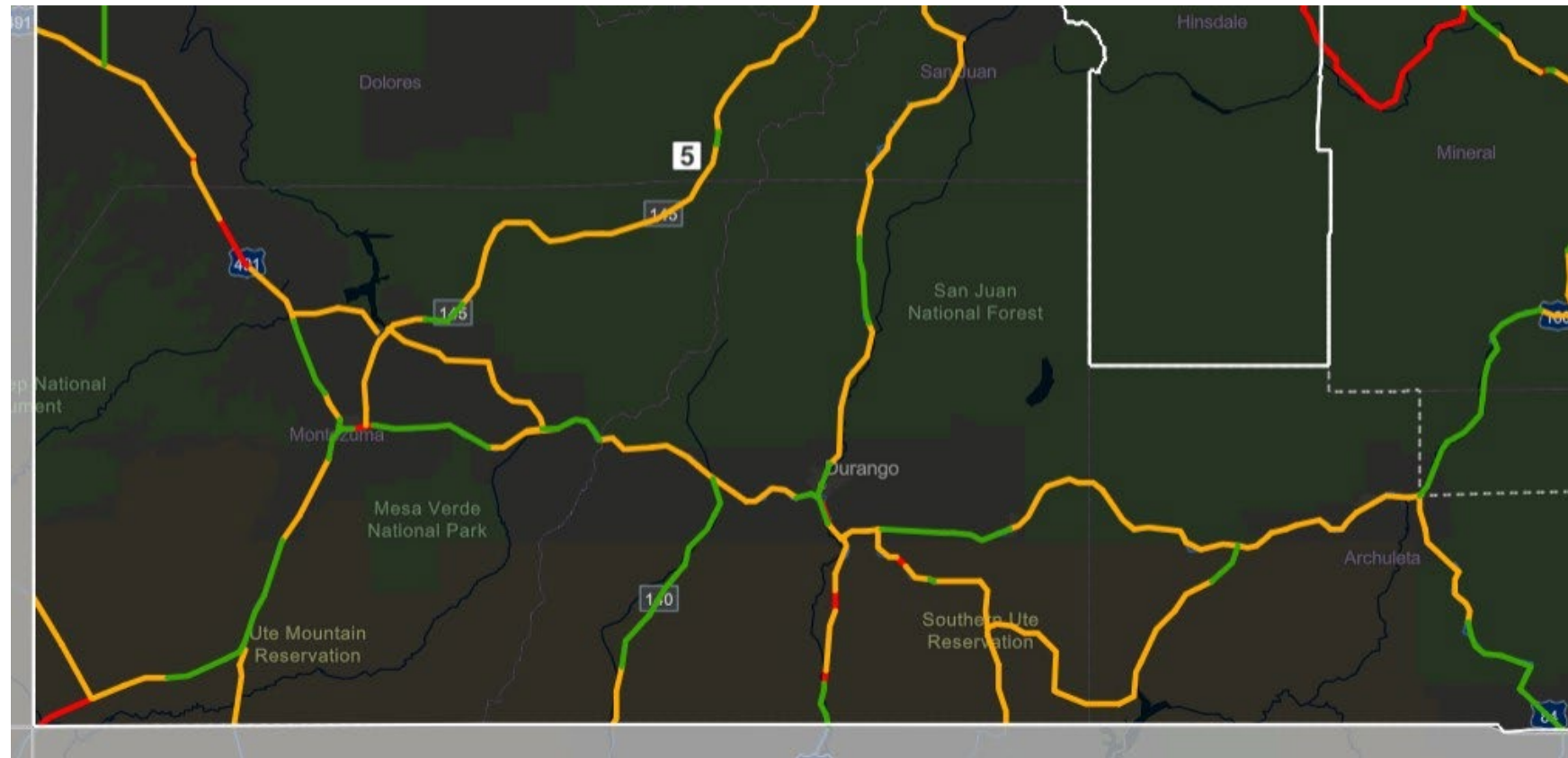
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# Asset Management

- Ideas come from CDOT Asset Managers
  - Surface/Pavement
  - Traffic & Safety
  - Bridge
  - Culvert
  - Walls
  - Geohazard
  - ADA
  - Buildings
  - Fleet





# Data Analysis

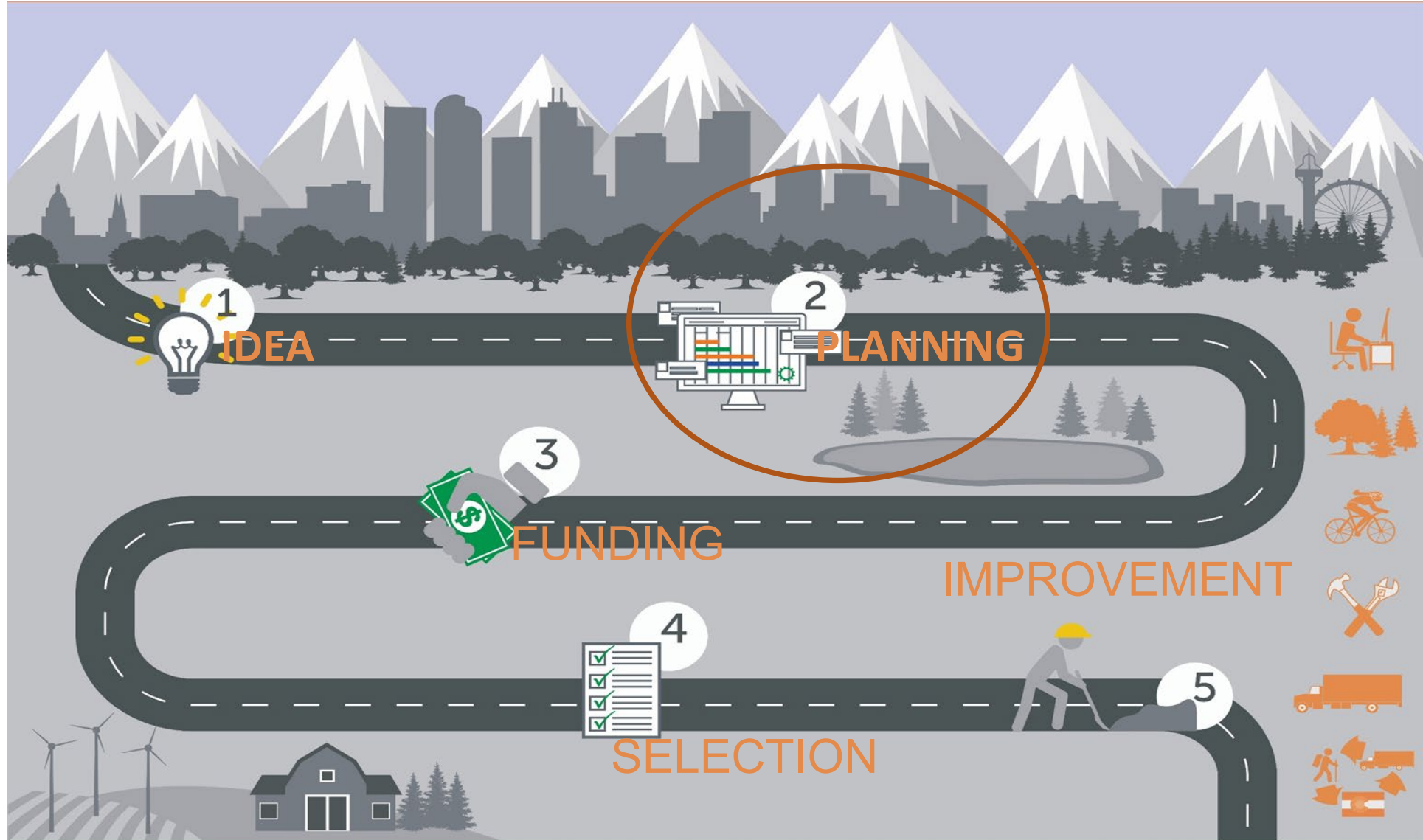
1. Collect performance data
2. Identify a pattern (safety, congestion, wildlife collisions, etc.)
3. Identify potential improvement



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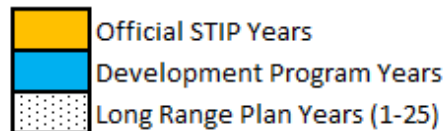
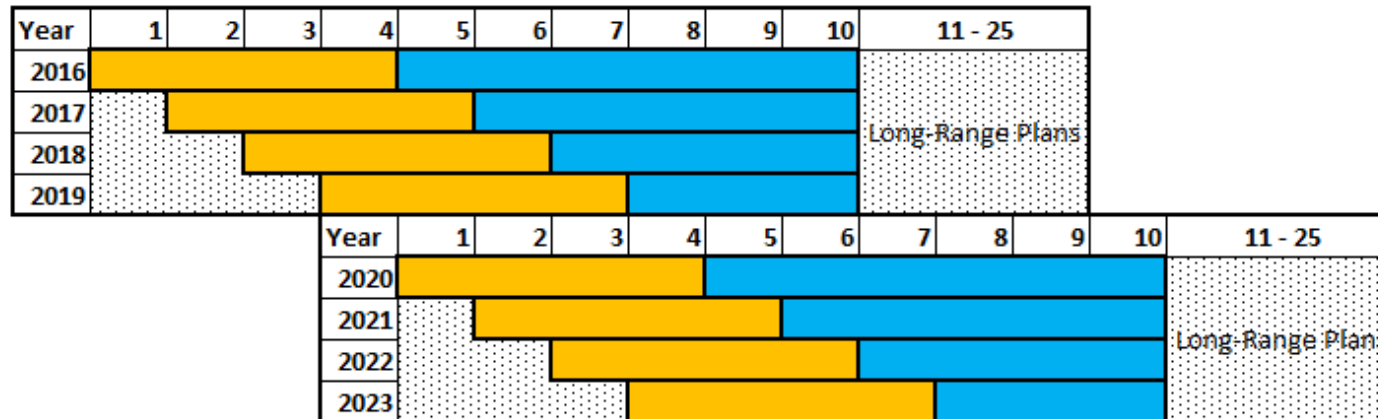
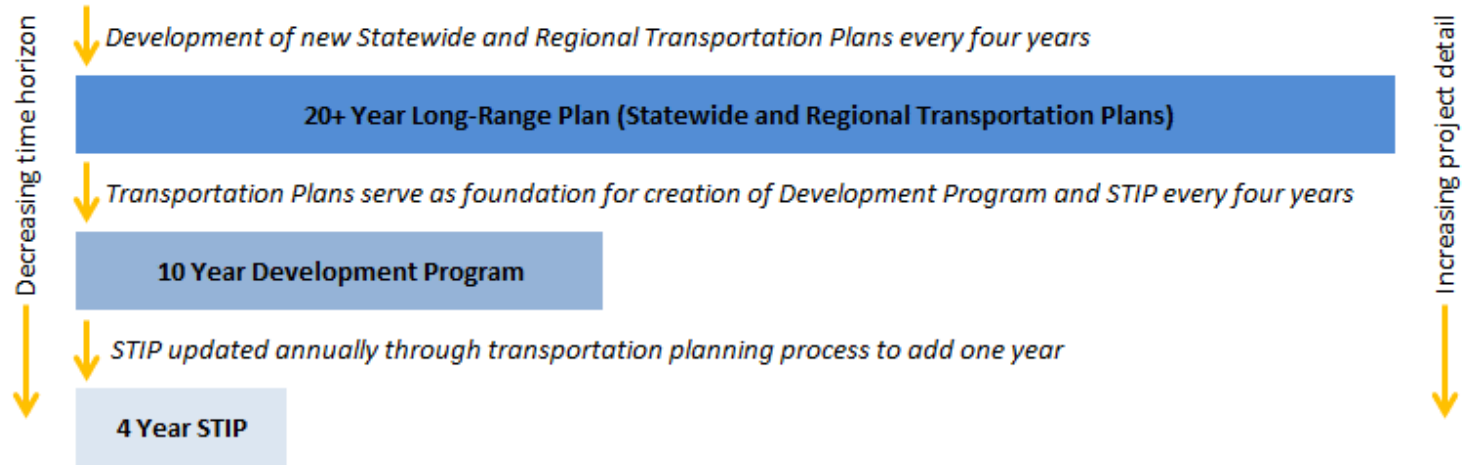
# Planning Roadmap





# Project Priority Programming Process (4P)

## Planning and Programming Process





# Long-Range Plan

- State law requires the development of a comprehensive, long-range (25 year) Statewide Transportation Plan (SWTP).
- Policy Directive 14 (PD 14) guides the development of the SWP by setting performance goals for Safety, Infrastructure Condition, System Performance, and Maintenance.
- This plan incorporates the priorities and needs of Colorado's 15 Transportation Planning Regions (TPRs).
- Plan is updated every 5 years (set to be updated again in 2025).
- Projects are prioritized knowing that funding not available for everything.



