

## **Southwest Transportation Planning Region Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 9:00 am**

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

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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. Reports</b>   | <b>9:15 am</b>  |
| 1. STAC Update  |                 |
| 2. Transportation Commissioner Report – Mark Garcia                   |                 |
| 3. Congressional Updates  |                 |
| <b>D. Decision/Discussion Items</b>                                   | <b>9:45 am</b>  |
| 1. Resolution 2023-01 extending 23709 24004 Bayfield SUP Improvements |                 |
| <b>E. CDOT Reports</b>  | <b>10:45 am</b> |
| 1. Construction Update - Kevin Curry                                  |                 |
| <b>F. Other Business</b>  | <b>11:00 am</b> |
| 1. Updates – Round Robin  |                 |
| <b>G. Adjourn</b>   |                 |

## Southwest Transportation Planning Region Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 9:00 am

### A. Introductions

Elected Representatives		Guests			
x	Kevin Bruce	Archuleta County	Kevin Pogue	Archuleta County	
	Ronnie Maez	Archuleta County Alt.	x	Jamie Grim	CDOT
x	Brian Peckins	City of Cortez	x	Jennifer Allison	CDOT
x	Kevin Kissler	City of Cortez Alt.	x	Julie Constan	CDOT
x	Sarah Hill	City of Durango		Kevin Curry	CDOT
	Allison Baker	City of Durango Alt.	x	Tim Funk	CDOT
	Steve Garchar	Dolores County	x	TJ Burr	CDOT
	Linda Yellowman	Dolores County Alt.	x	Tony Cady	CDOT
x	Clyde Church	La Plata County	x	Melissa Lewis	CDOT
	Chuck Stevens	La Plata County Alt.		Drew Sanders	City of Cortez
x	Jim Candelaria	Montezuma County	x	Scott Baker	City of Cortez
	Kent Lindsay	Montezuma County Alt.	x	Naomi Dobbs	Congresswoman Boebert's Office
	Pete Maisel	San Juan County		Alisa Schultz	Dolores County
	Willy Tookey	San Juan County Alt.		Margaret Daves	Dolores County
	Mary Eagle	Southern Ute Indian Tribe	x	Laura Lewis Marchino	Region 9 EDD
	Roman Seibel	So. Ute Indian Tribe Alt.	x	Shak Powers	Region 9 EDD
x	Katie Sickles	Town of Bayfield		John Whitney	Senator Bennet's Office
	Nicole Killian	Town of Bayfield Alt.	x	Helen Katich	Senator Hickenlooper's Office
x	Ken Charles	Town of Dolores		Barbara McLachlan	Co. House of Representatives
	Leigh Reeves	Town of Dolores Alt.		Patrick Davis	SW Center for Independence
x	Mark Garcia	Town of Ignacio		Gloria Kaasch-Buerger	Town of Silverton
	Jeremy Mickey	Town of Ignacio Alt.	x	Herman Stockinger	CDOT
x	Heather Alvarez	Town of Mancos Alt.	x	Mike McVaugh	HDR
	Richard Tokar	Town of Mancos	x	Phil Van Hake	CDOT
x	Greg Schulte	Town of Pagosa Springs			
	Matt DeGuisse	Town of Pagosa Springs			
	Lucy Mulvihill	Town of Silverton			
	Todd Bove	Town of Silverton Alt.			

Sarah Hill called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

### B. Consent Agenda

1. Previous Meeting Minutes' approval

**Motion from Clyde Church to approve the minutes as presented.**

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

2. Financial Report approval

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

**Second: Greg Schulte; Motion passed unanimously.**

## C. Reports

### 1. TPR Study Update – Herman Stockinger

Herman reported to the group that HB 1101 required a study of the transportation regions which CDOT hadn't looked at for a long time. There are 10 rural TPRs and maps are on the CDOT website. A survey is underway to gather input with questions based on whether the respondent is a general citizen or actively engaged with the TPR. The group was encouraged to fill out the survey by August 31<sup>st</sup>. An advisory committee was put together. It is not representative of all the TPRs but meant to provide general advice. Takeaways include:

- Looking at the IGAs and bylaws for the TPRs. Not every TPR has them. SWTPR has a good set of IGAs and bylaws.
- TPRs are public bodies so CDOT is asking questions about membership, meetings, voting, website – just looking at best practices.
- TPR boundaries were created 30 years ago.
- In looking at the TPR and CDOT region maps, crash numbers, commuters etc. were looked at.
- Region geographies are based on the movement of goods, natural geography, and transit corridors. Herman cited some great data available on the CDOT website and in the presentation including commuter origin and destination of travelers.
- CDOT will sit down with TPRs first before any recommendations are made. Draft recommendations will be released in early Oct.

Comments:

- Some boundaries are due to mountain passes and maps don't show that.
- How often are boundaries looked at? – There is a cursory review required to look at when there is an update to the statewide plan....so every 5 years.
- The new transportation plan update begins next summer.
- What does the legislation require?
- Discussed regions aligned with Councils of Governments. Many COGs oversee transportation planning in addition to a lot of other programs.
- La Plata and Montrose County are the population centers in CDOT Region 5 (Engineering region) – no recommendations for changes.

### 2. STAC Update—Jim Candelaria

No one was able to attend in July but in August Jim Candelaria and Mary Eagle (S. Ute Tribe) attended in person. Tim Funk and Herman were also there.

Jim provided an overview of the August meeting which revolved around the formula for Regional Priority Project (RPP) funding, the most discretionary funding source for regions.

- Had a professional facilitator who kept the meeting focused and on track, even though the discussion lasted over 2 hours.

- Questions about what data should be used for population numbers. CDOT used the 2020 census. Why don't we use the State Demography data? The group voted on 2020 data.
- Discussion about how CDOT arrived at the current formula.
- STAC agreed that the RPP pot of funding needed to be doubled to 100 million. RPP- only pot of money to solve problems. Everyone is looking at how much money they get.
- Herman commented that lane miles reported to the federal government do not include acceleration or deceleration lanes and ramps. DRCOG was in favor of adding this to the lane mile calculation which would give their region more money.
- STAC members took 3 votes...on three recommendations and came back to the 2019 distribution percentage. Only the weight of 15% of vehicle miles traveled stayed the same across the three options. the SWTPR RPP amount went up to 8% from 7.04% and will get another \$500,000 once approved by Transportation Commission

Comments:

The 2019 recommendation was previously not approved by the Transportation Commission. What can we expect moving forward?

- The Transportation Commission has mostly urban-based commissioners. There will be 3-6 new commissioners and a different discussion will likely occur. Typically, the Commissioners are influenced by the interests of their region.
- The RPP formula proposal will go to the Commission in early 2024.
- Jim will be driving his car in the future as the air travel was difficult with cancellations.
- TPR reps are communicating very well. Jim and Sarah did their homework and voted in the best interest of TPR. It was great to have the extra vote of the S. Ute Representative.

**3. Transportation Commissioner Report – Mark Garcia**

It was a quiet meeting in July. There is turnover of Transportation Commissioners, and the group is waiting on the Governor's appointments. Mark is continuing to work with the Broadband subcommittee. looking at fiber fees in the ROW. He mentioned that outreach to the TPRs has been great and the variety of maps extremely helpful. There is still grant funding available around clean transit enterprise. Enterprise funds from SB260 are rolling into a 10-year plan. The Transportation Commission will determine how much is available.

**4. Legislative Updates**

Helen Katich with Senator Hickenlooper's Office provided an update.

- Several regional projects are in the Federal spending bill draft. All projects have been contacted. Included projects total \$80M which reflects a much smaller number of projects than last year. Our area projects include Police and emergency -Cortez; Corbett Creek- Ouray; social service and housing projects – Ignacio. The complete list is on Hickenlooper's website.
- Go to the Senate Appropriations committee website to see everything that has been included in the spending bills.
- Working on several letters of support for CDOT...can ask if interested in those grant programs.

- Senator Hickenlooper's Office hired a replacement for Helen who will start in September. Lisa Pool, who has experience in public lands and is knowledgeable about the area, Helen believes will be a good fit. Helen is transitioning to Washington DC.
- Any idea if congressionally directed spending will happen again? Helen said the amounts over the last three years have been declining from \$100M, \$120M, \$80M and DC is appearing to seek a balance. Senator Hickenlooper continues to advocate that this funding for community projects is really urgent.

Naomi Dobbs with Congresswomen Boebert's Office was unable to attend.

## D. CDOT Reports

### 1. Construction Update

Tim Funk provided the report for Kevin Curry who was attending the Gunnison Valley TPR meeting.

#### **US Hwy 160 McCabe Creek**

- This project is completed after three seasons.

#### **US 172 Ignacio to Elmore's Corner**

- Milling is wrapping up and there will be one mile lane closes to work on a box culvert round mile six. The project is making its way along Hwy 172

#### **US 160 Signals at SH145 and Chestnut**

- In shut down as waiting on traffic signal poles that were ordered and delayed.

#### **Pagosa 160 projects**

- Installing Hwy 160 signal poles at night so they do not impact traffic in shut down.
- There are some growing pains with the new stripping. Trying to slow people down and implement this safety improvement. It is a sun glare zone.
- Recognize they have been in Pagosa a lot with construction fatigue.
- There are traffic delays west of town

#### **Priority Culvert replacements**

Nine culverts are on the list for replacement. One has been completed between Bayfield and Pagosa Springs. Crews are now working on the top of Wolf Creek and then going to Bayfield and Southfork.

#### **US 160 Wolf Creek West fiber**

- should be wrapping up conduit installation in the next week or so.
- Caissons will be installed in Sept and then concrete.
- Overall looking at structural stuff this season and testing over winter.
- Conduit going in but not sure status of arcadian fiber

#### **US 550 MP Bluepoint Avalanche Mitigation**

CDOT is placing an ignition system on top of Red Mountain and surrounding area with the goal to not have staff trigger avalanche slides manually. Helicopters are dropping in supplies and there have been traffic delays. CDOT has done similar projects such as on Lizard Head and it has worked really well to trigger avalanches remotely.

## 2. Upcoming projects

### SH 151 Culvert replacement

- Received an emergency declaration to fast track this project south of Chimney Rock. May have minor impacts this fall when starting, but might also try to do a full shut down for a couple of days to get it repaired as soon as possible. This will depend on who is hired as the contractor. Julie assured the group that there would be frequent communication with all that can be impacted.
- Several chip seal projects will be combined to hopefully get more bid interest.

### US 160 San Juan River

- This is a bridge repair project on Ute Mt Ute land. Both the San Juan River Bridge and Bridge at Aztec Creek will be repaired. Looking to close the road for a short time in order to complete the work as quickly as possible.

### US 160 Pagosa Reconstruction

- Will be reconstructing the pavement between 10<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Goes to bid in the spring and construction is likely in 2024.

### US 160 and CR 225

- Looking at a roundabout but La Plata County requested more community input.

### US 160 Mancos Pedestrian Improvements

- Working to install some ADA ramps with matching funds from Mancos, Currently in design and awaiting construction funding.

### Questions

- CDOT receives about 500K in annual signal money and will try to leverage timing for the Bayfield traffic light. Asked for funds from Lauren Boebert. Engineering is complete.

## E. Other Business

### 1. Letters of support

At the last meeting, a notice was sent out seeing in any transit projects needed letters of support. Requests were submitted by the City of Durango, SW Center for Independence, Community Connections, and critical wildlife connectivity coordinator for CDOT. Due to the timing of the TPR meeting, the letters were needed before this meeting. Letters were sent and the group was asked to ratify providing the letters of support.

**Motion from Mark Garcia to ratify the letters of support as presented.**

**Second: Clyde Church; Motion passed unanimously.**

### 2. Updates – Round Robin

#### 1. Town of Pagosa Springs

Greg Schulte introduced himself as the interim Town Manager as Andrew Phillips left her position in early August. He has heard a few comments on stripping patterns on Hwy 160 around Putt Hill and is glad to see all the new pavement throughout town. There is community construction fatigue. The Town is currently resurfacing several multipurpose trails; completed

crosswalk and pavement on 1<sup>st</sup> Street and repairing lots of pavement cuts made by Black Hills. Aspen Village work is upcoming.

