



TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER

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The DRAFT FY2020 - FY2023 STIP is Available for Public Review and Comment

The Draft FY2020 – FY2023 STIP has been released for public review and comment. The public comment period will be open through December 18, 2019. You can find the document here: [Draft FY2020-FY2023 STIP](#)

Comments may be submitted to:

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A public hearing for the STIP will be held at CDOT Headquarters, at the address above. The date and time are to be determined. We will update this page once that date has been set.

While this covers projects thru 2023, our Long Range 2045 Plan is still underway to identify a 10 year pipeline of projects for our TPR. From our last TPR Meeting we have developed a list of projects for prioritization. I have a list of Region 3 priority projects and am waiting for the Region 5 list. When I have both lists, I'll be sending them out to TPR membership for final approval.

The TPR Chairs for each Region are scheduled to meet to incorporate these lists into an overall prioritized list for each Region. The meetings are set for: Region 5 January 6, 2020 in Durango and Region 3 January 7, 2020 in Glenwood Springs. I will be promoting our projects at each meeting.

Approval of SB 267 Projects At the Transportation Commission Meeting November 21, 2019

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Colorado Transportation Commission approves the following list of transportation projects in Fiscal Year 2020-2022 in accordance with stipulations provided by law:

Note: I have only listed Projects for Region 3 & 5

Region 3 Highway

- US 50 Windy Point/Blue Creek Canyon - \$18,500,000
- SH 9 Iron Springs to Main Street - \$6,000,000
- SH 13 Fortification Creek - \$10,800,000
- US 6 Fruita to Palisade Safety Improvements - \$36,000,000
- SH 13 Garfield County MP 11.3 to 16.2 - \$16,500,000
- US 550 Montrose to Ouray County Line Safety Improvements - \$6,000,000
- I-70 Auxillary Lane East Frisco to Silverthorne - \$24,000,000
- US 50 Grand Junction to Delta Repairs - \$15,000,000
- SH 92 Rogers Mesa to Hotchkiss - \$8,000,000
- I-70B East of 1st to 15th Street - \$16,000,000
- I-70 West Vail Pass Safety Improvements - Phase 1 - \$13,500,000
- "Intersection Improvements at SH 50/550" - \$3,500,000
- US 50 Passing Lanes Blue Mesa - \$6,000,000

Rural Paving Projects Region 3

- SH 92 Crawford East - \$7,800,000
- SH 64 Meeker West - \$8,800,000
- SH 34 Grand Lake - \$11,500,000
- SH 139 Douglas Pass North - \$8,400,000
- SH 149 Lake City North - \$12,100,000
- SH 300 Leadville West - \$2,500,000
- SH 24 Leadville South - \$5,800,000
- SH 318 Browns Park East - \$9,500,000
- SH 114 Parlin West - \$4,500,000
- SH 125 Walden North - \$1,000,000
- SH 14 Grizzly Ranch North - \$7,000,000
- SH 139 Dinosaur Diamond - \$2,200,000
- SH 92 Hotchkiss to Crawford - \$3,500,000

Region 5

Highway and resurfacing

- US 50/285 Intersection Reconstruction (Round-a-bout) - \$5,400,000
- US 550 Pacochupuk South Roadway Mobility and Safety Improvements - \$1,700,000
- US 160 McCabe Creek Major Structure Replacement - \$5,000,000
- US 550/160 Connection (Interchange Completion) - \$7,900,000
- CO 141&145 Slickrock & Redvale Resurfacing - \$16,000,000
- CO 17 MP 84.5 to 118.5 Shoulders and Resurfacing - \$12,000,000
- CO 149 Resurfacing and Shoulders North of Creede - \$16,000,000
- CO 114 Resurfacing and Shoulders - \$12,000,000
- CO 141 North of Naturita Resurfacing - \$12,000,000
- US 50 North of 285 Resurfacing - \$3,500,000
- US 550 Billy Creek Resurfacing - \$6,500,000
- CO370 Resurfacing - \$2,000,000
- US 160 MP 0-8 Aztec Creek Resurfacing - \$4,000,000

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commission recognizes that additional funding is needed to fully fund the project amounts identified in the list, as well as up to \$20 million in additional funding to fully construct the North I-25, Segment 7 and 8 project and as such the Commission anticipates any premium that may result in SB 267 Certificate of Participation issuances will first be utilized to fill these project funding needs.

An additional note: SB- 267 Transit Projects will be on the agenda for the Commission at their December meeting.

Below is a memo sent out by Michelle Haynes. This is a reminder.

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**From: Michelle Haynes Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 2:55 PM To: + GVTPR <gvtp@region10.net>
Subject: Funding Opportunity-Transportation Alternatives Programs**

Good afternoon, CDOT Regions 3 and 5 have announced that applications are being accepted for the Transportation Alternatives Program for fiscal years 2021 through 2023. Each region has included more information about the program and regional contacts in the emails below. If you are considering an application for the TAP funding, it is beneficial to begin working with your regional office early in the process.