## Statewide Transportation Plan

Adopted August 20, 2020



# 2050 Long Range Plan Call For Projects

## 2045 SWTPR Long Range Plan

- 13 of 20 Projects are Completed or Funded

## Types of Projects

- Transit
- Structure Replacement
- Widening (Passing Lanes, Shoulders)
- Intersection Improvements
- Sidewalk/ADA
- Wildlife Overpass/Underpass
- Fiber
- All Are On-System
- All Address At Least One PD 14 Goal

## 2050 Plan Status/Timing

- Be ready to bring projects to August 2024 SWTPR Meeting

## What to Present

- Preliminary Scope and Budget
- Need/Benefits

## Process

- CDOT to vet projects
- CDOT to Prepare Ballot List
- TPR members to vote on ranking
- 20-25 Projects Will Be Selected

## Considerations

- Can your project be funded through a different process?



# Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

- The 4-year STIP identifies capital and non-capital transportation projects and programs proposed for funding as well as regionally significant transportation projects.
- The STIP must be fiscally-constrained by federal law.
- Rolling updates every year.

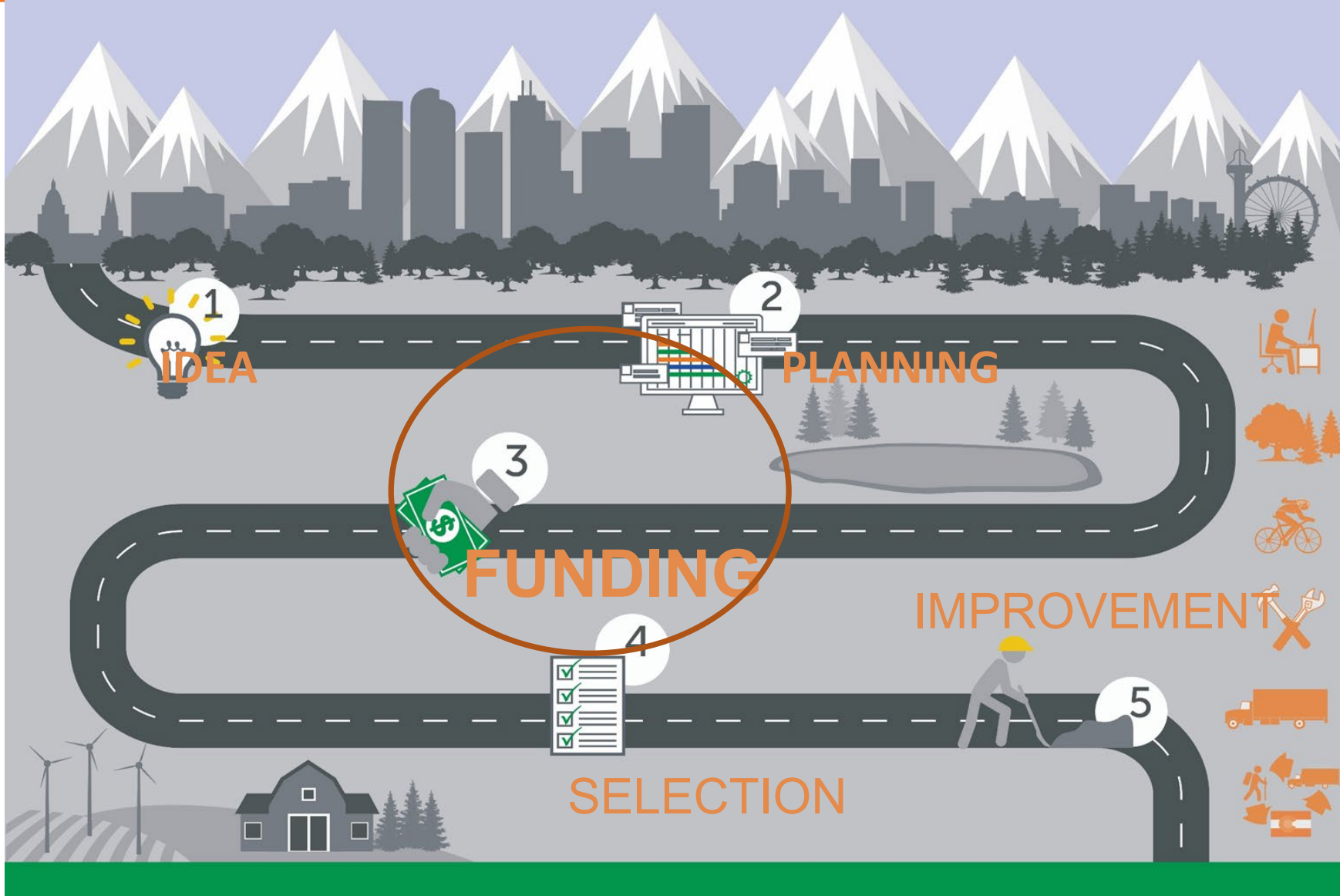


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Colorado Transportation Commission  
May 18, 2023





# Planning Roadmap





# Where do funds come from?

**\$2,033.3 M Total**

**Federal Programs 41.9%**

**\$851.1 million**

18.4 cents per gallon paid at the pump, and federal General Fund

**Highway Users Tax Fund 32.1%**

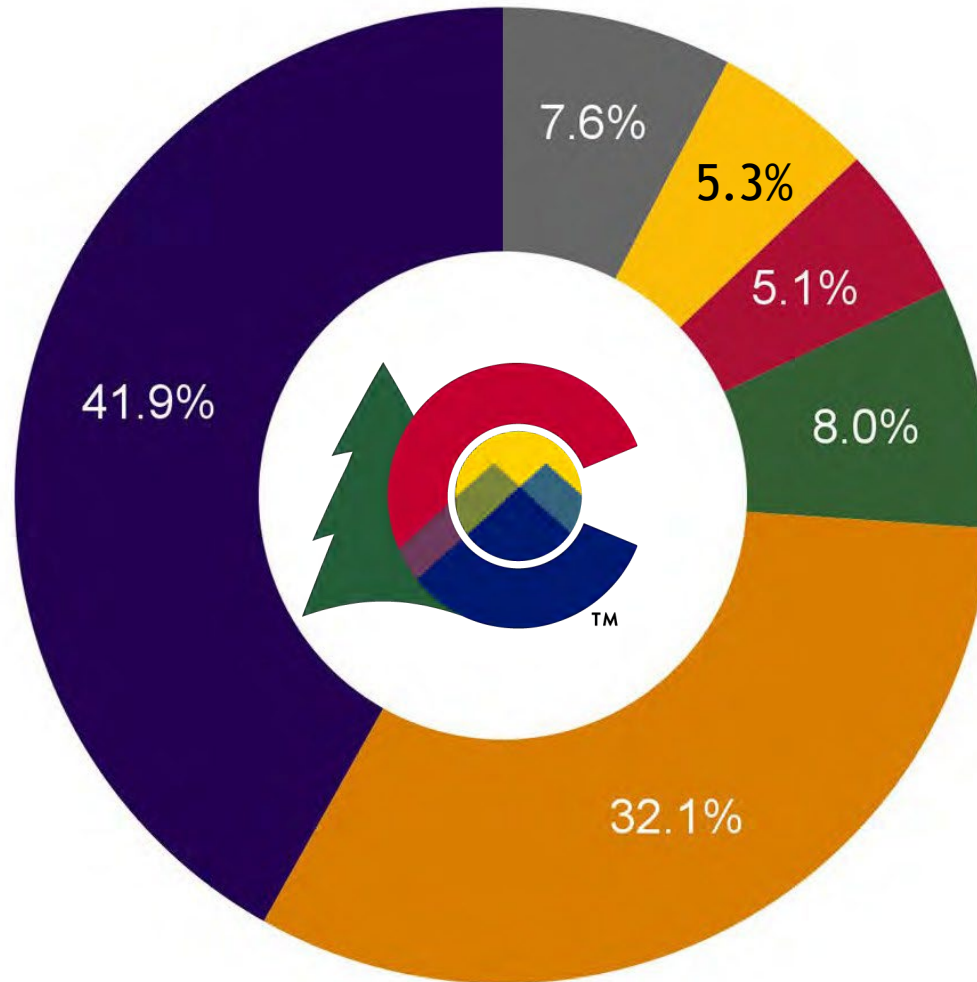
**\$652.1 million**

Fuel Taxes and Fees, vehicle registrations, traffic penalty revenue, FASTER, Retail Delivery Fee

**Bridge & Tunnel Enterprise 8.0%**

**\$163.5 million**

FASTER fees, Bridge Impact Fee, Retail Delivery Fees



**FY 2024-25**

**Other State Funds 7.6%**

**\$155.0 million**

Aviation fuel taxes, appropriated special programs, miscellaneous revenue, Clean Transit Enterprise, Nonattainment enterprise, Clean Fuels Enterprise

**Legislative Initiatives 5.3%**

**\$107.5 million**

General Fund Transfers to the State Highway Fund, Capital Development Committee funds