## 2. City of Cortez

- Kevin reported that they are working on a RAISE planning grant which includes some CDOT intersections and trying to bring as many federal dollars to the City as they can, and plan to apply for implementation funds. They are working on the Denny Lake Culvert and would love to piggyback to another culvert to make the money go further. Just trying to keep up on maintenance on city roads. Cortez is also experimenting to recycle millings into their chip sealing project. They are following Federal Highway guidelines and screening out the fines to get the right gradation. It could be a possible best practice and cost effective. Happy to share.
- Received a Safe Routes to Schools grant and seek to improve South 491 pedestrian crossings and evaluate the safety of the pedestrian medians. There have been some pedestrian strikes at identified crossings, and they have received some funding to get initial studies done. They would like to fund an overall safety study for all intersections.

## 3. La Plata County

- Clyde reported a very active spring and summer maintenance season with lots of complaints about potholes. The County has moved around dollars to stretch money and is announcing work schedules on their website.
- Doing mill and chip seal projects. Working on CR 301, 304, 501, drainage and cleaning culverts. The construction crews working on your roads are the same people that plowed the roads in the winter.

## 4. Montezuma County

- Jim reported the County is doing a lot of pothole patching and chip seal projects throughout the County.
- Dolores/Norwood RD is one of the worst. Not plowed in the winter but it shows up on Google map as open and several vehicles get stuck each year. County received \$75K from Forest Service and are blading and patching as a temporary fix.
- CR N—project bridge on schedule. This is the Alkali Creek Bridge that is being funded through CDOT's off highway bridge grant.

## 5. Town of Bayfield

- The detour through Bayfield did not happen.
- Katie expressed concern about the shared use path and it not getting done in time to be reimbursed through the grant. She would like to ask the TPR to approve the extension. There was discussion that the project could be extended another year and CDOT will work with her. It might still come to the TPR at the next meeting.
- Ignacio—construction end in sight and looking forward to new asphalt.

## 6. Archuleta County

- Kevin echoed Clyde's Church's concern with signage and stripping on Putt Hill. Drivers are used to double lanes and it is pretty dangerous. Jennifer said she would confirm that there are barrels out in the areas to help with safety and also good signages.
- The fare free program this summer is seeing good response - double the ridership from last summer. Archuleta is still working through the transit facility budget to get numbers where they need to be.
- Working through tribal assistance program for CR 500.

## 7. Town Dolores

- Working with Montezuma County on mag chloride and dust control work. The County does and the Town pays for it. The budget will be increasing next year.
- Ken announced his retirement, and that the Town has a candidate that they will consider.

#### 8. Region 9

- The SWCCOG received a Federal transit ICAM grant for \$350K to do a digital mobility hub pilot project to connect all regional providers. With the change of staff, this project now looks different, and we don't have the required \$80K of match. Region 9 is working with CDOT on this as it was meant to connect to the state's Connected Colorado mapping routes across the State.
- Hired a new Office Manager who will be at the next TPR meeting.
- A new MOU between governments and Region 9 will be at the next TPR meeting since the contract with CDOT has changed.
- TPR dues notices are going out. There will be no changes.

#### 9. Durango

- Sarah reported that the safety project for College and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue was put to bid three times with no bids received.
- There is the TAP 2016 funded Roosa project which includes pedestrian and bike facilities.
- Deciding to do the full design for their N. Main project funded by two senate bill grants to improve transit stops and sidewalks From 16<sup>th</sup> and Camino Del Rio up to Animas View Drive. The design is 30% complete.
- The Transit free fare summer was also popular in Durango. Ridership was up 34% in July compared to last year totaling 40,000 rides... Durango is having issues with receiving the 2023 operating contract for transit. They have been doing some creative budgeting to keep operating and hopefully can count as match for a different year.

#### 10. Ute Mt Ute

- Bernadette reported that the Tribe is extremely busy. They had severe flood damage in Weber Canyon estimated at \$600K to repair and Weminuche Construction is looking at repairing three road deteriorated from flooding. They have some funding resources to look at.
- Working on Aztec Creek with CDOT for 2024.
- Attending SW Region 9 DOT to work for TTP funding for 23/24 and other transportation funding to talk about with. Ben Elmore with Weminuche is working on this.
- Conducting a traffic study around Ute Mt Casino which will include the new grocery store first phase which breaks ground in Oct. Looking at that area to see if need added lighting pedestrian crosswalks based on Traffic study.

3. Next Meeting: October 12,2023

#### F. Adjourn

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:59am**



**Region 9 Economic Development District**  
**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**  
**From 7/1/2023 Through 9/30/2023**

		<u>TPR</u>	
Operating Revenue			
Grants - Program	4020	<u>3,255.37</u>	
Total Operating Revenue		<u>3,255.37</u>	
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<u><b>3,255.37</b></u>	
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Wages	5110	3,220.90	
Payroll taxes	5120	256.36	
Retirement Expense	5135	96.61	
Workers' Comp Insurance	5140	13.11	
FAMLI	5145	14.51	
Health Expense	5150	465.10	
Travel	5510	1,301.00	
Meetings	5512	<u>119.40</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>5,486.99</u>	
<b>Net Revenue Over Expenditures</b>		<u><b>(2,231.62)</b></u>	

# Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time: Thursday, August 3, 2023; 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Location: DRCOG 1001 17th Street, Denver, CO 80202**

**Recording: [STAC Meeting August 3, 2023 Recording](#)**

## **Attendance:**

Denver Area:	George Teal and Ron Papsdorf, Cam Kennedy, Steve Cook
Central Front Range :	Richard Elsner
Eastern:	Chris Richardson, Brandi Ritchey
Grand Valley:	Dana Brosig, and Rachel Peterson
Gunnison Valley:	Vince Rogalski, Michelle Haynes
Intermountain:	Brian Pettet
North Front Range:	Scott James, Becky Karasko, Suzette Mallette
Northwest:	Brian Cerkenik, Heather Sloop
Pikes Peak Area:	Holly Williams, Dave Donelson, John Liosatos, Danelle Miller, and Jessica Bechtel
Pueblo Area:	Eva Cosyleon
San Luis Valley:	Keith Baker, and Vern Heersink
South Central:	Jennifer Oliver, John Galusha
Southeast:	Stephanie Gonzales, Ron Cook
Southwest:	Jim Candelaria and Sarah Hill
Upper Front Range:	Elizabeth Relford, Kevin Ross and Jon Becker
Southern Ute Tribe:	Mary Eagle

Ute Mountain Ute Tribe: None

FHWA: John Cater

FTA: None

Transportation Commissioners: Eula Adams, Kathleen Bracke, and Karen Stuart

## 1. Welcome and Introductions –Vince Rogalski, STAC Vice-Chair

- Meeting commenced at approximately 8:35 by Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair.

## 2. Approval of the July 2023 STAC Meeting Minutes – Vince Rogalski, STAC Vice Chair

- Meeting notes from the July 2023 STAC meeting were approved by the STAC membership.

## 3. Transportation Commission (TC) Report (Informational Update) – Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair

- Key items discussed and acted on at the July 2023 TC meetings were:
  - DRCOG submitted their GHG Transportation Plan in compliance with SB 21-260 and the CDOT GHG Rule of 2 CCR 601-22. The TC accepted the report via resolution.
  - Region 2 RTD, Shane Ferguson, provided an update on accomplishments and ongoing projects.
  - An update on Policy Directive 14 and scorecard for CDOT meeting performance targets was presented with these key findings:
    - Steady rise in traffic-related serious injuries and fatalities since 2018 and accelerated beginning in 2020.
    - Interstate Drivability Life has decreased eight percentage points since 2020, but it remains above the target of 80%.
    - Bridges in Good Condition have been declining for the past decade, falling below the target for the first time in 2021.
    - Most assets are near or meeting their goal with an exception of buildings, rest areas and tunnels.
    - Reliability and VMT have almost returned to pre-pandemic levels.
    - Bustang ridership is continuing to recover.
  - Update on the TPR Boundary Study was provided noting the report is due to the TC in November, an online public survey for all stakeholders to comment is occurring and will close August 31, 2023. Five virtual meetings scheduled for late July and early August by CDOT Region, and recommendations, after reviewing data and collecting public comments, will be provided in the fall.

## 4. TPR Representative and Federal Partners Reports – ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 00:00:00](#))

- **CFRTPR:** Commissioner Elsner provided an update of key projects occurring in the CFRTPR area.
- **DRCOG:** Ron Papsdorf and Commissioner Teal provided an update on key projects and DRCOG projects occurring.
- **Eastern:** Nothing new to report
- **Grand Valley:** Mesa County Commissioner, Cody Davis, will be the new STAC representative for Grand Valley MPO and will be in attendance for the September meeting. Grand Valley MPO started, 'Zero Fare for Better Air' from July 28<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>. Herman Stockinger was thanked and recognized for coming to the Regional County Commission meeting.
- **Gunnison Valley:** Looking to have 'Little Blue Creek Canyon' completed by mid-November. This project has been going on for the past 3 years on-and-off and the county is ready to have it finish. Summer has brought much construction up into Gunnison Valley and now summer is coming to a close very soon up in the mountains. A

TPR meeting is scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and the plan is to include a robust conversation about HB 23-1101.

- **Intermountain:** Redistributed approximately \$1 million, based on Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) priorities, from a Multimodal Transportation Mitigation and Options Fund (MMOF) project that the Town of Snowmass was not able to complete. \$500,000 went to the Town of Eagle and a little over \$500,000 went to the Town of Frisco. Excitement was expressed regarding the Office of Policy and Government Relations review of Regional Planning Commission practices and documentation, because they believe it will help standardize the TPRs across the board and will provide more consistency within the TPRs.
- **NFRTPR:** North Front Range approved the 2050 RTP Fiscally Constrained Plan as well as adopted the 2050 RTP Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Transportation Report at their July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. A presentation was provided by the CDOT Division of Transit and Rail at this meeting. North I-25 construction is really coming together and segments 6, 7, and 8 are closing in on finishing.
- **NWTPR:** No meeting has been held since the last STAC meeting. Construction is heavy in the region and NWTPR wants drivers to take the time to slow down and stay 300 ft away from the next vehicle ahead to reduce windshield damage. Traffic has been bad and fast in the region, with 2 deaths occurring over the past weekend on Rabbit Ears Pass. The TPR would like to start thinking about how many cars are on the highway when considering Regional Priority Program (RPP) funds. US 40 construction has started at Berthoud pass.
- **PPACG:** The PPACG 2050 long-range plan kicked off this week with the Citizens Advisory Committee. A celebration for the Space Command being reappointed to Colorado Springs is scheduled for Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- **PACOG:** Meeting was held last week in which a new grant coordinator was hired to help the region apply for federal grants. Making progress on the Exit 104 at I-25 project, and working on the Complete Streets initiative. Report from region transit showed a % increase in ridership in June and July due to “Zero fare for Better Air”.
- **SLVTPR:** San Luis Valley has not met since the last STAC meeting, which is scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Herman Stockinger visited the region on May 25<sup>th</sup> to talk about HB 23-1101. San Luis Valley held a webinar on July 25<sup>th</sup> to talk about HB 23-1101. CO 14 has route stripping occurring. Colorado is in the top 10 states for electric vehicle EV chargers.
- **SCTPR:** Meeting was held last week for SCTPR. I-25 construction is taking place between Pueblo and Walsenburg. Bustang ridership has been up in the region, on the route between Trinidad and Pueblo.  
**SETPR:** A TPR meeting was held last week for SETPR. US 287 main street project has the southbound lane done, while the northbound lane should be completed around November. CO 71 passing lanes are out for design.
- **SWTPR:** SWTPR has not met since the last STAC meeting but should be meeting next Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **UFRTPR:** No meeting for UFRTPR since the last STAC meeting. Herman Stockinger visited UFRTPR to talk about HB 23-1101, scheduled to meet on September 7, 2023.
- **Southern Ute:** Finished their Cedar Point Road improvement project and are now working on the hunting roads on the east side. Southern Ute would like to thank CDOT for the work on CO 172 as they have been in urgent need of a fix. Communication is important, has had no communication regarding the CO 172 project, and would like to hear from CDOT more frequently on this project.
- **Ute Mountain:** None.
- **FHWA:** FHWA is holding a speed management peer exchange program out in Lakewood. This is to help tackle the increase in road fatalities and reckless driving in 2022, which was the highest it has ever been in Colorado at 764. About \$50 million will be available, through the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant, for projects on federal lands and this is a great chance to start looking at those grants. These should be coming available next year. Noted the numerous federal grants available to CDOT and to local governments. Please reach out to FHWA with any questions.