**Colorado Transportation Investment Office 5.1%**

**\$104.1 million**

Tolling and managed lane revenue

Graph of Funding by Percentage



# How are funds allocated?

**FY 2024-25**

**\$2,033.3 M Total**

**Multimodal Services 2.4%**  
**\$67.6 million**

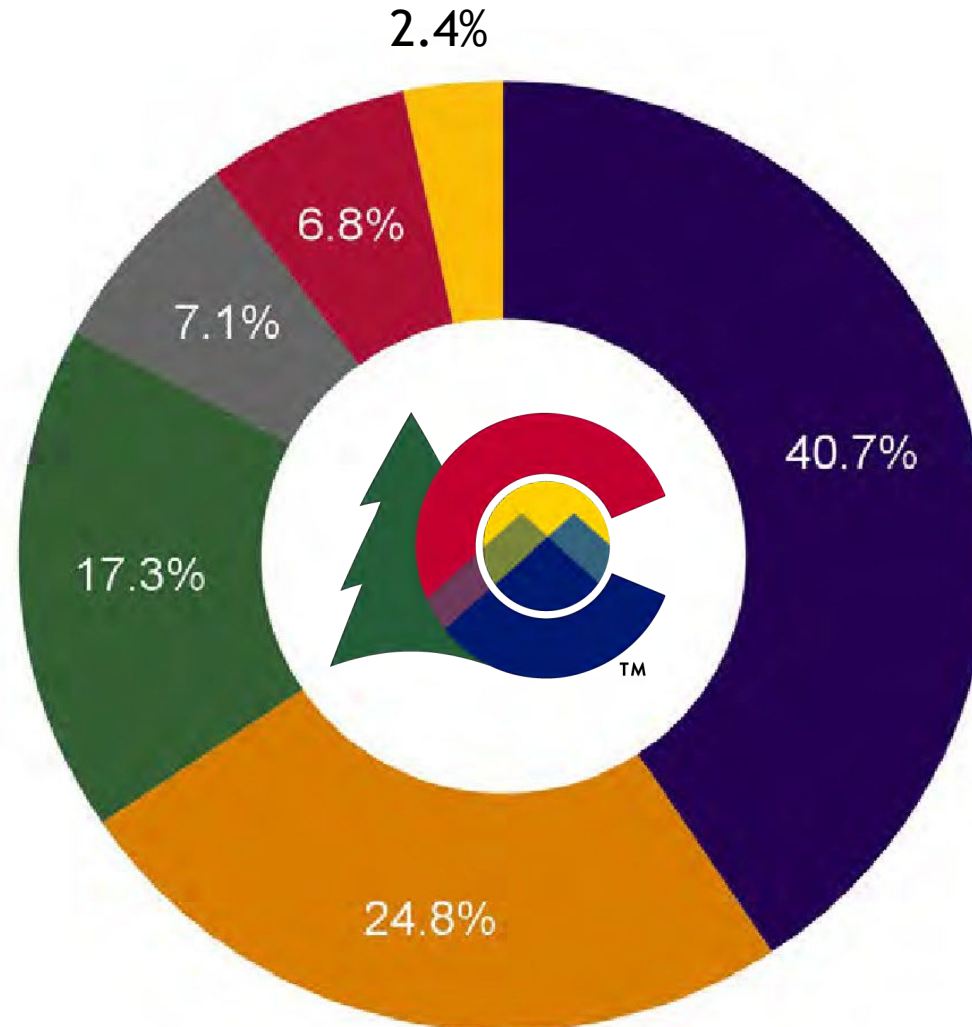
Innovative Mobility, NEVI, 10-Year Plan Projects (Transit), Rail Commission, Bustang

**Administration & Agency Operations 6.8%**  
**\$138.6 million**

Appropriated Administration budget, agency operations and project initiatives

**Other Programs, Debt Service, Contingency Funding 7.1%**  
**\$143.4 million**

State safety education, planning and research, State Infrastructure Bank, Debt Service, Contingency and Reserve funds



**Capital Construction 40.7%**  
**\$826.9 million**  
 Asset Management, Safety Programs, 10-Year Plan projects, Regional Priority Program

**Maintenance & Operations 24.8%**  
**\$505.2 million**  
 Maintenance Program Areas, Strategic Safety Program, Real-time Traffic Operations, ITS Investments

**Sub Allocated Programs 17.3%**  
**\$351.6 million**  
 Aeronautics funding, sub allocated federal programs, Revitalizing Main Streets

Graph of Allocation by Percentage



# Asset Management Funding

Funding provided to asset programs managed by CDOT:

- Pavement (SUR)
- Bridges (CBP)
- Walls (CWP)
- Culverts (CCP, CCR)
- Tunnels (CTP)
- Signals (SGA, SGN)
- ADA
- Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITI, ITS)





# Traffic and Safety Funds

Main funding sources:

- Highway Safety Improvement Program or HSIP  
= \$30M/year federal funding
- FASTER Safety = \$60M/year state-wide funding





- Local Agency Grants
  - Transportation Alternatives (TAP)
  - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMA)
  - Safe Routes to School (SAR)
  - Multi-modal Options Fund (MDF, MMA, MMM)
  - Revitalizing Main Streets (RMA, RMS, SMS)
- Federal Grants received by CDOT
  - INFRA grant to Elmores East
  - RAISE

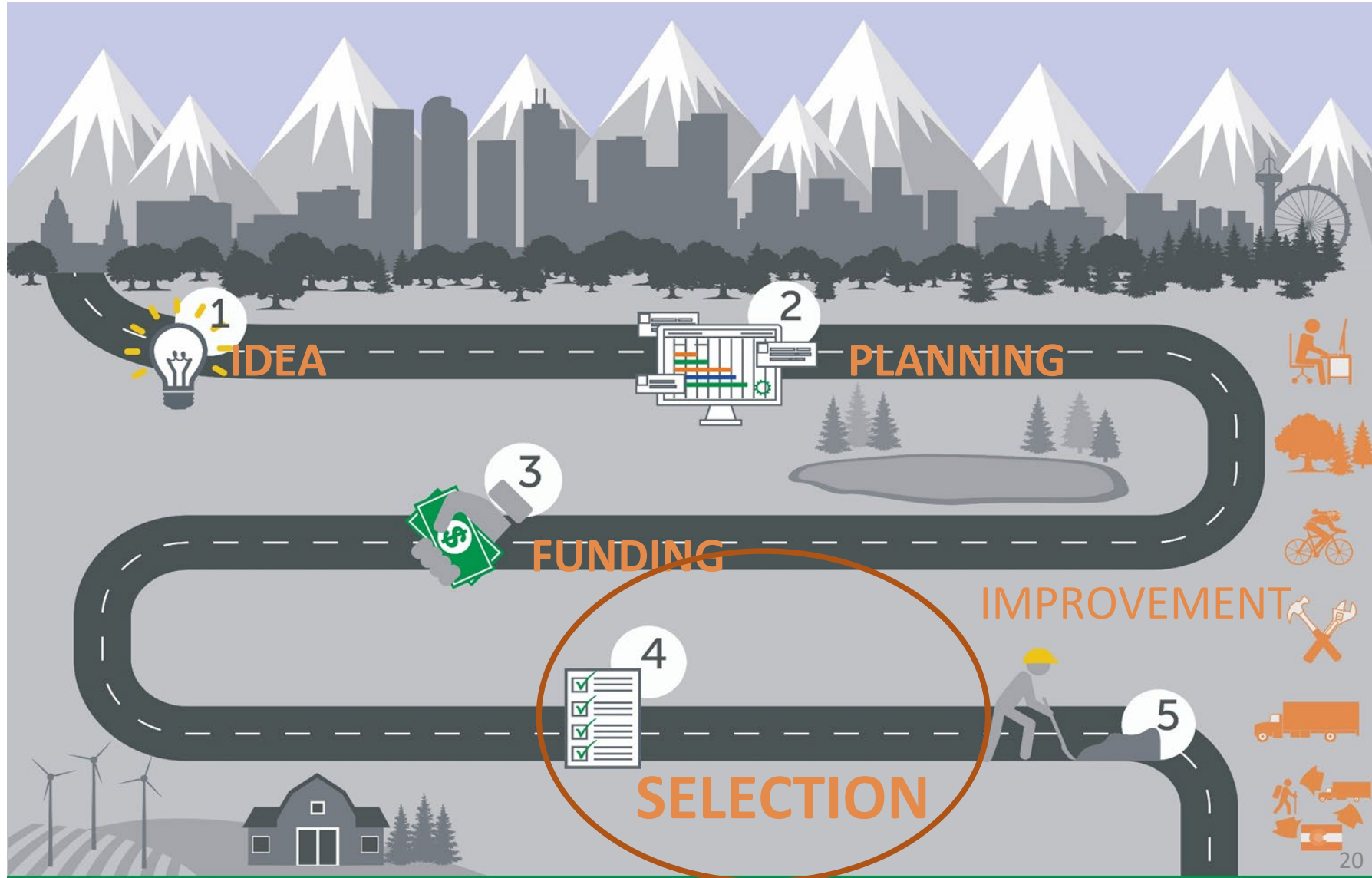


# Other Funding Types

- **Freight (FR8)** – Federal Funds given to the State and then given to the Region from HQ Freight Mobility & Safety Branch. For projects on Freight Corridors (24, 50, 160, 285, 491, 550).
- **Regional Priority Program (RPP)** – Only truly flexible funds we receive. Approximately \$3.5M per year to R5. Distribution formula to the Regions is based on population, lane miles, and truck VMT. Currently used to backfill shortages on 10-year plan projects.
- **Transportation Commission Contingency (TCC)** – Awarded by the Transportation Commission for unplanned/unfunded needs such as emergencies
- **Cost Escalation Fund (CEF)** – HQ Fund to cover scenarios where bids exceed estimates or to cover other cost escalation. Each region has a limited portion of these.
- **Operations (OPN)** – Funds from Maintenance transferred to a project.
- **Local Money (LOM)** – Funds given to CDOT from local stakeholders to deliver projects they want.



# Planning Roadmap







# Who Selects CDOT Projects?

- Technical Experts
- Regional Stakeholders
- Application Review Boards
- Lawmakers & Voters
  - Congressional Earmarks
  - Ballot Initiatives





# Asset Management Program Project Selection

- Goal: Funding is applied to the right project, for the right asset, at the right time.
- Transportation asset management helps to ensure that CDOT reaps the greatest possible return on invest.
- Federal legislation requires that each state DOT develop and implement a risk and performance-based asset management plan for preserving and improving the condition of pavements and bridges.
- The Asset Investment Management System (AIMS) is the budget and performance tool used to assess tradeoffs between various asset funding scenarios.





# Regional Stakeholder Prioritization

- Projects Selected by TPR
  - Long-Range Plan Projects
  - MMOF Projects
- Regional Priority Program (RPP)
  - Only Truly Discretionary Funds in Region 5
  - Currently being used to backfill 10-year projects.





# Competitive Applications

## Local Agency:

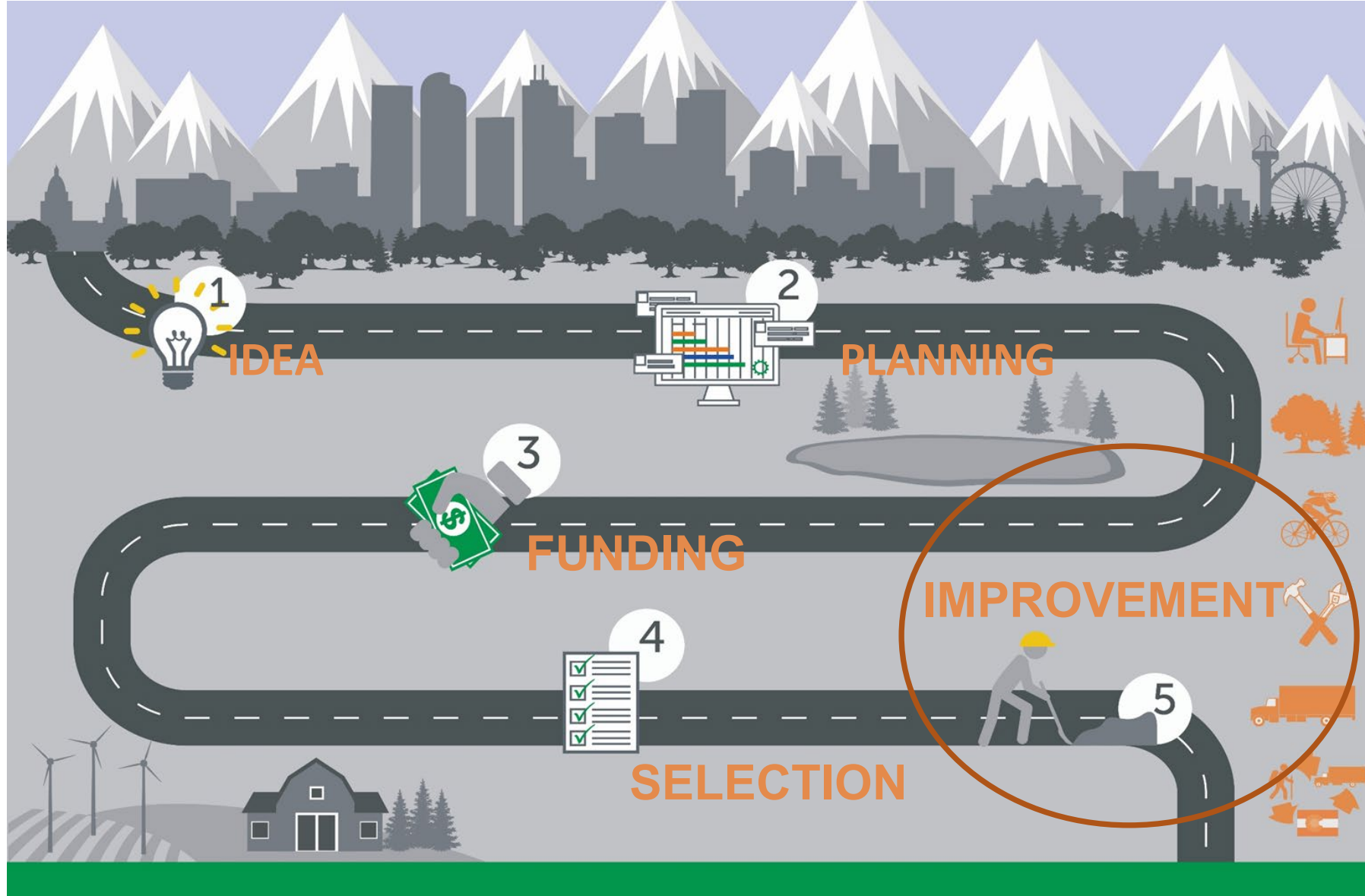
- Transportation Alternatives (TAP)
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS)
- Division of Transit and Rail (DTR)- Capital
- Off-System Bridge
- Multi-modal Options Fund (MMOF)
- Revitalizing Main Streets
- Local Agency Partnership Projects- HSIP, etc.

## Federal Grant Review Boards





# Planning Roadmap





# Planning - Questions/Comments



# **Southwest Colorado Transportation Planning Region (TPR)**

## **Bylaws**

### **ARTICLE I Responsibilities**

The Regional Transportation Planning Commission shall be responsible for reviewing the progress and product of the Colorado Department of Transportation or their designee related to transportation planning and analysis activities to incorporate the needs and recommendations of the Southwest Transportation Planning Region, suggesting updates and amendments as necessary to the State Transportation Plan pursuant to all applicable federal, tribal, and state laws and rules or regulations including public participation provisions, selecting a representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee, and participating in the State Transportation Improvement Program development process.

### **ARTICLE II Representatives 1. Seats**

The TPR shall consist of the following 19 seats:

1. Archuleta County
2. Dolores County
3. La Plata County
4. Montezuma County
5. San Juan County
6. City of Cortez
7. City of Durango
8. Town of Bayfield
9. Town of Dolores
10. Town of Dove Creek
11. Town of Ignacio
12. Town of Mancos
13. Town of Pagosa Springs
14. Town of Rico
15. Town of Silverton
16. Southern Ute Indian Tribe
17. Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe
18. Regional Transit Council
19. CDOT Region 5 Transportation Director

Each representative will identify an alternate. Only one vote per seat will be recognized.

### **3. Vacancies**

If any TPR representative shall cease to hold office on the governing board or cease to hold his or her appointed position of its Member Jurisdiction, a vacancy shall exist, and the appointing Member Jurisdiction shall fill the vacancy.

### **ARTICLE III Officers 1. Officers**

The TPR will elect a Chair and Vice Chair from among its representatives.

- A. **Chair:** The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the TPR.
- B. **Vice Chair:** The Vice Chair shall exercise the functions of the Chair in the Chair's absence or incapacity. In the event the Chairperson should resign from the TPR, or a vacancy is created, the Vice Chair shall assume the position until the next scheduled election. In the event the Vice Chair should resign from the TPR, or a vacancy is created, a special election will take place at the next scheduled TPR meeting.
- C. No person shall hold office if he/she is not a member, and no member shall hold more than one (1) office at a time.

### **2. Election of Officers:**

- A. The officers shall be elected by vote at a regularly scheduled TPR meeting to serve a term of one year or until their successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin upon adjournment of the regular meeting during which the election took place. Officers may be elected to successive one-year terms as voted on by the representatives.
- B. Elections shall be held at the first TPR meeting of every year.
- C. There are no term limits for the Chair position.

### **3. Removal, Resignations and Vacancies of Officers**

Any Officer elected by the Board may be removed at any time by the Board by a two-thirds vote. Any Officer may resign at any time by giving written notice of the Officer's resignation to the Chair or Vice Chair, and acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective unless the notice so provides. Any vacancy occurring in any Officer position shall be filled, by succession or by special election by the Board, for the unexpired portion of the term.



#### **4. Duties of Officers**

The Chair and Vice-Chair along with representatives of the two Tribes will attend monthly STAC meetings as able. The Chair will hold the SW Colorado vote at STAC meetings. In the Chair's absence, the Vice Chair will be able to vote. Once elected Chair, this person will be considered to represent regional interests and will only be able to vote in TPR meeting in the event of a tie. The governmental entity that appointed the person named Chair will be able to appoint a voting member to the TPR.

### **ARTICLE IV Meetings 1. Regular Meetings**

A regular meeting of the TPR shall be held on the second Thursday of even numbered months (February, April, June, August, October, December). Meetings will be held at the CDOT Training Room, 20581 US Highway 160 West, Durango, CO between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., unless otherwise noted in the meeting agenda, and will include a conference call option for participants who wish to call in. With prior approval of the TPR board, representatives may vote via electronic means. All Board and committee meetings shall be open to the public and interested participants are encouraged to attend. All Board and committee meetings shall comply with the Colorado Open Meetings Law, C.R.S. 24-6-401 et seq, or any successor statute thereto. Executive sessions may be held in compliance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law, or any successor statute thereto.

#### **2. Special Meetings**

The Chair may call a special meeting, including a virtual meeting if necessary, outside of the regular meeting schedule with seven days' notice provided to the Commission and the public.

#### **3. Public Notice of Meetings**

Public notices of meetings will be posted at the Region 9 office and website and shall otherwise comply with the Colorado Open Meetings Law.

The administrator, Region 9 EDD, shall be responsible to make meeting agendas and meeting minutes available to the public by distributing electronically to the TPR Contact List, posting them on the Commission website and making a link available to

CDOT for posting on CDOT's planning website. The agendas shall include a set time to receive public comment on topics not included in the agenda.

### **ARTICLE V Voting 1. Vote**

Decisions will be made through consensus whenever possible. If a vote is needed, a motion may be passed by a simple majority of votes cast by the TPR members in attendance.

Voting may be conducted by persons in attendance or by proxy, provided that the quorum has been met among those present. Voting may be conducted electronically during a special virtual meeting, [provided that a majority of members in attendance agree to an electronic vote. ]

### **2. Allocation of Voting Rights**

A Member Jurisdiction's representative shall be entitled to one (1) vote on all matters that may be cast by the representative or alternate representative if the representative is absent. Advisory Members' representatives are not entitled to vote.

### **3. Quorum**

A quorum shall consist of 10 (ten) members.

## **ARTICLE VI Committees**

The direction and authority of subgroups or committees will be determined upon their formation.

### **Article VII. Administration and Finance**

Region 9 EDD shall provide administrative support as outlined in the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Southwest Transportation Planning Commission.

### **Article VIII. Conflicts of Interest**

Whenever a member has cause to believe that a matter to be voted upon would involve the member in a conflict of interest, the member shall announce the conflict of interest and abstain from voting on such matter.

**ARTICLE IX Amendment**

These Bylaws may be amended by 2/3 majority vote of the representatives present in either regular or special session.

Amended: February 8, 2024

Amended: April 11, 2024

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Chair signature

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Chair's printed name



**SWTPR- RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS**

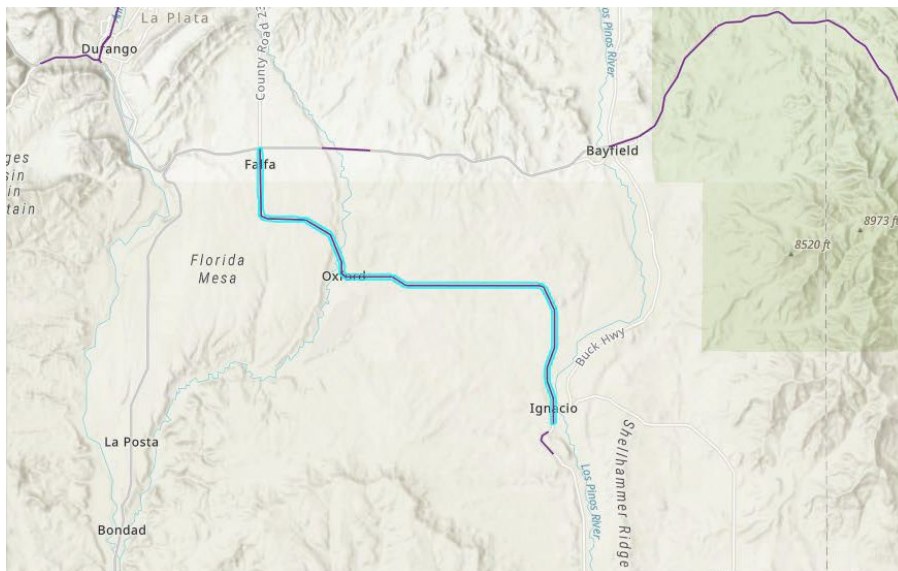
**US 172 Ignacio to Elmore's Corner- 24092**

Budget: \$19 million

Funding Type: Surface Treatment, Culverts, Structures

Awarded: Oldcastle SW Group, Inc.

This project was located on SH 172 at approximate MP 8.3 to 24.5, from Ignacio to the Elmore's Corner intersection of SH 172 and US 160. The work included a 16.2-mile surface treatment along with ADA ramp improvements in the Town of Ignacio. Construction began on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and was completed in February 2024.