## 5. Wildfire Notice by STAC Chair, Vince Rogalski ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 00:21:04](#))

- A wildfire has started up in Crested Butte and is close to 30% contained. This is a reminder that we are in fire season and we need to be hyper-vigilant about fire prevention. Fires can start at any moment and we need to be prepared even though we have had a wet year.

## 6. CDOT Legislative Report – Emily Haddaway, CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 00:22:41](#))

- In the process of proposing the different legislation agenda items to the Governor’s office, which will be reviewed next July.
- The Transportation Legislation Review Committee (TRLRC) met for the first-time last month in which the OPRG gave a presentation on railroad safety. The TRLRC will hold another meeting August 20th , 2023.
- OPRG has been asked to give a presentation on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), give a maintenance update from the winter season of ‘22-’23, updates on HB 1101 TPR Boundary Study, and the implementation of SB 23-268, the 10-year Plan reporting bill.
- The Efficiency and Accountability Committee will be meeting on August 17th , 2023, and Vince Rogalski will be joining to represent the TPRs.
- Congress adjourned until the end of August without making progress on a Spending Bill. This could lead to a potential shutdown of the government, which would affect CDOT and our federal partners, FTA and FHWA.
- STAC Vice Chair Heather Sloop requested to have more transparency and time for STAC consideration when CDOT adds new items to Bills or puts new requirements on older Bills, during the next legislative session.

## 7. HB 23-1101 Study Update – Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Executive Director, and CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations Director ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 00:28:51](#))

- Herman provided an update on the HB1101 Boundary Review process and the status of the TPR Study.
- The TPR Study survey is live and will remain open until August 31, 2023. STAC members were encouraged to get their TPR members, transportation stakeholders, and any other interested individuals to take the survey.
- A GIS tool was developed in which members can review the different data that has been studied for HB 1101. The tool allows you to switch between the different criteria to consider what kind of impacts it has on your specific area’s boundaries.
- All meeting recordings and presentations will be posted on the CDOT TPR webpage. Since April, CDOT staff have traveled over 4,500 miles to attend in person every rural TPR meeting and many MPO meetings to give updates.
- CDOT staff plans to attend the Southwest TPR and Gunnison Valley TPR meetings on August 10th, and San Luis Valley TPR on August 24th.
- Some helpful feedback from TPRs and MPOs include:
  - Agreement that there should be more consistency with governing documents, which creates an opportunity for CDOT to create a better system to maintain institutional knowledge.
- Next steps:
  - CDOT staff will continue to gather and analyze input via the survey until August 31st.
  - Continue meeting with stakeholders and attending TPR meetings.
  - Begin to draft recommendations related to governance and boundaries.
  - Conduct a second round of public meetings, likely in late September/October, to present recommendations and findings to receive feedback.
  - Finalize recommendations, draft study report, and submit to the Transportation Commission and TLRC by November 30th, 2023.

## 8. Program Distribution: Regional Priority Programming (RPP) – Marissa Gaughan, CDOT Multimodal Planning Branch ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 00:48:18](#))

- Program Purpose: RPP is a flexible funding program for regional priority projects with \$50 million distributed annually among CDOT Regions. The STAC members acted on several motions as outlined below.

### STAC Discussion and Action:

#### Motion 1 - [Time stamp: 2:41:38](#)

Heather Sloop, STAC Vice Chair, motioned for STAC to Use the Version 1 Percentages - the 2019 STAC Recommended Rural Priority Programming (RPP) Formula.

Version 1: VMT - 25%, Population - 20%, Lane Miles - 40%, TVMT - 15%

**Second:** Seconded by a STAC Member.

**Vote:**

1. George Teal - Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) - No
2. Richard Elsner - Central Front Range (CFR) Transportation Planning Region (TPR) - No
3. Chris Richardson - Eastern TPR - No
4. Dana Brosig - Grand Valley MPO - Yes - Remote Vote
5. Vince Rogalski - Gunnison Valley TPR - Yes
6. Brian Pettet - Intermountain (IM) TPR - Yes
7. Scott James, North Front Range (NFR) MPO - No
8. Heather Sloop - Northwest (NW) TPR - Yes
9. Holly Williams- Pikes Peak Area COG - No
10. Eva Cosyleon - Pueblo Area COG - Yes
11. Keith Baker - San Luis Valley (SLV) TPR -Yes
12. Jennifer Oliver - South Central (SC)TPR - Yes
13. Ron Cook - Southeast (SE) TPR - Yes - Remote Vote
14. Jim Candelaria - Southwest (SW) TPR - Yes
15. Kevin Ross - Upper Front Range (UFR) TPR - Yes - Remote Vote
16. Mary Eagle - Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Yes - Remote Vote
17. Ute Mountain Ute Tribe - Vacant

**Final Tally - 11 - Yes, 5 - No**

**Motion 2:** [Time Stamp: 3:09:55](#) - Brian Pettet of IMTPR motioned to use 2020 Census for Population Data in FY 2024 RPP Program Distribution Formula until the point in time arrives that STAC decides to reconsider. Good for at least a year.

**Second:** Seconded by Holly Williams of Pikes Peak Area COG

**Vote:** (raise hand or voice): **One No from a STAC Member was confirmed (George Teal), and all others voted Yes.**

**Motion 3:** [Time Stamp 3:14:16](#) - George Teal of DRCOG motioned to use the complete data discussed with OTIS data for Lane Miles.

**Second:** Holly Williams of Pikes Peak Area seconded the motion, noting data is to include auxiliary lanes, etc.

**Vote:**

1. George Teal - DRCOG - Yes
2. Richard Elsner CFRTPR - Yes
3. Chris Richardson - Eastern TPR - No
4. Dana Brosig - Grand Valley MPO - No -Remote Vote
5. Vince Rogalski - GVTPR - Yes

6. Brian Pettet - IMTPR - No
7. Suzette Mallette, NFRMPO - Yes - Remote Vote
8. Heather Sloop - NWTTPR - No
9. Holly Williams- Pikes Peak Area COG - Yes
10. Eva Cosyleon - Pueblo Area COG - Vacant
11. Keith Baker - SLVTPR - No
12. Jennifer Oliver - SCTPR - Yes
13. Ron Cook - SETPR - No - Remote Vote
14. Jim Candelaria - SWTPR - No
15. Kevin Ross - UFRTPR - No - Remote Vote
16. Mary Eagle - Southern Ute Indian Tribe - No - Remote Vote
17. Ute Mountain Ute Tribe - Vacant

**Final Tally - 9 - No, 6 - Yes**

**Motion 4:** [Time Stamp 3:17:50](#) - Heather Sloop - Let's vote on the opposite to make sure. Do not study lane miles or conduct a data dive into lane miles. Ron Papsdorf noted that the STAC through this action is agreeing to not desiring an accurate accounting for lane miles, by not expanding the definition of where lane miles are, and leaving the lane mile data as it is.

**Second:** Seconded by a STAC member.

**Vote:**

1. George Teal DRCOG - No
2. Richard Elsner CFRTPR - No
3. Chris Richardson - Eastern TPR - Yes
4. Dana Brosig - Grand Valley MPO - Yes -Remote Vote
5. Vince Rogalski - GVTTPR - Yes
6. Brian Pettet - IMTPR - Yes
7. Suzette Mallette, NFRMPO - No - Remote Vote
8. Heather Sloop - NWTTPR - Yes
9. Holly Williams- Pikes Peak Area COG - No
10. Eva Cosyleon - Pueblo Area COG - Vacant
11. Keith Baker - SLVTPR - Yes
12. Jennifer Oliver - SCTPR - No
13. Ron Cook - SETPR - No - Remote Vote
14. Jim Candelaria - SWTPR - Yes
15. Kevin Ross - UFRTPR - Yes - Remote Vote
16. Mary Eagle - Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Yes - Remote Vote

## 17. Ute Mountain Ute Tribe - Vacant

### Final Tally - 9 - Yes, 6 - No

In addition, no motion or action was taken by the STAC related to adding safety or any other piece of information as a criteria for the RPP formula.

## 9. Office of Innovative Mobility (OIM) Update – Kay Kelly, OIM Chief ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 03:26:38](#))

- Divisions Transit and Rail FY 23-24 Goals include:
  - Continue developing and constructing mobility hubs along Colorado’s I-25 and I-70 interstate corridors
  - Increase the number of state highway Bus Rapid Transit Corridor projects in design or under construction.
  - Increase Bustang ridership by increasing the frequency of available Bustang trips
  - Develop a vision for Front Range Passenger Rail (FRPR) by increasing the percentage of FRPR plan milestones accomplished and identify three additional corridors for future or expanded passenger rail service in addition to the FRPR corridor.
- Bustang is growing ridership on all lines with West line ridership at 20% above pre-pandemic levels.
- Colorado recently ranked #3 in the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE) Transportation Electrification Scorecard
- Currently there are 86,017 Registered EVs in Colorado, with EVs accounting for 10.5% of new 2022 vehicle sales
- 75% of Colorado’s State Highway Network is within 30 miles of a DC Fast Charging Station (nearly 300 stations and counting!)
- Colorado has 71 Battery Electric Buses in Operation and approximately 40 more are currently on order.

## 10. Other Business – ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 03:34:26](#))

- The September and October STAC meetings will be in-person, with September at DRCOG at 1001 17th Street, Denver, and the October meeting at CDOT headquarters at 2829 W. Howard Place, Denver.
- The next STAC meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2023 held in-person at DRCOG.



# Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time: Thursday, September 7, 2023;  
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Location: DRCOG 1001 17th Street, Denver, CO 80202**

**Recording: [STAC Meeting September 7, 2023 Recording](#)**

## **Attendance:**

Denver Area:	George Teal and Ron Papsdorf, Cam Kennedy, Steve Cook
Central Front Range :	Richard Elsner, Samantha Hughes
Eastern:	Chris Richardson, Scott Weaver
Grand Valley:	Dana Brosig
Gunnison Valley:	Vince Rogalski, Roger Rash
Intermountain:	Brian Pettet
North Front Range:	Suzette Mallette, Johnny Olson, Becky Karasko,
Northwest:	Brian Cerkenik, Heather Sloop
Pikes Peak Area:	Holly Williams, John Liosatos, Danelle Miller, and Jessica Bechtel
Pueblo Area:	Eva Cosyleon, Wendy Pettit
San Luis Valley:	Keith Baker
South Central:	John Galusha, Luis Lopez, Karl Sporleder
Southeast:	Stephanie Gonzales
Southwest:	Sarah Hill
Upper Front Range:	Elizabeth Relford, Kevin Ross
Southern Ute Tribe:	Mary Eagle
Federal Highway Administration:	John Cater
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe:	None