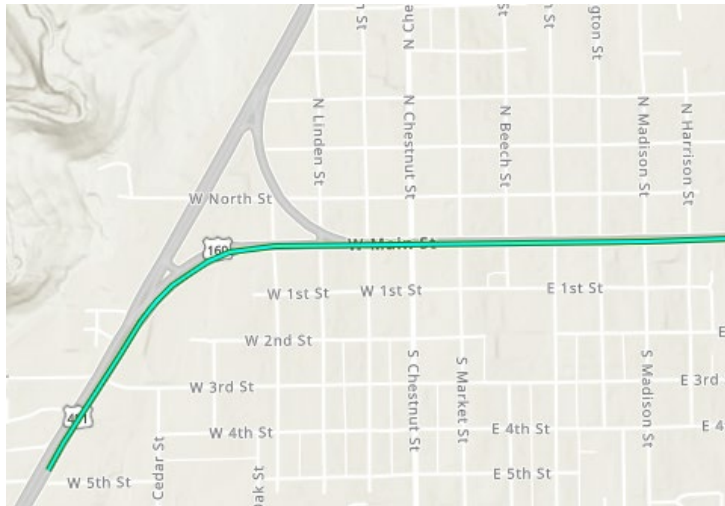
**US 160 Signals at SH 145 & Chestnut Street- 24772**

Budget: \$2 million

Funding Type: Traffic & Safety, Signals

Awarded: Bixby Electric, Inc.

This project was located on US 160 in the City of Cortez, in Montezuma County. The project work consisted of signal improvements at the intersection of US 160 and SH 145, as well as the intersection of US 160 and Chestnut Street. Work included the replacement of old existing traffic signals, poles and electronics. This project began on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and was completed in January 2024.



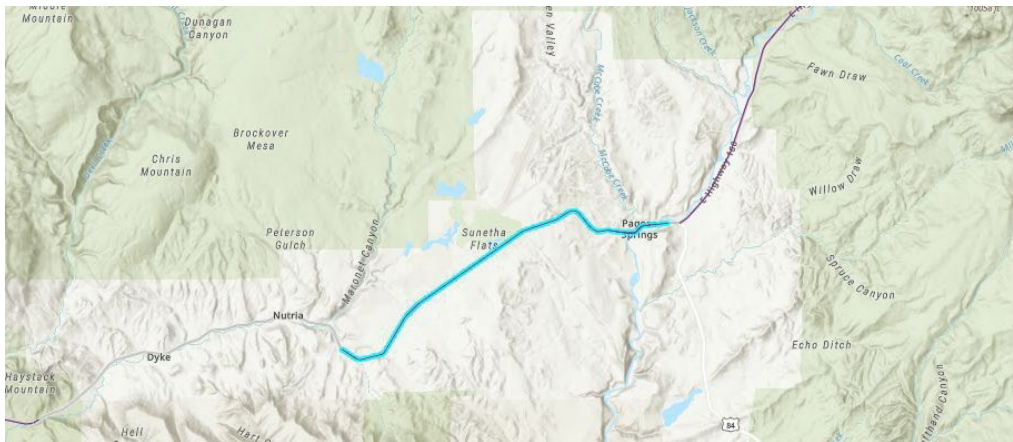
**US 160 West of Pagosa MP 135- 144 ST- 23505**

Budget: \$12.6 million

Funding: SUR, Safety, FSA, HAZ, Culverts

Awarded: Oldcastle SW Group, Inc.

This surface treatment project was located on US 160 in the Town of Pagosa Springs, approximate MP 135 to 144. Work included a 1" surface treatment leveling course and a 1.5" SMA overlay as well as a 2.5" mill and fill at intersection locations with curb and gutter construction. Additional work included culvert and guardrail replacement and re- striping. This project began on May 15, 2023 and was completed in December 11, 2023.



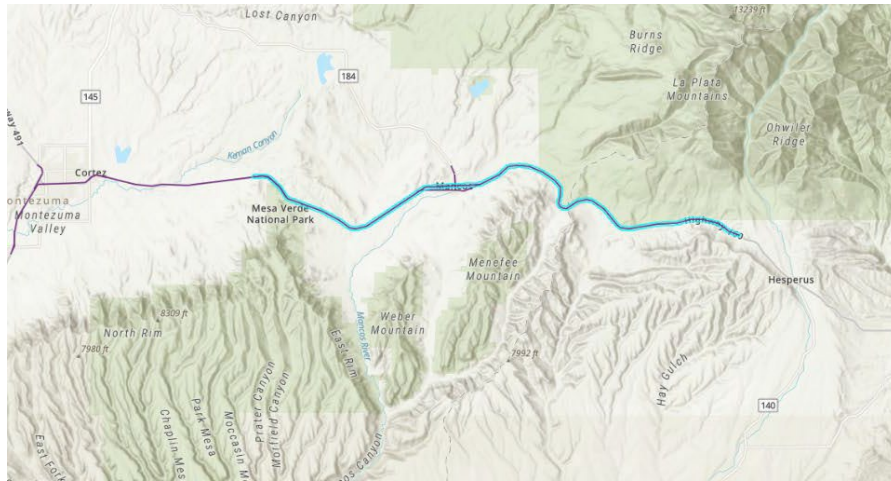
**US 160 Section 3 Priority Culverts- 23191**

Budget: \$2.6 million

Funding Type: Structures

Awarded: American West Construction, LLC

This project was located on US 160, starting in Montezuma County, at approximate MP47, and continuing East to several locations up to a culvert on Wolf Creek Pass. A number of Priority culverts were repaired or replaced. This project began on May 15, 2023, and was completed on December 15, 2023.

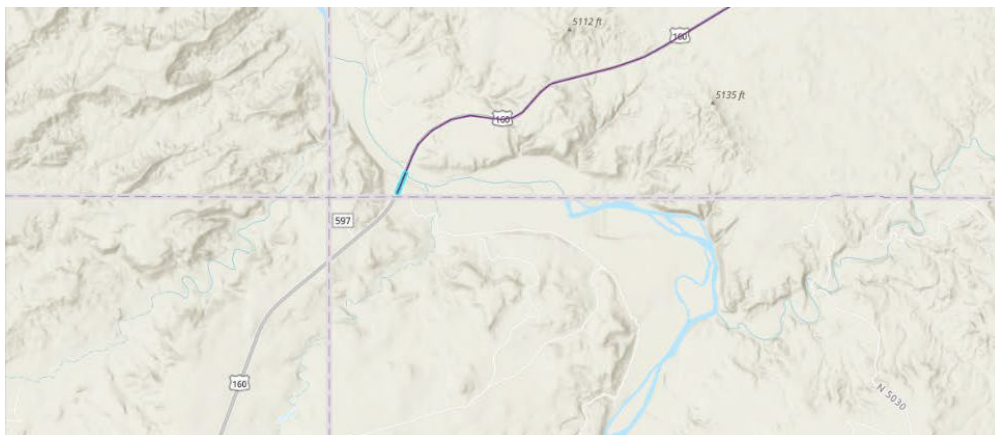


## **SWTPR- CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **US 160 San Juan River MP 0.8 & Aztec- 20685**

Budget: \$3.2 million  
 Funding Type: BR  
 Awarded: Meridian

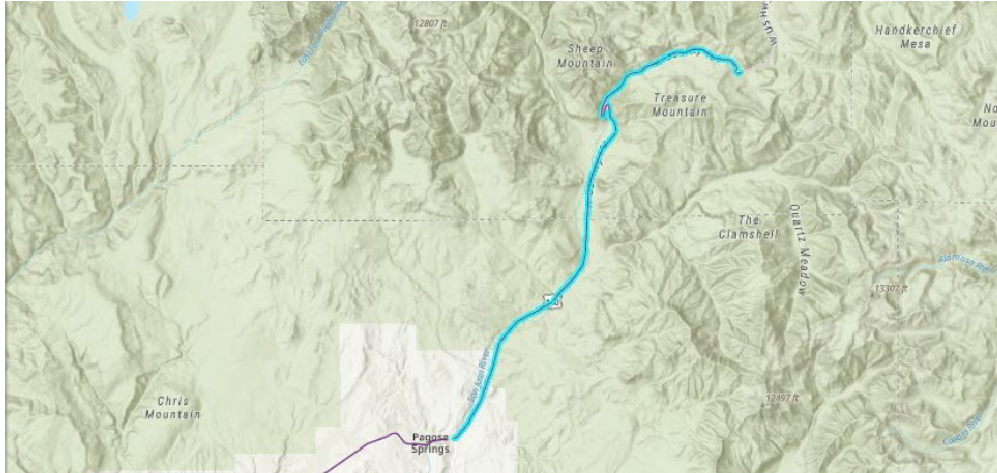
This project is located on US 160 at the Colorado/ New Mexico state line, approximate MP 0. The project will provide scour protection for the San Juan River Bridge which will help contain the increase in runoff. Improvements to a second bridge at Aztec Creek have also been added to the project scope. This project began on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 with a tentative completion date in April 2024.



### **US 160 Wolf Creek West Fiber- 22107**

Budget: \$12 million  
 Funding Type: Traffic  
 Awarded: Paonia

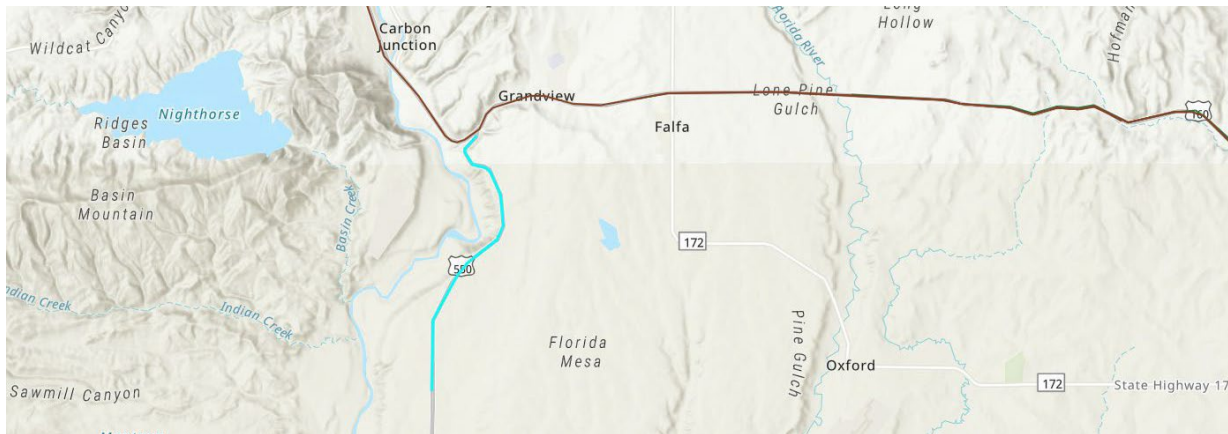
This project will take place on US 160 Wolf Creek Pass from approximate MP 153- 168, within Archuleta and Mineral Counties. Conduit, fiber optic cables and manholes will be installed on the western side of Wolf Creek Pass, from the summit down to Pagosa Springs. The project will also install ITS devices such as variable speed limits tied to friction sensors, a downhill truck warning system for the west side of the pass, and additional cameras. Due to contractor issues, this project was on hold for a period of time. The second season of construction started in May 2023 and is anticipated to be complete in fall 2024.



**US 550/160 Connection South Design- Build- 22420**

Budget: \$112 million (estimated total cost)  
 Funding Type: FASTER/ SB 267/ SUR/ RPP  
 Awarded: Lawrence Construction Co.

This project is focused on the US 550 connection to US 160 in La Plata County. The connection will realign US 550 directly into the existing US 160 interchange, eliminating the steep and windy grade of the current US 550 Farmington Hill and improving roadway geometry. The project will include wildlife highway mitigation features which will reduce animal-vehicle collisions. Both bridge structures are now constructed. Additional current work includes continued paving, deer fence installation, ROW fence installation and access gates. Construction began in August 2020 and now has an estimated completion date in spring of 2024.



**SWTPR- UPCOMING PROJECTS**

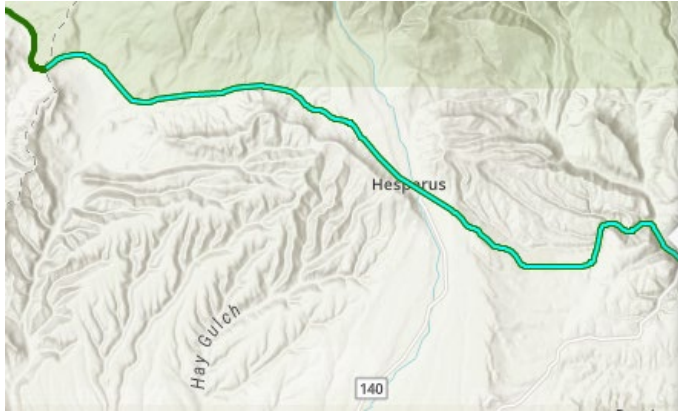
**US 160 Section 3 Chipseals- 24954**

Budget: \$8.2 million  
 Funding Type: Surface Treatment  
 Awarded: Intermountain Slurry Seal, Inc

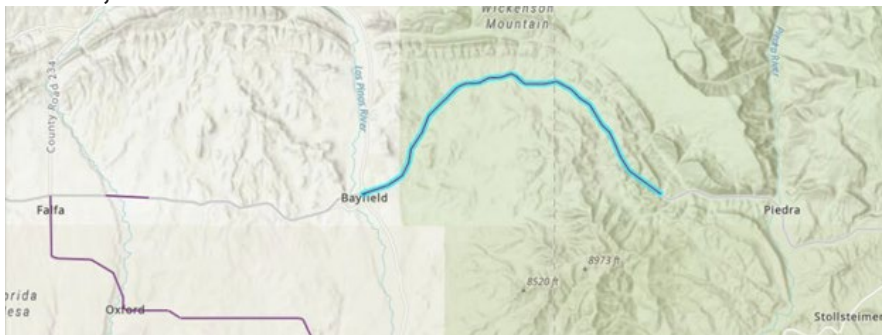
This project is a combination of 2 surface treatment projects on US 160. One is located on US 160 from Mancos Hill, Eastbound to Durango in Montezuma and La Plata Counties, approximate MP 61-81. The second location will be on US 160, at approximate MP 102.7 to 117, in-between Bayfield and

Piedra. Work will include a chipseal, fog coat, the addition of rumble strips and new pavement markings at select locations. This project has been awarded with construction tentatively anticipated for spring 2024.

**US 160, MP 61- 81**



**US 160, MP 102- 117**



**US 160 Pagosa Reconstruct- 21919**

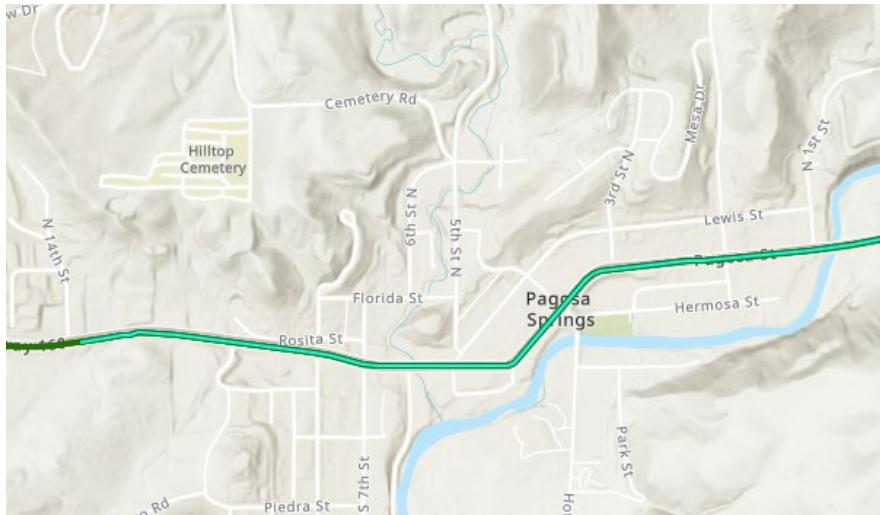
Budget: \$17 million

Funding Type: Priority

Ad Date: February 2024

This project is located on US 160 through the Town of Pagosa Springs, approximate MP 142- 144, in Archuleta County. The current scope includes improvements to US 160 Between 10th and 1st Streets. An overlay and restriping is planned from 10th Street to the west side of 8th Street with concrete reconstruction continuing from west of 8<sup>th</sup> Street to the east side of 3rd Street. Additional work will include ADA upgrades to curb ramps and sidewalks at select intersections throughout the project limits and drainage improvements. This project went to Ad in February 2024 with construction tentatively planned for spring 2024.





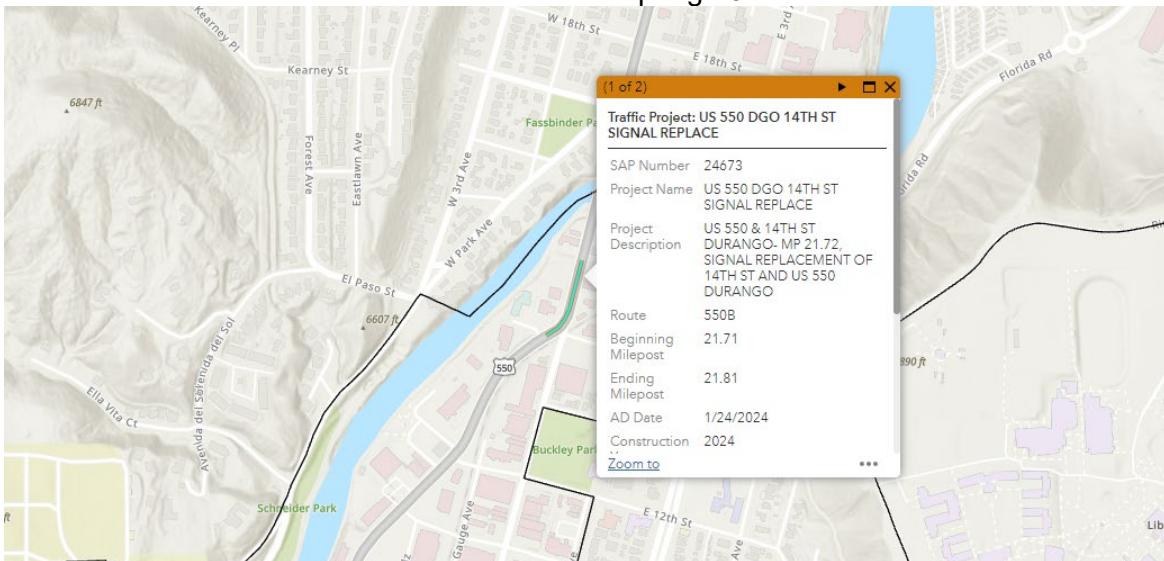
**US 550 DGO 14<sup>th</sup> St Signal Replace- 24673**

Budget: \$2.4mill

Funding Type: Traffic & Safety

Awarded: Morton Electric, Inc.

This project is located at the intersection of US 550 and 14<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Durango, approximate MP 21.8. Work will include a signal replacement and the intersection will be reconfigured to eliminate the southbound left turn, replacing it with a through lane only. This project has been awarded and construction is scheduled for spring 2024.



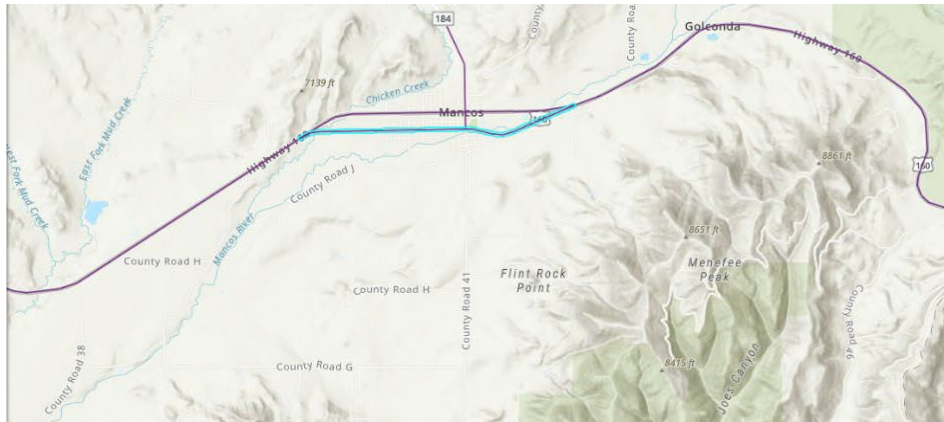
**US 160D Mancos Pedestrian Improvements- 24618**

Budget: \$2.1 million

Funding Type: ADA, Local Agency

Ad Date: October 2024

This project will take place along US 160D in the Town of Mancos, from approximate MP .8 to 1.58. Sidewalk and ADA ramp improvements will take place. Improvements will also be made to the intersection of Main Street and Bauer Street. This project is in the design phase with a tentatively scheduled Ad date in October 2024.



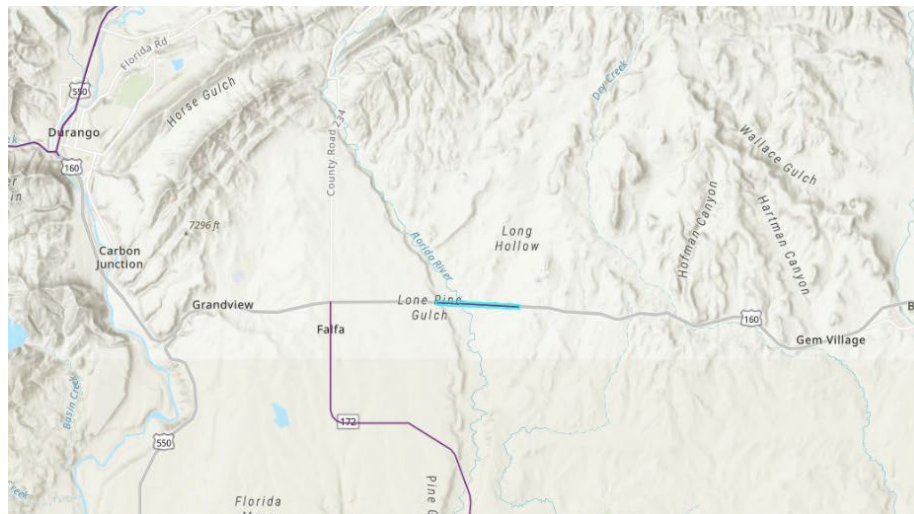
**US 160 & CR 225 MP 94.04 Improvements- 23001 (20980)**

Budget: \$34mill

Funding Type: SB267, RPP, INFRA Grant

Ad Date: CY 2026

This project will be located on US 160 at the intersection of CR 225, at approximate MP 94.05, east of Durango. The improvements at CR 225 will include the construction of a roundabout. This project schedule was pushed out to align with Grant funding opportunities and will be combined into a larger project, 20980- US 160 Elmores Corner to CR 225. The scope of work includes widening Elmores East to 5 lanes, bridge replacement at the Florida River, alternating passing lanes through the valley and the construction of wildlife crossing structures. This section of US 160 recently received an INFRA grant of \$60 million and combined with the Region’s match will become a corridor project. Region 5 is working on determining the project delivery method to be used to construct the improvements.