Transportation Commissioners: Eula Adams and Karen Stuart

1. **Welcome and Introductions -Vince Rogalski, STAC Vice-Chair ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 00:12:01](#))**
  - Meeting commenced at approximately 8:35 by Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair.
2. **Approval of the July 2023 STAC Meeting Minutes - Vince Rogalski, STAC Vice Chair ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 00:12:20](#))**
  - Meeting notes from the August 2023 STAC meeting were approved by the STAC membership.
3. **Transportation Commission (TC) Report (Informational Update) - Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 00:13:05](#))**
  - The new Commissioners have been appointed and Transportation Commission meetings will be resuming their regular schedule of meetings, with the TC workshops on September 20th and regular meeting on September 21st.
  - The TC approved a project budget increase of \$11,742,755 (22%) to one of the previously approved 10-Year Strategic Plan (Plan ID 0016), and a Senate Bill 267 project: I-25 Paving and Mobility - Fillmore to Garden of the Gods Improvements.
  - NFRMPO submitted their Draft GHG Transportation Report to the Transportation Commission on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) as required in Section 8.02.5.1 of 2 CCR 601-22. The TC accepted the NFRMPO GHG Transportation Report via resolution.
  - The Fuels Impact Enterprise, that was newly established under SB 23-280 - Hazardous Material Mitigation is required, by statute, to have its Board impose a Fuels Impact Reduction Fee and report the fee amount approved by the Board of Directors to the Department of Revenue no later than September 1, 2023. The TC is the Board of Directors for this Enterprise. The TC adopted a six thousand one hundred twenty-five millionths of a dollar (\$0.006125) per gallon, complying with SB 23-280.
  - The TC members welcomed Paul DesRocher as the new CDOT Division of Transit and Rail Director.
4. **TPR Representative and Federal Partners Reports - ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 00:17:44](#))**
  - **CFRTPR:** Have not had a meeting in over a month and a half. Construction is going strong still, and trying to get to Fairplay is almost impossible because CO 9 will be closed. Closures on CO 285 and CO 9 still are able to get traffic through and construction is moving along very nicely. Bailey has their winery protected which has been a priority for some time.
  - **DRCOG:** DRCOG Board of Directors adopted their 2024-27 TIP at the August meeting. They also approved their 2024-25 transportation demand management (TDM) set aside program that allocated a total of \$1 million of federal congestion mitigation air quality funds to six projects. They adopted the 2024-25 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) detailing DRCOG's planning activities over the next two years. The DRCOG Board received updates regarding the Front Range Passenger Rail District activities and the region's bus rapid transit (BRT) partnership.
  - **Eastern:** The next TPR meeting is on September 11 in Akron and they will be discussing the by-laws which have been brought up as needing updates during the TPR boundary review study. Commissioner Beedy was not reappointed as a TC member and the TPR will have a new TC commissioner going forward. Eastern TPR believes it would be good to hear from the TC Commissioner for their area at their next meeting.
  - **Grand Valley:** The Board approved their 2024-25 UPWP. To help better understand their transit ridership and riders, a survey was just completed with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Takeaways from the survey include: Gratitude for the service provided even if they run on hour headways, Friendly Bus Drivers, and Safe service. A community survey was also done and showed that

most people do not use transit because it conflicts with their schedule. Free Fare for better air has ended but Fall bike month has kicked off and the MPO will be doing another bike to work day (BTWD) in the fall.

- **Gunnison Valley:** Little Blue Creek Canyon is now scheduled for completion in mid-November. Snow season is coming soon and construction projects are trying to finish up before the season really ramps up. Montrose Airport is having their ribbon cutting ceremony on September 14th. The next TPR meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 9th.
- **Intermountain:** Next meeting is going to be October 27th and will be looking over the considerations from HB 23-1101 TPR Boundary Study.
- **NFRMPO:** At the August 3rd meeting, the Board completed a call for projects for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program funds. NFRMPO staff presented their greenhouse gas (GHG) report in front of the TC and it was accepted.
- **NWTPR:** Had every person in TPR at the Steamboat Springs for the Water conference, which was about getting rail in Northwestern Colorado. They will be meeting on September 14 to talk about HB 23- 1101 TPR Study discussions.
- **PPACG:** Next Board meeting is September 13th. The Military Access, The Mobility & Safety Improvement Project (MAMSIP) project is going to cause some closures around Fountain, CO. The western gate of the Peterson Air Force Base Space Command Headquarters will be closed for a while. Voter approved projects are causing some headaches for commuters and neighborhoods.
- **PACOG:** The MPO put together a presentation about teen crashes and pedestrian fatalities. There have been nine fatalities this year in the MPO with just pedestrians. Making great headway on the complete street initiative, and PACOG held a workshop to help facilitate this. CDOT is making great progress on exit 104, the split diamond intersection. Presented the PACOG 2024-25 UPWP, which will be adopted this month.
- **SLVTPR:** The last TPR meeting was on August 24th. introduced Mike Bishop, the next executive director of the Chaffee Shuttle, and is the designated as the Transit Representative to the SLVTPR. Mike provided an update on new projected transit routes for the TPR. The Wolf Creek Pass fiber project should be completed this fall. A number of culvert repairs had to be done due to the high moisture levels this year.
- **SCTPR:** TPR COG director is being replaced by Brian Blasi, who will become a STAC representative. The I-25 bridge over CO 10 is making great progress. CO 305 is done for now but it still has 2 more bridges to go. The CO 69 safety study is mostly completed and preparing for review. The CO 12 bridge in Las Animas is now under construction.
- **SETPR:** The next TPR meeting will be coming up in October. US 287 Park St. South of Lamar and the US 385 realignment projects are expected to be under construction in November. Many surface treatment projects are underway or about to be underway in the next month. The CTRAN Program is looking to reopen the regional route between Otero County to Prowers County. A transit app was launched in Prowers County and it has been going smoothly. They have a Commercial Drivers Licence (CDL) training facility in the TPR and are now offering online training.
- **SWTPR:** The last TPR meeting was on August 10th, and Herman gave an update on the HB 23-1101 TPR Boundary Study. The region had about a 30% transit ridership increase due to “Free Fare for Better Air”.
- **UFRTPR:** The next TPR meeting is scheduled for today, September 7th, the meeting will focus on potential by-law changes. Special thanks to Herman as he has been a great contact for HB 23-1101. VIA Mobility has been having great success and has had zero no-shows on those who have been using it.
- **Southern Ute:** Finalizing 23’ Fiscal Year TTIP which will have most of the funds go into the design of the Master Campus.
- **Ute Mountain Ute:** No Report.
- **FHWA:** Safe Streets for All grant announcements will be coming out in October. The notice for funding opportunity (NOFO) for the bridge investment program will be coming out in the next couple of weeks. The Emergency relief program funds are available when a natural disaster hits, allowing local governments to get 100% of emergency costs covered and then 80%-20% for any other repairs. There has to be at least \$700,000 dollars of damage, and the Governor has to declare a state of emergency, and the structure must be able to be repaired.
- **FTA:** No Report.

## 5. CDOT Legislative Report - Herman Stockinger, Emily Haddaway and Jamie Grim, CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 00:50:30](#))

### Update on State Legislation

- The Colorado Transportation Legislative Review Committee met last month and then will meet again in October. In August they voted on which bills they would draft as an interim committee. Six of the 10 ideas introduced are anticipated to affect CDOT in some way.
  - Five of the bills will be discussed at the next TLRC meeting, and eventually the TLRC will choose five of the 10 drafts to move forward with.
- The next Colorado Legislative session is starting in the next few months!

### Update on Federal Legislation

- President Biden announced Michael Whitaker as the nominee for the FAA Administrator.
- It is the end of the Federal Fiscal Year and operations bills must be passed by September 30th.
- There are dueling appropriations bills in the Senate. Senator Patty Murray and Senator Collins presented appropriations packages to the Senate. They are hoping to vote on this package the week of September 11th.
- United Auto Workers (UAW) voted to potentially strike the week of September 11th.

### HB1101 Boundary Review Study Update - Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Director

- There are some CDOT staff observations related to boundaries that staff are currently considering, but none have yet resulted in specific recommendations.
- Several TPR governance considerations were noted related to term limits, rotations of chair and vice chair, how STAC chair and vice chair might rotate between rural and urban, having a TRAC member or other transit representative as a STAC member, and other changes to ensure one jurisdiction does not have more than one representative on the STAC. CDOT also noted that updates to governing documents and practices should be considered that would ensure full transparency.
- Other CDOT considerations pertained to finding additional TPR administrative funding, conducting TPR semi-annual meetings with TPR administrators, TPRs hosting and maintaining websites, and for CDOT to increase interface with TPRs, and to prepare Transportation 101 briefings.
- CDOT Boundary Considerations include:
  - Rural El Paso County to join PPACG vs. CFR TPR.
  - Merge SETPR with SCTPR? Or have SCTPR join PACOG? Should Chaffee County be represented in the Central Front Range TPR instead of the San Luis Valley TPR?
  - Splitting the Intermountain TPR into two TPRs.
- Discussion:
  - There was a request for CDOT to help guide new STAC members in their roles and responsibilities.
  - Some consider the study to be pressing for changes to something that is working for 99% of jurisdictions.
  - Several TPRs under consideration for boundary changes requested they be left as is.
- **STAC Action:** None

## 6. Program Distribution: Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) - Marissa Gaughan, CDOT Multimodal Planning Branch ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 02:12:32](#))

- It was noted that the potential TPR allocation for the next two year's combined funding to the South Central TPR would amount to just \$135,572, while CDOT's minimum allowed grant for infrastructure projects is \$150,000.
- STAC Discussion and Suggestions for the MMOF Formula
- It was recommended that the Urban-Rural split of 19% rural and 81% urban in the MMOF formula remain.

- No modifications were suggested to the Rural formula.
- Urban Formula criteria weighting:
  - It was agreed by most that there should not be a reduction in percentage related to bicycle crashes.
  - Several recommended increasing the weighting on pedestrian crashes, considering the significance of this current issue.
  - Many felt that weighting on the disabled population and populations 65+ criteria should be added.
  - Other suggested modifications included: reduce weighting on population and jobs as these are not transportation numbers; add a GHG criteria somehow; reduce or even invert the weighting on Transit ridership to direct funds to where transit is insufficient rather than to where it exists already.
  - STAC suggested the following new urban formula weighting and requested staff return next month with it actual results: Population: 20%; School Age Population: 5%; DI Community Percentage: 10%; Disabled Population: 10%; 65+ Population: 10%; Zero Vehicle Household: 5%; Bicycle Crashes: 10%; Pedestrian Crashes: 10%; Number of Jobs: 5%; Transit Revenue Miles: 0%; and Unlinked Transit Trips: 15%.
  - The administrative burden to CDOT and the locals was a voiced concern with the MMOF program.
  - It was questioned and clarified that the administrative set aside from previous years' funds is for CDOT program and project support, and not funding for the local agencies' project implementation costs.
  - Discussion will continue at the next STAC meeting in October
- **STAC Action:** None.

## 7. Scenic Byways - ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 03:27:45](#))

- Topics included: Supporting Practices Roadside Design Guidelines, Scenic Byways Program History, Recognition and Awards for Colorado Scenic Byways, and EV Friendly Byways
- The Economic Impact of Scenic Byways in Colorado was noted with a total impact of \$4.8B (between 2009-2014) from 2016 estimates, and \$4.92B (2014-2019) for 2022 estimates.
- Current Projects
  - Alpine Loop/Silver Thread - Toilets, Pullouts, Observatory; funded by the FHWA National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP) for \$640K
  - Lariat Loop - I-70 Geological Points of Interest (POI) Trails: funded by the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for \$1.8M
  - Scenic Highway of Legends - Multimodal Wayside Exhibits: funded by South Central Council of Governments (SCCOG) for \$357K
  - Gold Belt Tour, Shelf Road Trail Planning; funded by MMOF for \$200K
  - TravelStorys APP, funded by Colorado Outdoors Grant for \$60K
- **STAC Action:** None.

## 8. Other Business - ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 03:42:30](#))

- The next STAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2023 held in-person at CDOT HQ Auditorium at 2829 W. Howard Place, Denver, CO 80204.

# DRAFT September 20-21, 2023

## Transportation Commission (TC) Meeting Notes

### Workshops and Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Youtube link:

[September 20, 2023 Transportation Commission Meeting Recording](#)

### Transportation Commission Workshops 0:00

#### Call to Order, Roll Call

10 Commissioners were present: Karen Stuart, Eula Adams, Terry Hart, Yessica Holguin, and Mark Garcia, Rick Ridder, Shelley Cook, Barbara Bowman, and Hannah Parsons, with Commissioner Jim Kelly absent.

Colorado Transportation Investment Office Overview (Piper Darlington, Kelly Brown, John Gregory, Josh Gerace, and Simon Logan) [Recording Timestamp 00:07:57](#)

#### Purpose and Action:

This workshop was designed to provide an overview of CTIO and how it supports key CDOT projects and initiatives. No action is requested. This is an informational-only item.

#### Discussion:

- CTIO Director, Piper Darlington, presented an overview of the CTIO that covered: their organization and staff, how CTIO receives external support from financial advisors, the CTIO Board of Directors, CTIO Governing Documents, CTIO-CDOT Intra-Agency Agreements, CTIO Express Lanes Network, Express Lane Network Usage, Benefits of Express Lanes, Express Lanes Safety Enforcement Program (SEP), Central 70 Globeville Elyria-Swansea (GES) Tolling Equity Program, Considerations in Private Investment and Alternative Financing, and Project Financing Secured through Express Lanes.
- No substantial comments or concerns were raised by the TC members.