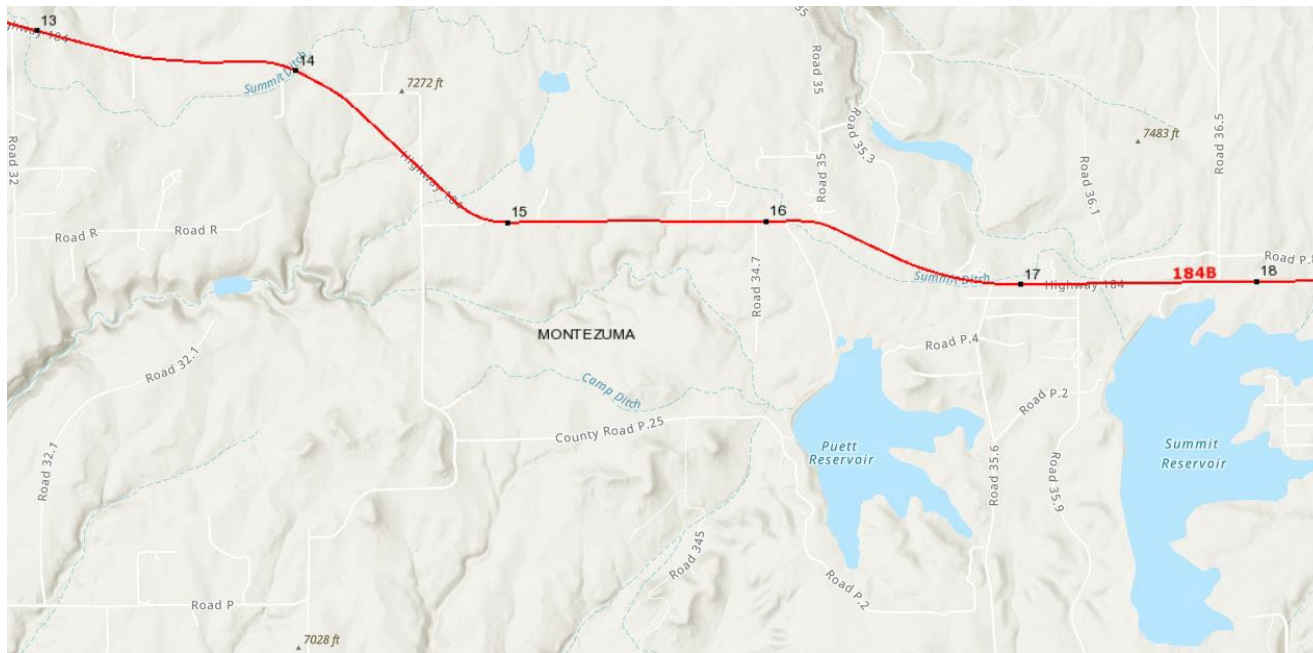
**SWTPR- FY 24 Maintenance Projects (Completed)**