## **Right of Way Condemnation Authorization (Keith Stefanik) [Recording Timestamp 00:38:57](#)**

### **Purpose and Action:**

Project Number NHPP 0842-111, US 85, Sedalia To Daniels Park Road, Project ID #: 20069. CDOT is seeking approval to initiate and conduct condemnation proceedings.

### **Discussion:**

- No substantial comments or concerns were raised by the TC members.

## **Budget Workshop & Commissioner Roundtable on Budget Items (Jeff Sudmeier and Bethany Nicholas), [Recording Timestamp 00:47:36](#)**

### **Purpose and Actions:**

This workshop summarized the FY 2022-23 year end budget processes, including preliminary results from the revenue reconciliation process, 2023 federal redistribution, and FY 2022-23 roll forwards. In addition an overview of the current FY 2024 budget will be presented along with information related to next year's budget that CDOT staff is just starting on now. This is an informational item only; no action was required.

### **Discussion:**

- Commissioner Garcia raised questions related to transit and rail and if the Service Development Plan is a legislative mandate - the answer was no. In particular, ridership numbers on Winter Park Express were requested. CDOT staff noted that Winter Park Express operates in partnership with Winter Park Resort and Amtrak and continues to turn to a profit relative to operating expenses, and high-performing passenger rail, for entire winter season at greater than 70% capacity, and Saturdays selling out tickets months in advance, Denver-Glenwood springs route is one of the ten top performing routes in the entire U.S. Commissioner Garcia asked about ridership during the off-ski season. It was explained that the Amtrak California Zephyr daily service is a high-performing route. Commissioner Cook asked if CDOT is seeking federal grant funding on Front Range Passenger Rail and also on Mountain Rail if that will cause the two projects to compete against each other. Executive Director Lew responded that competition is not a concern, and that both projects would help complement each other during a submittal seeking federal funding and more convenient coordination with the Union Pacific (UP) railroad.
- Commissioner Stuart would like a TC workshop on the Service Development Plan. Executive Director Lew answered that this was a good grouping of related topics for next month - the state freight and passenger rail plan and \$5M request for Service Development Plan (SDP). Commissioner Stuart asked what is the timeframe to develop a SDP. Director Lew noted that the SDP was codified in the IIJA and is fairly new requirement. Shoshana Lew stated it can be done quickly, get pieces approved sequentially, work with FRA (Federal railroad administration).

## **Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise - Programmatic Overview (Patrick Holinda and Tyler Weldon) [Recording Timestamp 02:07:09](#)**

**Purpose and Action:**

Provide the Statewide Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise (BTE) Board of Directors (Board) a high-level programmatic overview and progress update and inform the Board of upcoming Enterprise initiatives. This presentation is for information purposes only; no action is requested from the Board.

**Discussion:**

- Presented to the the TC an overview of the Organizational Structure, Maintaining Enterprise status, why the Enterprise was created, Evolution of Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise, BTE Annual Revenue, BTE Project Eligibility, Project Prioritization, BTE 10 Year-Plan Funding (FY24-FY27), and implementation of HB23-1276 requirements.
- No substantial TC member comments or concerns were raised.

**TC/BTE Board Joint Vail Pass Construction Project Workshop (Karen Berdoulay), [Recording Timestamp 02:29:36](#)****Purpose and Action:**

Provide the TC and BTE Board of Directors (Board) a status update on the I-70 West: Vail Pass Safety Improvements Phase 1 project and request the approval of two proposed budget actions to fully fund the project. Staff requests that TC and BTE Board of Directors approve the following resolutions:

- 1) TC Resolution: #11 - Approval to add funds from the the I-70 Vail Pass Safety and Operations Project in the FY 23-26 period, and reduce funds from the I-70 Vail Pass Auxiliary Lanes project in the FY 27+ period
- 2) BTE Resolution: #BTE2 - Approval and Adoption of the First Fiscal Year 2023-24 Project Budget Supplement for the Statewide Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise

**Discussion:**

- Karen Berdoulay, CDOT Region 3 Engineer, presented to the TC regarding the I-70 West Vail Pass project background and scope, project status, project budget and estimate, value engineering, requests for approval of 10-Year Plan funding advance and a BTE budget supplement.
- No substantial TC member comments or concerns were raised.

**CDOT Workforce Staffing Agility (Info) (Anna Mariotti and Jeff Sudmeier), [Recording Timestamp 02:54:51](#)****Purpose and Action:**

To present the TC with an updated approach to workforce staffing that allows the agency increased agility and dynamic response to staffing needs based on workload and funding. No action is requested in September. TC approval of the enhanced workforce staffing agility approach will be requested in October 2023.



### **Discussion:**

- CDOT team presented on: CDOT Policy Directive 703: Annual Budget, Project Budgeting, and Cash Management Principles, Historical FTE Count Interpretation, 2023 Legislative FTE Fiscal Notes, Accountability.
- It was explained that even if CDOT staff is given permission to create positions, the TC would still maintain the responsibility to approve the funding of new positions via their approval of the CDOT budget.
- Executive Director Lew mentioned that staff will be keeping some of the nominal positions in case we have the opportunity to recruit staff but not sitting on a high vacancy allows CDOT to be a little more nimble.
- Commissioner Adams asked Jeff Sudemeier for 400 positions into dollars how much money is that and if the roll over funds are part of this amount.

### **Overview and Adoption of Policy Directive 1607: (info) (Herman Stockinger, David Singer, and Sari Weichbrodt),**

- This workshop was tabled.

### **Policies and Procedures Overview and Adoption of Updated Policy Directive 1607 (Decision)(Darius Pakbaz and Aaron Willis) [Recording Timestamp 03:16:58](#)**

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

CDOT Division of Transportation Development (DTD) staff provided the TC with an overview of Policy Directive (PD) 1601 - Interchange Approval Process. While no action was requested, staff anticipates specific 1601 approval requests coming before the TC in the coming months.

#### **Discussion:**

- The 1601 Interchange approval process was presented along with the role of the TC in granting their approval There are transportation demand management requirements for all interchange approvals that were added to the policy in 2021.

## **Transportation Commission Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, September 21, 2023**

**9:00 am to 10:45 am**

[September 21, 2023 Transportation Commission Meeting Recording](#)

### **Call to Order, Roll Call**

Five seated Commissioners were present: Karen Stuart, Eula Adams, Terry Hart, Yessica Holguin, and Mark Garcia, and five newly appointed Commissioners: Shelley Cook, Hannah Parsons, Barbara Bowman, Megan Vasquez, and Rick Ridder were in attendance. Appointee, Jim Kelly, was absent.

### **Swear In New Commissioners and Election of Officers**

Five Commissioners were sworn in by TC Secretary and CDOT Deputy Executive Director, Herman Stockinger. Commissioners Cook, Ridder, Parsons, Vasquez and Bowman. Commissioner Garcia motioned and motion was seconded by Commissioner Holguin to elect Commissioner Stuart as TC Chair and Commissioner Hart as the TC Vice Chair.

## **Public Comments [Recording Timestamp 00:1:43](#)**

Commissioner Stuart highlighted written comments received. From the Colorado General Assembly - Representative Lukens and Senator Roberts raised their adamant opposition for changes to TPR boundaries for the NWTPR. These comments are available for review online.

- Danny Katz, COPIRG - Applauded CDOT for their handling of the Zero Fare Month for Bustang, and for encouraging transit across Colorado. We need a transit network to all pull in the same direction. Thanks for encouraging more transportation options for Coloradans.
- Rachel Hultin - Bicycle Colorado - Warmly welcomed new Commissioners. Today is E-Bike day. Lots of E-bike purchases being made. E-Bike is most efficient for households with no automobiles, and in remote areas that lack transit connections. Please consider E-Bike riders as part of the community of transportation stakeholders. E-Bike riders need safe places to ride. Cyclists tend to ride 60% farther with an E-Bike. Make sure the transportation system considers and works for them. Appreciates observing when CDOT is working on adding bicycles and pedestrian improvements to corridors.
- Previous TC Chair, Gary Beedy noted that the State Highway System impacts everyone's life. Needed for moving goods and people. Eastern Plains are the hands that bring the food to the urban areas. As a producer of wheat, he has produced enough wheat for a loaf of bread for every person in Colorado. Described situation of dairy farm growth due to Cheese Factory moving into his area. TC's responsibility is to maintain the transportation system. Look at the assets of the system - the roadways. CDOT has a \$350 M deficit for maintenance on our system. Not reaching our goals and anticipate more work needed for the system as it is aging. We are behind on our bridges. In 1953 there was a huge purge of highways across the nation. We have fiscal constraints to contend with. Wrapped up comments welcoming the new TC members.
- Commissioner Stuart thanked Gary Beedy for his service to the TC and for his tenure as TC Chair.

## **Comments of the Chair and Individual Commissioners [Recording Timestamp 00:16:04](#)**

- Seated Commissioners welcomed the new Commissioners to the TC. Previously seated Commissioners with seats now filled by new appointees were recognized and thanked for their service - Stanton, Bracke, Vasquez, Hall, Hickey, and Beedy. The previous TC members all learned a lot from one another, and formed relationships. Previous Commissioners will be honored at upcoming TPR meetings by CDOT Region RTDs.
- Commissioner Garcia noted it has been a quiet month for September. Observing lots of projects underway during his travels across Colorado. CDOT staff were congratulated for this good work.
- Commissioner Holguin recognized and thanked the people providing public comments. Recognized the outgoing Commissioners, Beedy, Hall, Vasquez, Hall, Bracke and thanked them for their help and guidance when first seated. As a Nonattainment Area Air Pollution Mitigation Enterprise (NAAPME) Board member attended last month's meeting, and an in-person meeting of NAAPME is scheduled for the future.

- Commissioner Hart noted that the new TC members are coming onboard at a very exciting time with great things coming up in our future. Recently rode a Hydrogen powered train at 80 mph with other Commissioners and the Governor in the Pueblo area. Stressed the importance of Front Range Passenger Rail to the state.
- Commissioner Adams acknowledged Piper Darlington and her work on the CTIO, as the new Director, is doing and will continue to do a great job. Attended DRCOG meetings. Attends the STAC meetings. The TPR Boundary Study is interesting. Looking forward to seeing the conclusion of the study. CDOT staff dedication is impressive. The Burnham Yard tour was exciting. John Lorme's presentation on CDOT's preparedness activities taken for the winter season was impressive. Need to make folks aware of all the work CDOT does to keep roads clear from ice and snow and safe. The increased level of distracted driving is a safety concern in Colorado. Due to increased modes of travel it is important to keep our eyes peeled and avoid distractions when traveling.
- Barbara Bowman expressed that it was her honor to be here serving for District 7. She is a fourth generation Denverite, but loves the Western Slope. Noted the work of Kathy Hall and her work on the TC. Commissioner Cook's background is in tourism. Visit Durango is one program she was involved with. Will continue work to invite visitors into the state.
- Hannah Parsons noted that it is a privilege to serve District 9, and recognized the work of Lisa Hickey. Commissioner Parsons is meeting with Lisa after this initiation. Lives in Colorado Springs. Worked for a tech company as employee number 3 and has an interest in all modes of transportation and in hardware and software. Currently navigating retail delivery fees and has employees across the state that serve in rural areas of the state. Served in community development organizations. Worked on Policy for transportation in the past. Attended a Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments meeting. Attended a Pueblo County meeting with Commissioner Hart. Thanked Executive Director Lew for a wonderful orientation.
- Rick Ridder - Thank you to staff for help with navigating materials. Major interest revolves around FRPR, I-70, Wildlife Corridors, and in terms of I-70 improvements for Clear Creek/Gilpin Area and response to challenges Glenwood Canyon fallout. Met with Stakeholders in Region and I-70 is a major issue for them. Background - in survey research - 300 surveys in Colorado in Western Colorado from pro-sports, wildlife corridors and passenger rail, will bring that expertise to the TC.
- Commissioner Shelley Cook - Thanked Don Stanton for his work previously on the TC. Background - thread of transportation for roads and transit as an elected official- Arvada City Council and RTD BOD and owner and founder of a microtransit company took place by Skyride. Impressed with the work of CDOT. Pleased and proud to work with CDOT.
- Commissioner Megan Vasquez - served as a Mayor of Elizabeth. Focus on Young people. Yesterday a whirlwind of information - thank you to Jennifer, Herman, and Sally for making us feel welcome. TY to Heather and to former Commissioner Beedy for time on a call. TY to other Commissioners and their welcome.
- Commissioner Stuart - CDOT is more multi-modal and is focused on what we can do to reduce congestion in a safe and consistent manner. Onboarding six people at once is a lot, and recognized Herman Stockinger and Jennifer Uebelher for their work to initiate the new Commissioners. Impressed with the redistribution presentation that was given yesterday. Noted the topics from Workshops - CTIO policy and safety enforcement for use of toll lanes.