**SH 184 MP 13-17**

County: Montezuma

Treatment: Chipseal

Status: Completed August 2023

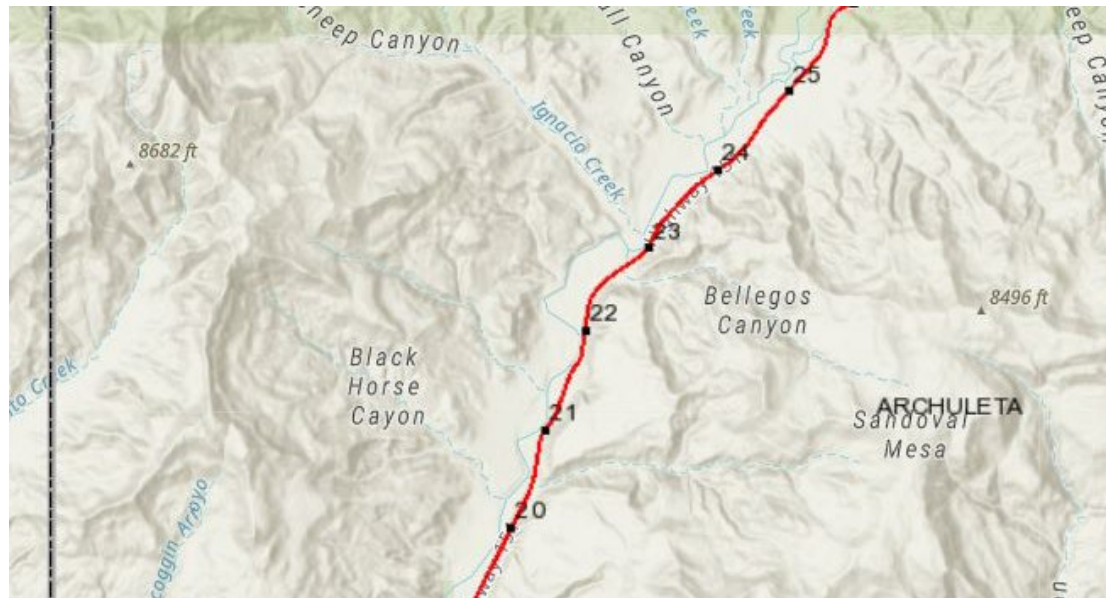


**SH 151 MP 22-22.5, 22.9-23.6**

County: Archuleta / Southern Ute Reservation

Treatment: Repave

Status: Completed August 2023

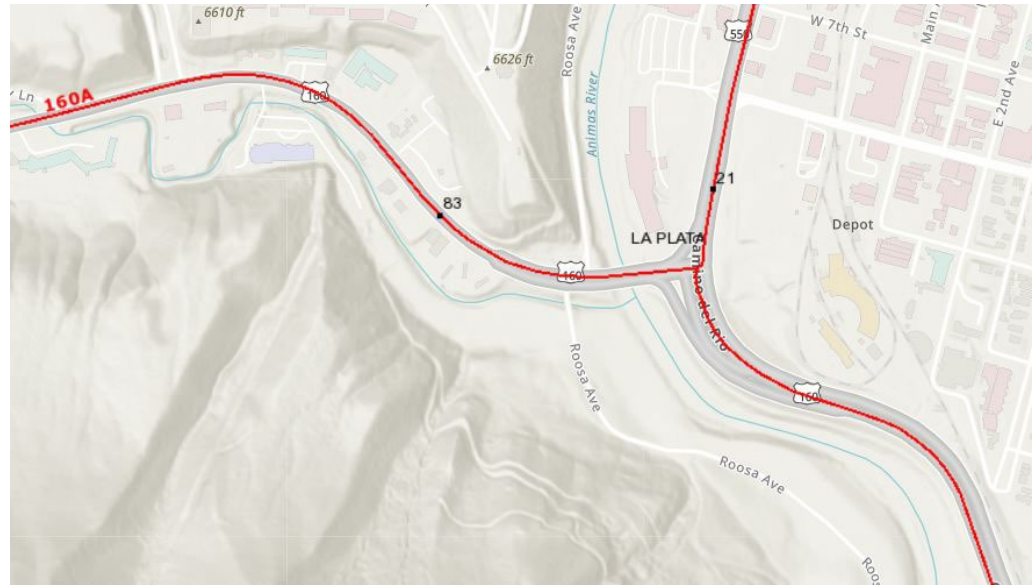


**US 160 MP 83.1 (Double Tree Bridge)**

County: La Plata

Treatment: Slab Repair

Status: Completed October 2023

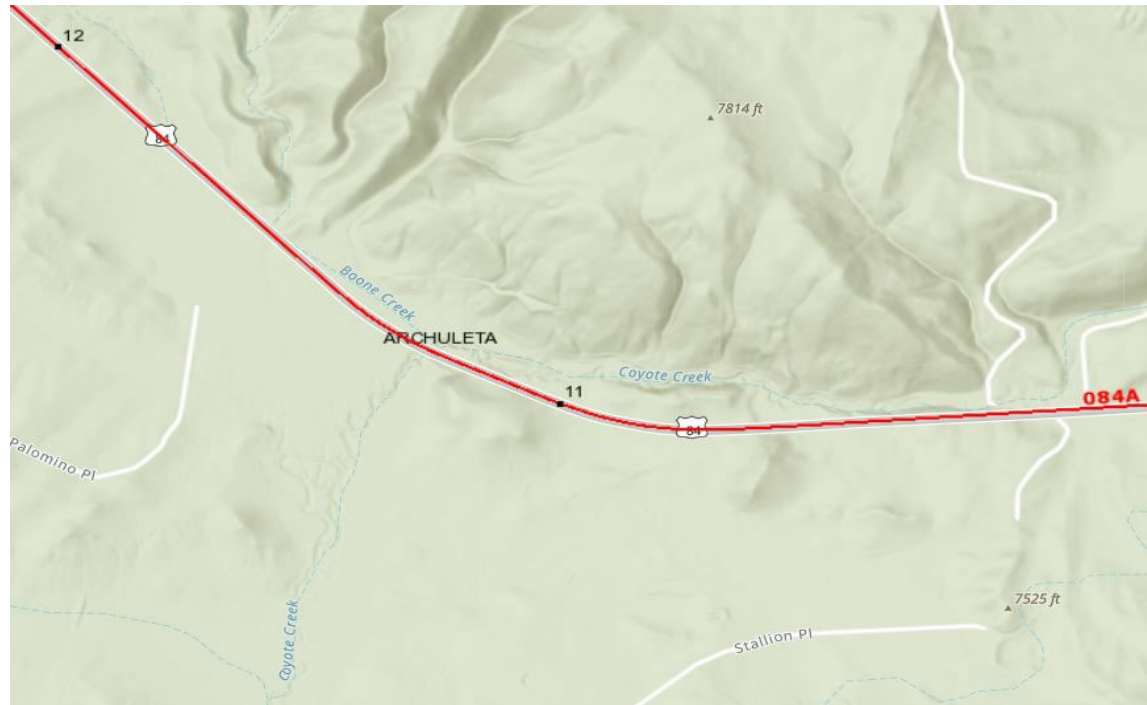


**US 84 MP 11.2 (Coyote Creek Bridge)**

County: Archuleta

Treatment: Bridge Repair

Status: Completed fall 2023

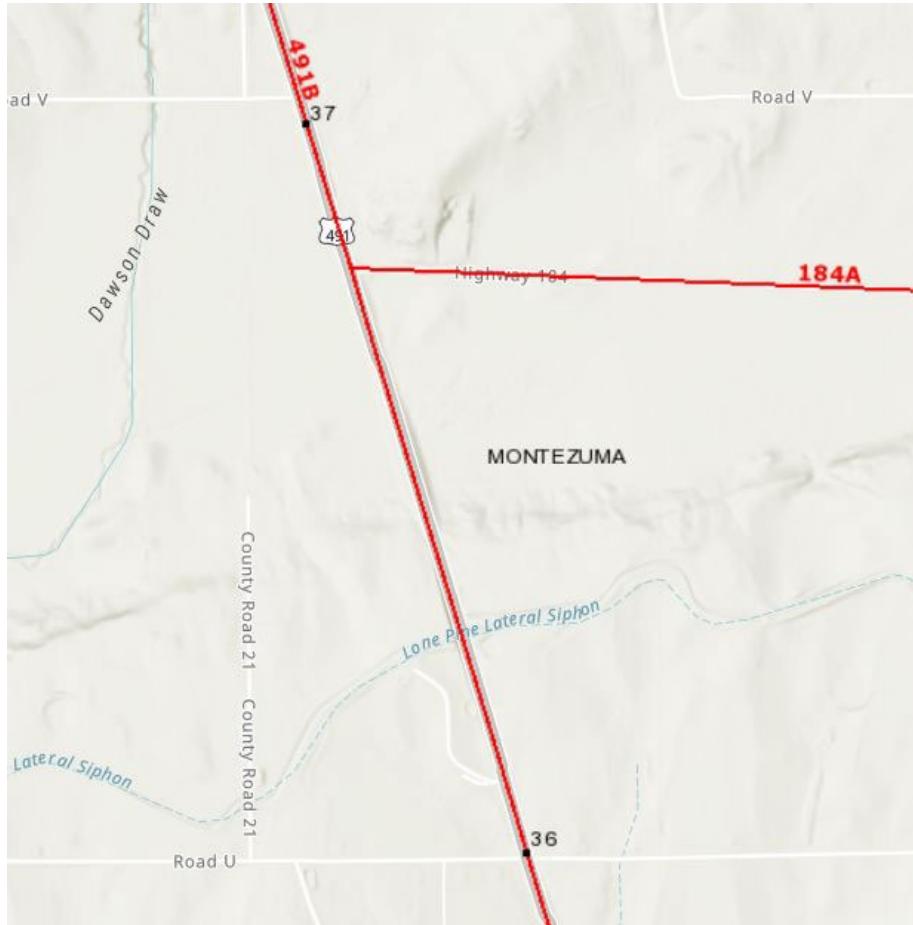


**US 491 MP 36.7**

County: Montezuma

Treatment: Cure-in-place Culvert Lining

Status: Completed fall 2023



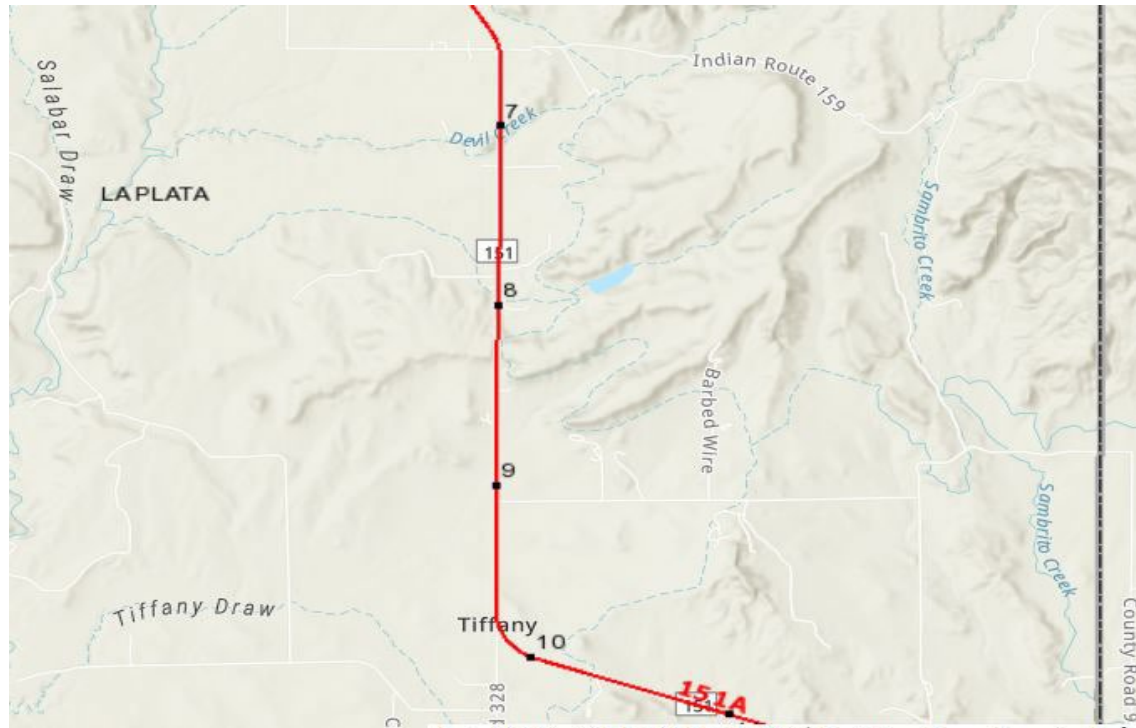
CDOT MTCE PROJECT STATUS  
UPDATE

**SH 151 MP 7.2**

County: La Plata / Southern Ute Reservation

Treatment: Irrigation Culvert Replacement

Status: Completed fall 2023



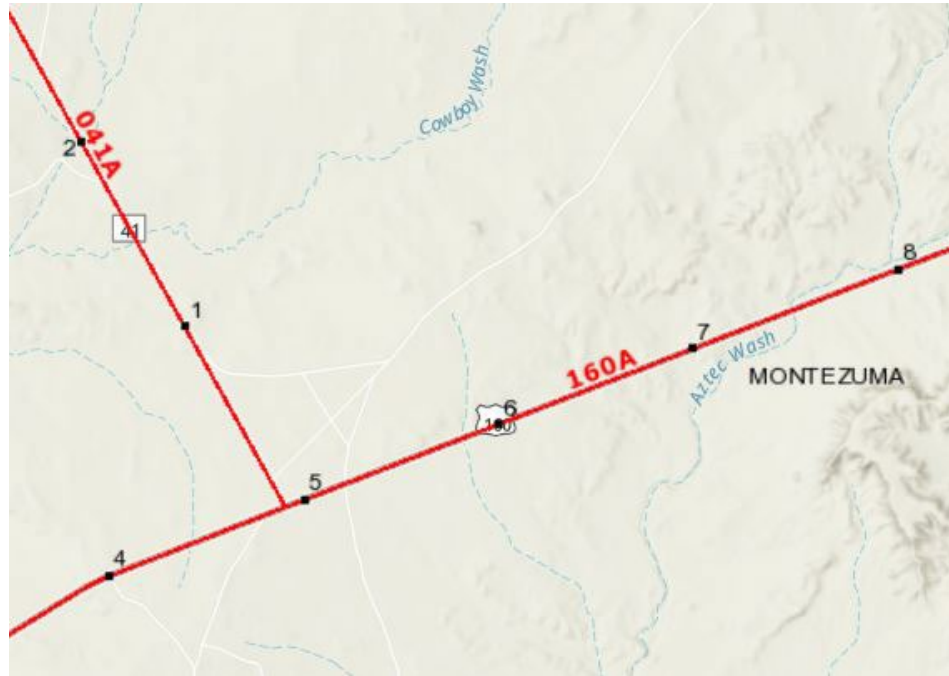


**US 160 MP 6.9**

County: Montezuma / Ute Mountain Ute Reservation

Treatment: Guardrail Repair/Highway Paving (Truck Crash/Fire), Reopened Hwy after 12 hrs

Status: Completed October 2023



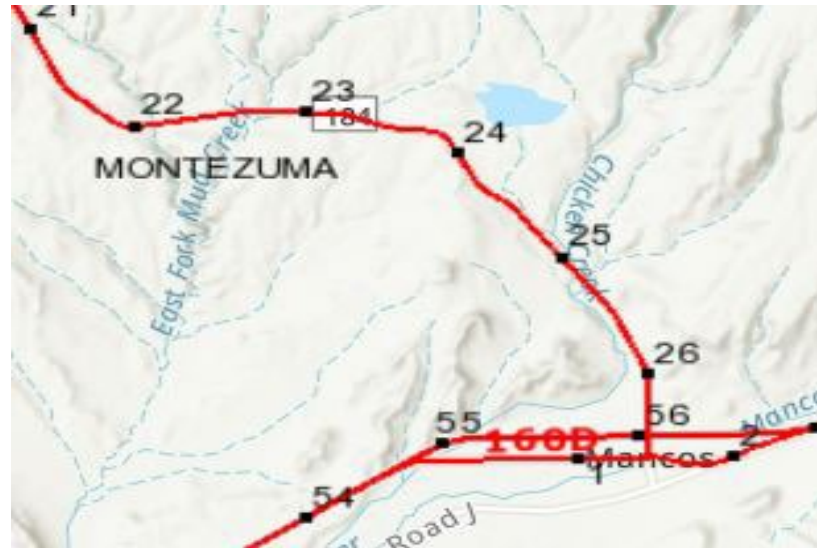
## SWTPR- FY 24 Maintenance Projects (Upcoming)

### SH 184 MP 21-24

County: Montezuma

Treatment: Chipseal

Status: Tentatively Scheduled for April - June 2024



**US 550 MP 7-11.8**

County: La Plata

Treatment: Chipseal

Status: Tentatively Scheduled for April-June 2024



**SH 172 MP 0-7**

County: La Plata / Southern Ute Reservation

Treatment: Chipseal

Status: Tentatively Scheduled for April-June 2024



CDOT MTCE PROJECT STATUS  
UPDATE

**Section 3 FY 24 MTCE Culverts**

Counties: Archuleta, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan, Dolores

Treatment: 14 In-Kind Culvert Replacements

Status: Tentatively Scheduled for March - June 2024

Locations: US 550 MP 10, 31.5, 58.4, 78.3, 79.9  
SH 41 MP 4.1, 4.2, 5.2, 8.5  
SH 145 MP 56.2, 57.4, 57.5  
SH 151 MP 6.9, 7.1, 8.1, 27.8



# CDOT R5 GRANTS UPDATE

- **Revitalizing Main Streets (RMS)**
  - Currently Open for Small Multimodal & Economic Resiliency
  - Max \$250K per project; Min \$10K
  - Closes 4/24/24
- **Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF)**
  - Draft Application Form has been developed and reviewed by Region 5
  - Next call for projects likely in May-June 2024
  - To be awarded by the TPR
- **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)**
  - 3-year Call for Projects (FY24-FY26) closed last year.
  - Mancos and Silverton were award winners within SWTPR
  - Next call anticipated in spring 2026



# CDOT R5 GRANTS UPDATE - Continued

- **Safe Routes to School (SRS)**
  - Next Grant Period to open August 2024
- **Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ)**
  - Only available for use in Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County
  - Next call for projects likely in April 2024
  - Anticipated amount available - \$700k
- **Federal Opportunities**
  - Bridge Investment Program - Currently Open, closes 8/01/24
  - Bus and Bus Facilities Program - Currently Open, closes 4/25/24
  - Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) - Currently Open, closes 5/16/2024
  - Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program - Currently Open, closes 6/17/24