## Executive Director's Management Report (Shoshanna Lew) [Recording](#) [Timestamp 00:49:20](#)

- Recognized and Thanked the outgoing and incoming Commissioners to the TC.
- Welcomed Piper Darlington as Director of the CTIO.
- Paul DesRoucher, the new Director of Division of Transit and Rail, is doing a phenomenal job.

- John Putnam is taking on an inter-agency special advisor role to negotiate the lease of the Moffat Tunnel, among other passenger rail related efforts.
- CDOT staff are making ready for winter season work. CDOT has made a major dent in the vacancy rate for maintenance staff that operate the snow plows and other winter equipment. The retention rate has been great - at 90% thanks to John Lorme, Bob Fifer, etc., and added another trainer to the team. CDOT is in a much better position than they were a year ago.
- Many projects getting ready for the season close.
- Rural paving projects are wrapping up focused on getting roads in a state of good repair... Debeque project is one. Berthoud Pass and pothole work there is going well.
- Regarding rail work, we visited places to see opportunities on how feasible clean transportation service is.
- A lot of vocal encouragement from northwest Colorado to use existing rail capacity for passenger rail. Met with local officials from Routt County to Hayden, who encouraged work on a project for mountain passenger rail. We are getting started with \$5M, with encouraging communication with freight rail provider underway.
- Glenwood culvert work is exciting, and is focused on the important basics.

### **Chief Engineer's Report (Keith Stefanik) [Recording Timestamp 00:57:48](#)**

- Major milestones sections of I-25 segments 6- 8 coming to substantial conclusion soon.
- Military Access, Mobility & Safety Improvement Project (MAMSIP) also coming along and is going well.
- Vail Pass project had struggles but the project team has dealt with it well, and has worked well with the CDOT Executive Management Team (EMT) to keep EMT informed and find solutions in order to move forwards. Looking to package 4 BID.
- For the US 550/US160 project, this Region 5 design build project is due to finish mid next year
- Redistribution funding of \$179M will go to our assets that need more improvements, and we will put some money into good programs and improvements.
- We are working with the TC on two approvals today, and placement of more Redistribution funds will be decided next month.

### **CTIO Report (Piper Darlington) [Recording Timestamp 01:02:18](#)**

- Expressed appreciation to those welcoming her to the Directorship of CTIO.
- CTIO Board met, the Board approved a grant match - reconnecting and communities and neighborhoods - The match is \$400K partnering with CDOT Region 1 and the City and County of Denver for the highest and best use of land. This is an innovative approach to funding a project. The Project is titled: Removing the Highway Barrier - Equitability Restoring Colfax Ave. and Federal Blvd. Mobility and Land Use.
- Commissioner Shelley Cook noted that value capture is an innovative approach for funding projects.
- Weekly updates on warning period along I-25 North and 20,000 warning notices sent out, and for C-470 15,000 warning notices have been sent out, regarding violations in using toll lanes. Oversize overweight vehicles are also not to use PPSLs when they are closed.

## Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Division Administrator Report (John Cater) [Recording Timestamp 01:07:23](#)

- The FHWA relationship with CDOT goes back to over 110 years. Highway system is a federally administered State Program where funding goes to CDOT. State selects projects and State's own the roads. This is a unique program with a partnership. The FHWA Office is in Lakewood near the Federal Center.
- Redistribution funds were mentioned - Colorado received \$179M due to good work of CDOT staff, conducted in a very short timeframe.
- End of federal fiscal year (FFY) as transportation has multi-year funding - as of October 1 FHWA offices will still be open even if a government shutdown happens after September 30, 2023.
- Colorado is an example to other states as FHWA conducted a peer exchange on Peak Period Shoulder Lanes (PPSLs) with New York State. FHWA Colorado shared what worked and the challenges, and strategies on how to handle PPSL use violations.
- Another Peer Exchange was held on intersection safety. Tools like roundabouts, etc. were discussed. Due to there being much more of a mix of modes using the transportation system, there is the need to keep the transportation system functioning well and safely.

## STAC Report (Vince Rogalski- STAC Chair) [Recording Timestamp 01:11:54](#)

- Vince joined the STAC back in 1993 and became chairman in 2004. Grew up in Minnesota. Over last 30 years haven't missed meetings due to work of CDOT maintenance staff to keep the roads clear between Gunnison Valley and Denver.
- STAC work is fun working on improving transportation in Colorado
- STAC has 17 members - 10 rural Transportation Planning Regions (TPRs), 5 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and two Indian Tribes - Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) and Ute Mountain Ute (UMU) . Most members are elected officials - County Commissioners or City Council members.
- Meeting in person next month at CDOT HQ, but also have remote meeting options on zoom.
- Meetings are 3-4 hours long, and STAC get lots of work done. Sometimes there is a need for special meetings. Legislative updates regarding federal and state policies occur, and Michael Whitaker is the current nominee for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Administrator.
- HB 23-1101 requires a TPR Boundary Review Study. Other topics of the study are related to administration of TPRs and is also a key focus of the study.
- Vince is carrying on as a non-elected official as TPR president of Gunnison Valley TPR.
- Boundary considerations were discussed at STAC for several TPRs. These considerations are not yet CDOT staff recommendations. Most TPRs prefer to be left as is for their boundaries.
- The previous August STAC meeting covered the Regional Priority Projects Program (RPP) proposed formula for distribution. The STAC agreed that their recommendation for the formula would be the same as was recommended previously. The September STAC meeting discussed the Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) distribution formula. MMOF to be discussed further next month.
- Next STAC meeting will be in-person at CDOT HQ on October 5, 2023.

- Heather Sloop, STAC Vice Chair, introduced herself. The HB 23-1101 study will include a great informational piece to enhance transparency and help TPR administrators have more cohesion and understanding, so that TPR members understand TPRs, what TPRs do, and how they help their regions. MPOs are being coordinated with now. This will be a very positive effort for the state.
- Commissioner Adams recognized the good work of Vince and Heather as leaders of the STAC.

### **Act on Consent Agenda (Herman Stockinger) [Recording Timestamp 01:29:46](#)**

A Motion by Commissioner Holguin to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Garcia, passed unanimously.

- Proposed Resolution #1: Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2023 - Herman Stockinger
- Proposed Resolution #2: IGA Approval >\$750,000 - Lauren Cabot
- Proposed Resolution #3: FY24 Maintenance Projects \$150k-\$250k - Jim Fox
- Proposed Resolution #4: Disposal: 19 parcels along US 6 Frontage Rd - Jessica Myklebust
- Proposed Resolution #5: Abandonment: US 6 North Frontage Road, Lakewood Proposed - Jessica Myklebust
- Resolution #6: Xcel Electric Vehicle Charging Easements - Jessica Myklebust and Heather Paddock
- Proposed Resolution #7: Holy Cross Energy Easement - Dotsero - Jason Smith

### **Discuss and Act on Proposed Resolution #9: 3rd Budget Supplement FY 2024 (Jeff Sudmeier) [Recording Timestamp 01:31:08](#)**

A Motion by Commissioner Garcia to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Ridder passed unanimously. This is a CDOT Region 1 request to move \$ 1.3M from one 10-Year Plan project to another - from the West Metro Bridge project to the I-70 West PPSL project

### **Discuss and Act on Proposed Resolution #10: FY 2024 Budget Amendment (Jeff Sudmeier) [Recording Timestamp 01:34:02](#)**

A Motion by Commissioner Bowman to approve, and seconded by Commissioner Holguin passed unanimously. This is a request to provide \$13M from TC Reserves to surface treatment of Interstates and \$8M for geohazard mitigation.

### **Discuss and Act on Proposed Resolution #11 - Advancement of Vail Pass in the 10-Year Plan (Jeff Sudmeier and Darius Pakbaz) [Recording Timestamp 01:35:49](#)**

Move \$33M from FY 27+ in 10-Year Plan to current FY 2024.

A Motion by a Commissioner to approve was received, and seconded by Commissioner Adams passed unanimously.

### **Discuss and Act on Proposed Resolution #12 - Condemnation Authorization Request (Keith Stefanik) [Recording Timestamp 01:37:54](#)**

Project Number NHPP 0842-111, US 85, Sedalia To Daniels Park Road, Project ID #: 20069.

A Motion by Commissioner Adams to approve, and seconded by another Commissioner passed unanimously.

**Adjournment at 10:45 am**



# SOUTHWEST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING REGION

## RESOLUTION 2023-01

### A Resolution Extending 23709 24004 Bayfield SUP Improvements

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Bayfield applied to CDOT for Multi Modal Operations Funding for a shared use path in the Bayfield Business Center; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Bayfield was awarded \$248,678 for the shared use path improvement project in a letter dated March 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, CDOT has granted one extension from an original expiration date of June 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024 in a letter dated March 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the current bidding climate for construction projects in the Region, and across the nation, has become highly unorthodox, with contractors displaying a preference for private sector projects due to reduced paperwork; and

**WHEREAS**, this unorthodox bidding climate poses a challenge to the timely execution of government-funded projects, and it is prudent for the Town of Bayfield, The SWTPR, and the Colorado Department of Transportation to anticipate potential delays in contractor interest and project execution; and

**WHEREAS**, the SWTPR recognizes the importance of ensuring that the Bayfield SUP Improvements project is completed efficiently and effectively, without compromising on safety and quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the SWTPR believes that requesting an extension of Grant 23709 24004 until June 30, 2025, is a proactive measure to allow for additional time, if necessary, to secure contractor interest and successfully complete the project;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTHWEST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING REGION:** to approve the extension of the expiration date of Project # MTF M065-008 from June 30, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to accommodate anticipated delays and to ensure the successful completion of the project;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the SWTPR shall promptly notify CDOT administration authorities of this request.

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Sarah Hill, Chairwoman

August 10, 2023

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Date





## SOUTHWEST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING REGION

31 March, 2020

Katie Sickles  
Town of Bayfield  
PO Box 80  
Bayfield, CO 81122

RE: Multi Modal Options Fund Local Fund Project Application

The Southwest Transportation Planning Region (SWTPR) is pleased to announce an award from the Multi Modal Options Local Fund in the amount of \$248,678 to the Town of Bayfield for the Bayfield Shared Use Path Improvements project. This award requires a total match of \$994,710, or 80% of the total project cost.

The funding and reporting for these funds will be managed by Transportation Region 5 of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). A representative will contact you to begin the contracting process. As a reminder, all awarded funds must be spent in their entirety no later than June 30, 2023.

Best wishes on the Bayfield Shared Use Path Improvements project.

Sincerely,

Phillip F. Johnson  
Southwest Transportation Planning Region Chair



**SWTPR- RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS**

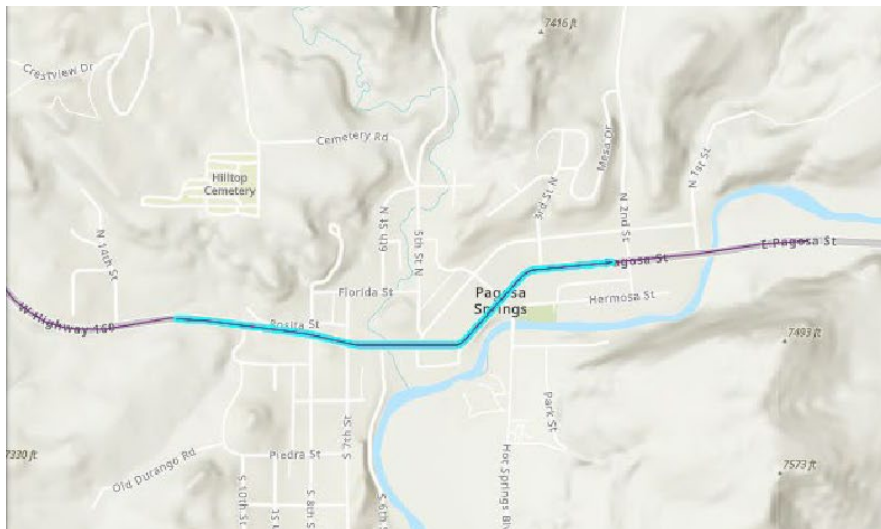
**US 160 McCabe Creek Pagosa - 19263**

Budget: \$7.35 million

Funding Type: SB 267

Awarded: Oldcastle SW Group, Inc.

This project was located on US 160 at approximate MP 143, near downtown Pagosa Springs in Archuleta County. This project replaced aged metal culverts with new precast concrete box culverts. Additionally, riprap lined drainage improvements were installed to establish a new downstream channel, allowing for better drainage along the road. Other work included updating the guardrail and bridge rail, erosion control, sidewalk work, and fencing along the corridor. Construction was completed on June 27, 2023.



**SWTPR- CURRENT PROJECTS**

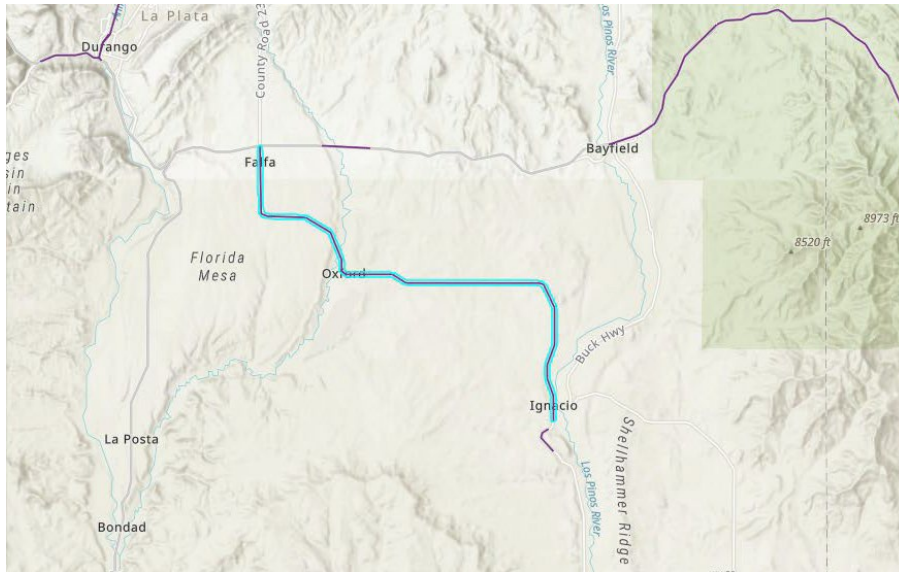
**US 172 Ignacio to Elmore’s Corner- 24092**

Budget: \$19 million

Funding Type: Surface Treatment, Culverts, Structures

Awarded: Oldcastle SW Group, Inc.

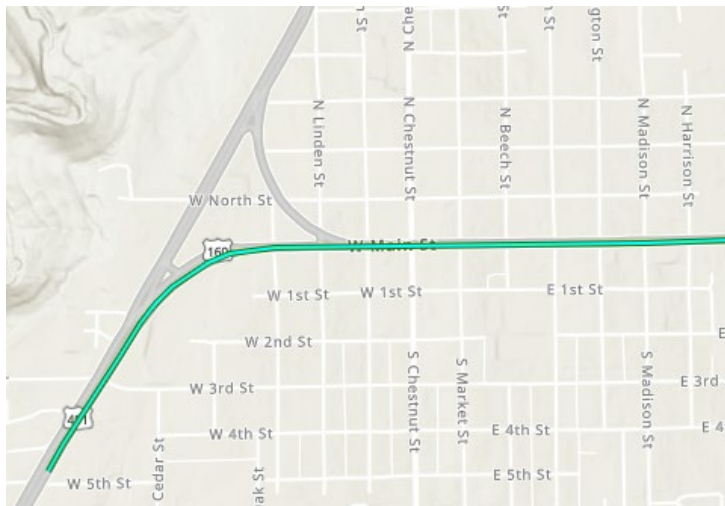
This project is located on SH 172 at approximate MP 8.3 to 24.5, from Ignacio to the Elmore’s Corner intersection of SH 172 and US 160. The work will include a 16.2-mile surface treatment along with ADA ramp improvements in the Town of Ignacio. Construction began on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 with a tentative end date in November 2023.



**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and is currently on hold while additional equipment is delivered. The new completion date is fall/winter 2023.

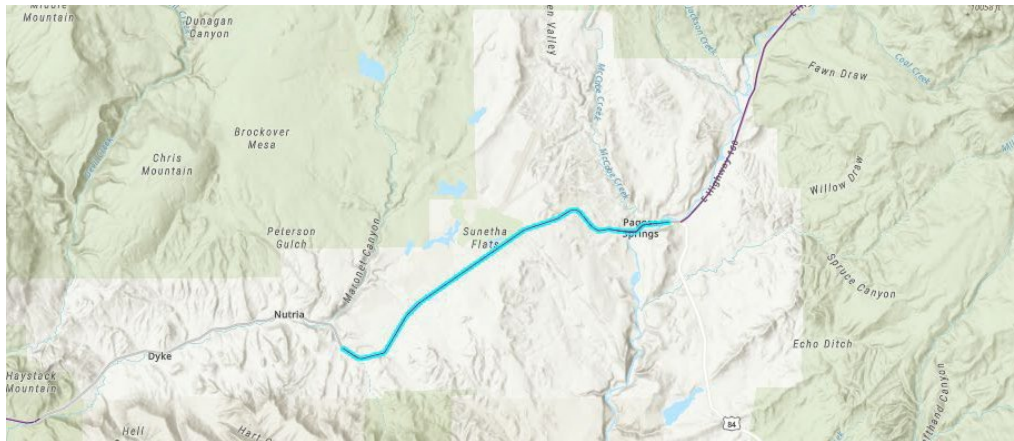


**US 160 West of Pagosa MP 135- 144 ST- 23505**

Budget: \$12.6 million  
 Funding: SUR, Safety, FSA, HAZ, Culverts  
 Awarded: Oldcastle SW Group, Inc.

This surface treatment project is located on US 160 in the Town of Pagosa Springs, approximate MP 135 to 144. Work will include 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 includes culvert and guardrail replacement and re- striping. Paving operations will take place at night. This project began on May 15, 2023 and has an estimated completion date in November 2023.



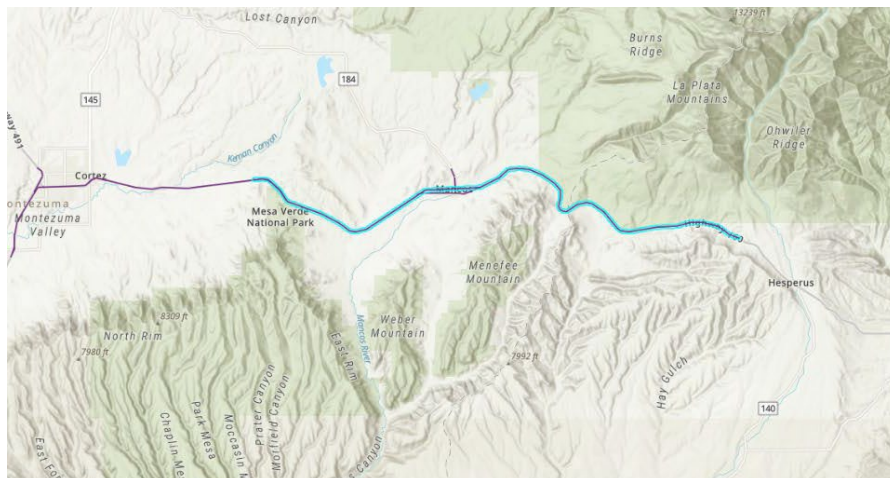
**US 160 Section 3 Priority Culverts- 23191**

Budget: \$2.6 million

Funding Type: Structures

Awarded: American West Construction, LLC

This project will be 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 will be repaired or replaced. This project began on May 15, 2023, and has an estimated completion date in November 2023.



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

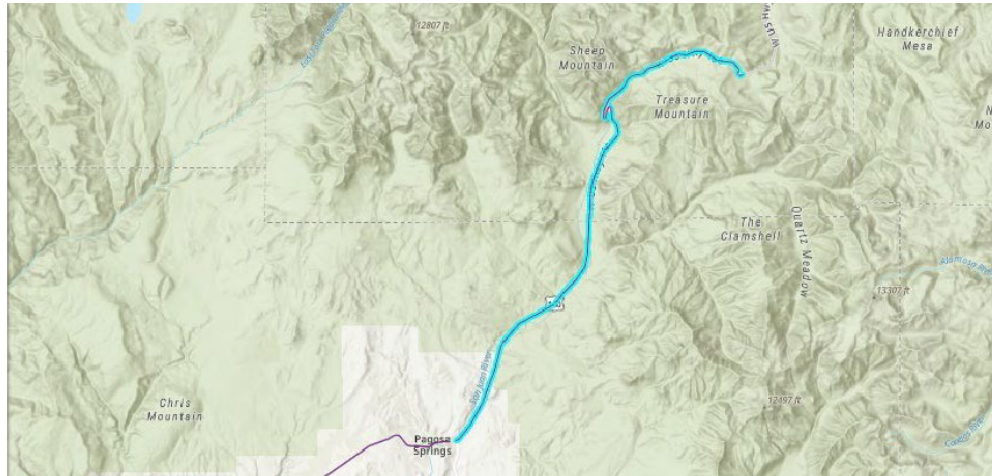
Budget: \$12 million

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.



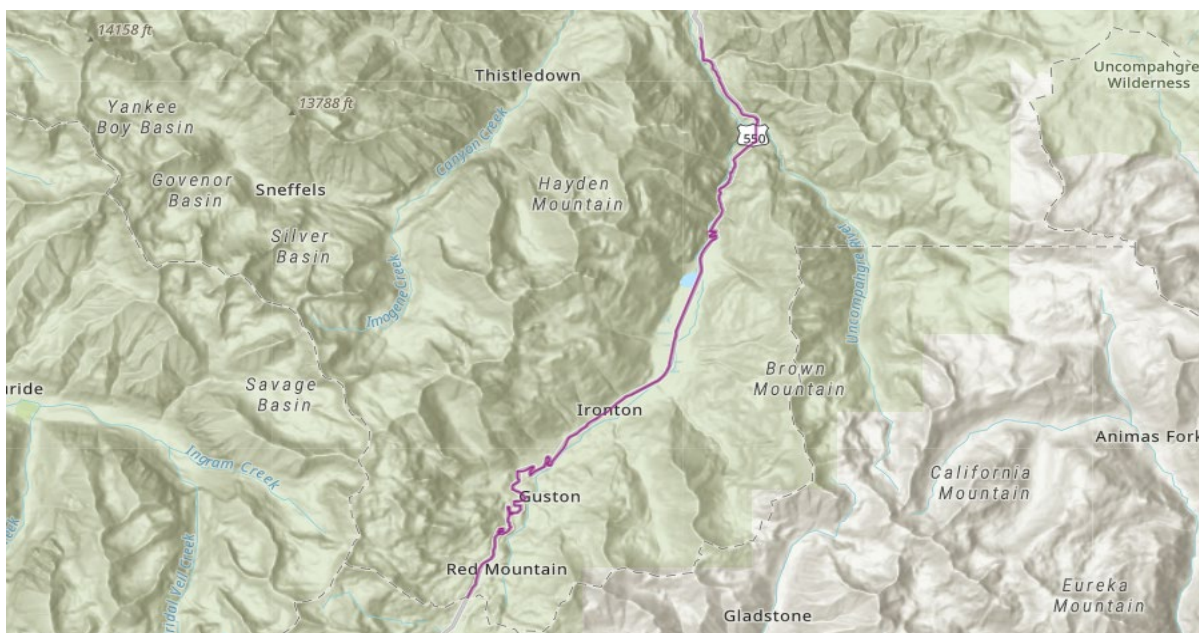
**US 550 MP 81 & 89 Bluepoint Avalanche Mitigation- 23623**

Budget: \$926k

Funding Type: GeoHaz

Awarded: Geovert

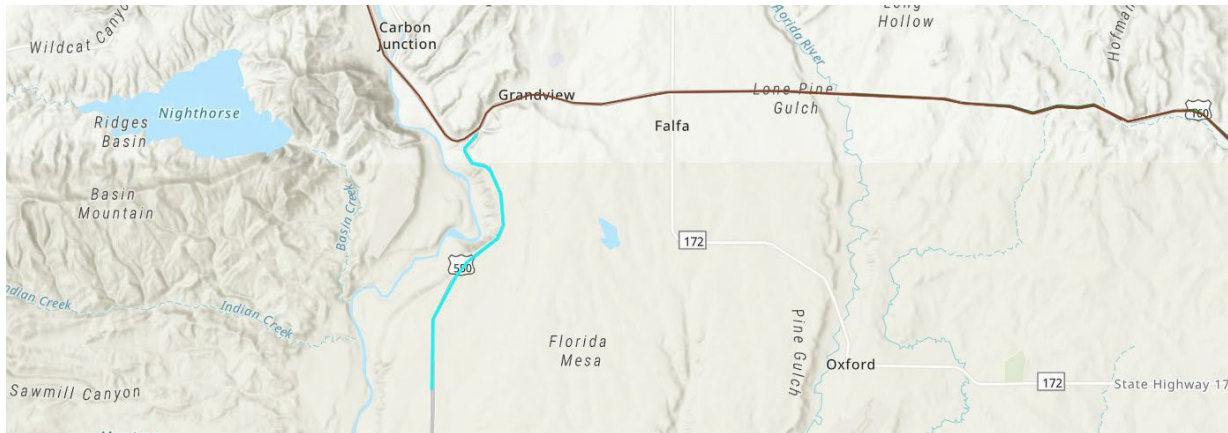
This project is located on US 550 at approximate MP 81- 89 in Ouray County. This avalanche mitigation project will install a Gasex avalanche system on a known avalanche slide, Bluepoint and an Obelex system on the Mother Cline slide. The installation of these systems will allow maintenance crews to trigger avalanches remotely when needed. This project began on July 10, 2023 and has an anticipation completion date of September 2023.



**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 the continuation of deer fence installation, wildlife underpass work, drainage work and further construction on the Grandview side of the project. Construction began in August 2020 and now has an estimated completion date in spring of 2024.

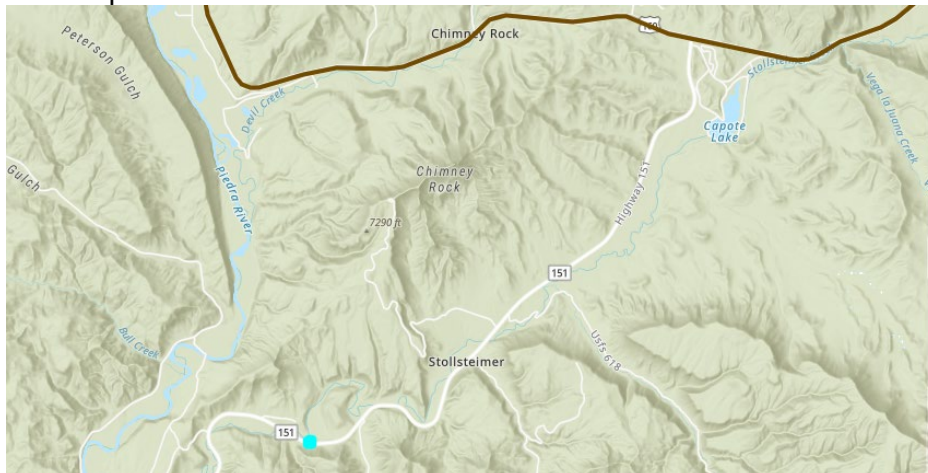


**SWTPR- UPCOMING PROJECTS**

**SH 151 Culvert Replacement MP 28.51- 25737**

Budget: \$4.5 million  
Funding Type: BE  
Ad Date: Summer 2023

This emergency project is located on SH 151 at MP 28.51 in Archuleta County, south of Chimney Rock. Heavy spring runoff has caused damage to the existing culverts. The flood damaged CMP will be replaced with twin CBCs to better accommodate high water levels. Construction has started and is expected to be completed in November of 2023.



**US 160 Section 3 Chipseals- 24954**

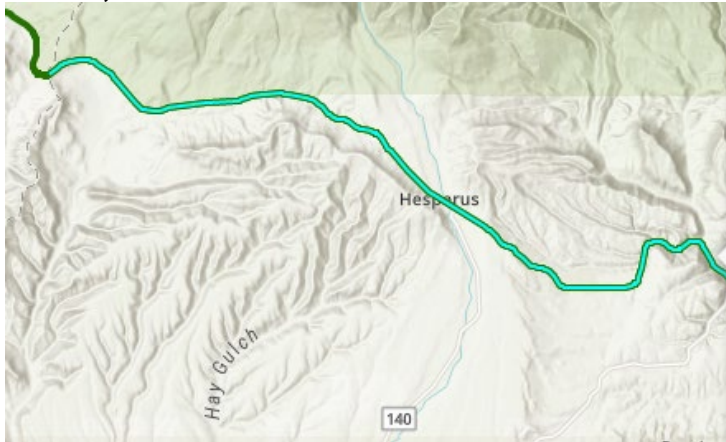
Budget: \$8.2 million

Funding Type: Surface Treatment

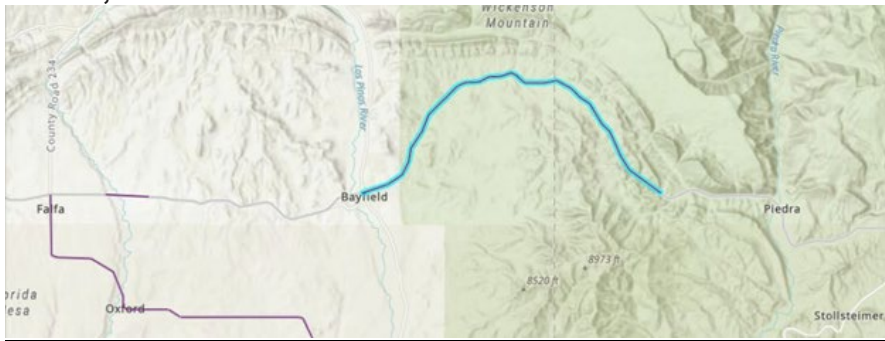
Ad Date: Fall 2023

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 is scheduled for Ad in Fall 2023 with construction tentatively anticipated for spring 2024.

**US 160, MP 61- 81**



**US 160, MP 102- 117**



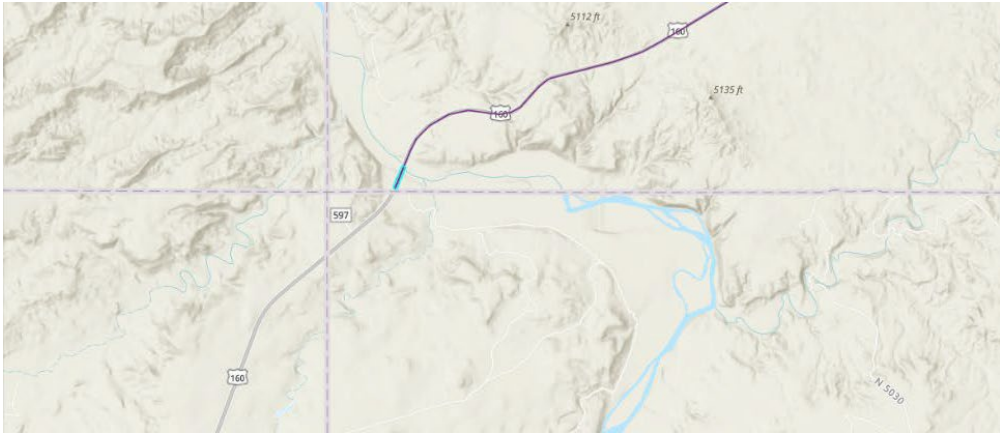
**US 160 San Juan River MP 0.8 & Aztec- 20685**

Budget: \$3.2 million

Funding Type: BR

Ad Date: Fall 2023

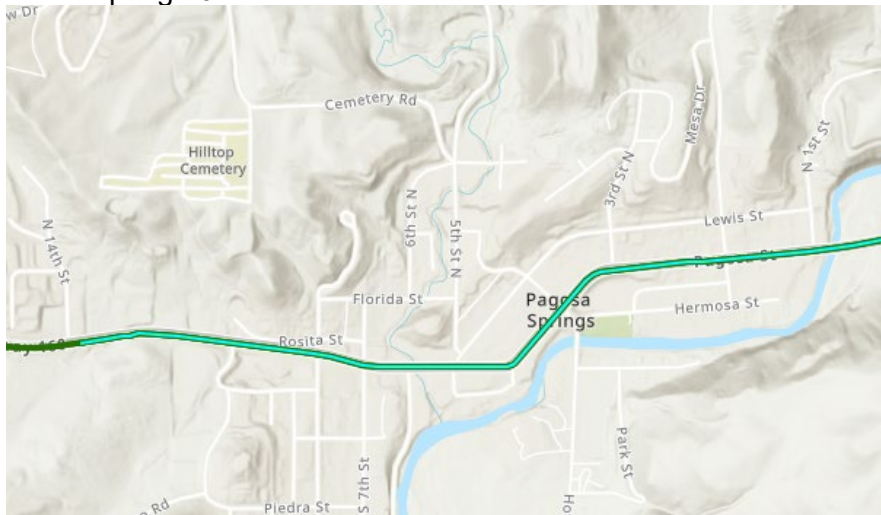
This project is located on US 160 at the Colorado/ New Mexico state line, approximate MP 0. The project will provide scour protection for the San Juan River Bridge which will help contain the increase in runoff. Improvements to a second bridge at Aztec Creek have also been added to the project scope. The Ad date is scheduled for fall 2023 with start of construction tentatively anticipated for January 2024.



**US 160 Pagosa Reconstruct- 21919**

Budget: \$17 million  
Funding Type: Priority  
Ad Date: Fall 2023

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 fall 2023 with construction tentatively planned for spring 2024.

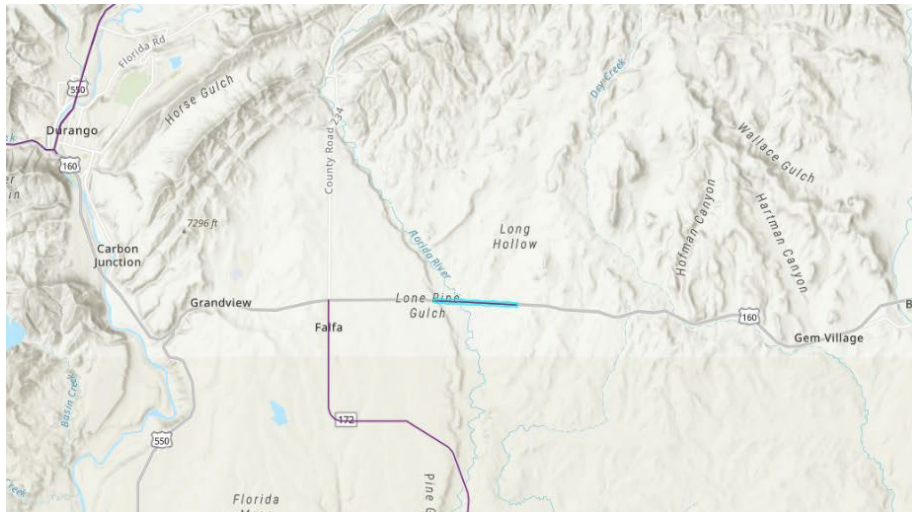


**US 160 & CR 225 MP 94.04 Improvements- 23001**

Budget: \$6.8mill  
Funding Type: Traffic & Safety  
Ad Date: Fall 2025

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 is tentative for fall 2025.





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

Budget: \$2.1 million

Funding Type: ADA, Local Agency

Ad Date: Shelf 2023

CDOT is planning on the construction of ADA ramp improvements along US 160D in the Town of Mancos. The design is expected to be complete and shelved in 2023, awaiting construction funding.