REGION 3 to ALL Regarding TAP FUNDS

The Colorado Department of Transportation Region 3 is currently accepting applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program for fiscal years 2021 through 2023. Federal funds are allocated under TAP for projects that expand travel choice, strengthen the local economy, improve quality of life and protect the environment. It also includes projects that enhance non-motorized forms of travel like biking and walking. Over the three-year period, Region 3 will be awarding approximately \$3.9 million in Region 3. The interim draft application deadline is Dec. 2, 2019. Final applications must be submitted by Jan. 20, 2020. Eligible applicants include local governments, regional transportation authorities, transit agencies, natural resource or public land agencies, schools or school districts, tribal governments, and/or any other local or regional government entity. Non-profits may apply by partnering with any of the above entities. Projects are selected via a competitive scoring process based on criteria identified in the TAP Guidelines and Application on the CDOT website: <https://www.codot.gov/programs/planning/grants/tap-fiscal-years-2021-23>.

Please visit this website for more information about eligibility, who to contact, and other important information.

Thanks and call me if you have any questions.

W. Mark Rogers Region 3 Planning Manager

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Region 5 to ALL Regarding TAP FUNDS

Dear CDOT Region 5 Regional Planning Commission Members and Other Interested Parties: The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is pleased to announce a call for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects for fiscal years 2021 thru 2023. There is an interim draft application deadline of Dec. 2, 2019 and all final applications are required to be submitted by Jan. 20, 2020. The draft application should be a full and complete application, the same one that would be submitted for the final application, unless revisions are necessary. Between the draft and final applications, region staff will review application materials for accuracy and cost projections. Applicants will be able to update their application after review by region staff, and must submit their final applications by January 20, 2019. Projects eligible for TAP funding include pedestrian and bicycle facilities, environmental mitigation of transportation activities, and historic/scenic transportation activities. Eligible applicants include local governments, regional transportation authorities, transit agencies, natural resource or public land agencies, schools or school districts, tribal governments, and/or any other local or regional government entity. Non-profits may apply by partnering with any of the above entities. It should also be noted that TAP is a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) program, managed by CDOT, which requires compliance with federal and state regulations. Applicants should be aware that TAP is a reimbursement program that requires a 20% local match. TAP projects are selected via a competitive scoring process based on criteria identified in the TAP Guidelines and Application on the CDOT

website: <https://www.codot.gov/programs/planning/grants/tap-fiscal-years-2021-23>. The CDOT Local Agency Manual also provides a more in-depth overview of the requirements for awarded projects. It is accessible through the following CDOT website:

https://www.codot.gov/business/designsupport/bulletins_manuals/2006-local-agency-manual

Applicants must contact the Region 5 Off-Systems Engineer, Mr. Robert Shanks, to schedule a preapplication meeting for the proposed project. Mr. Shanks can be reached by phone at (970) 3851416 or by e-mail at robert.shanks@state.co.us. The purpose of the scoping is to assist with the development of projects which are constructible and meet current engineering standards. During this initial project review, the proposed projects will also be evaluated to determine if they comply with state and federal design criteria. Information from this project meeting is intended to help the applicant produce a better application and reduce the submittal of incomplete applications. We recommend scheduling a pre-application meeting to allow sufficient time for adjustments based on the meeting, but not before a detailed concept of the project is developed. CDOT personnel will require at least 2 weeks notice to schedule a scoping meeting but 4 weeks notice is recommended. All meetings must be completed by Friday, November 22, 2019. Project applications will not be accepted if the sponsor has not held a pre-application meeting with CDOT. Submitting Applications Applications must be received no later than December 2, 2019. One digital and one hard copy application including all documents and attachments must be submitted. The digital applications will be accepted in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format and must either be e-mailed to Linda Morschauser at linda.morschauser@state.co.us or mailed with the hardcopy on a CD or USB flash drive. Hardcopy applications must be sent to the following address:

Linda Morschauser CDOT Region 5 3803 North Main Avenue, Suite 300 Durango, Colorado 81301 Thank you for your interest in the TAP Program and feel free please contact me with any questions. Sincerely,
Matt Muraro Environmental Specialist/Regional Planner

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An Additional Reminder

Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region

CALL FOR PROJECTS

Multimodal Options Fund – Local Funds

Senate Bill 2018-001 included a provision that established a Multimodal Options Fund (MMOF). The Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region (TPR) has been allocated \$2,355,869 to be used in the Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region (TPR).

1. Eligible Applicants

All Counties, municipal governments, transit agencies, school districts or other sponsors of eligible multimodal projects within the Gunnison Valley TPR boundaries.

2. Project Eligibility

Projects must be one of or a combination of the following project types:

- a. Capital or Operating costs, for Fixed-route or On-demand transit,
- b. Transportation Demand Management programs,

- c. Multimodal Mobility projects enabled by new technology,
- d. Multimodal Transportation studies, OR
- e. Bicycle or pedestrian projects

3. Financial Requirements

Sponsors must commit to a 50% match unless match relief is approved by the Transportation Commission. Requests for partial or full match reduction may be submitted to the Commission by the TPR on behalf of eligible project sponsors. Match reduction is eligible to Cities/towns of less than 20,000 population and poverty rate at or above 12% and for counties of less than 50,000 population and poverty rate at or above 12%. Cities or counties that meet the population threshold but not the poverty level requirement may also request match reduction provided other evidence of special economic circumstances or disadvantage. Sponsors other than counties or cities (school districts, transit agencies, etc.) are eligible for match reduction based upon the general county and/or cities where they provide service.

There is a general expectation that minimum transit project sizes of \$25,000, and minimum capital project sizes of \$150,000 would be observed for project selections, with reasonable bundling of smaller projects encouraged to reach these minimums.

4. Call for Projects and Application Submittals

Submit applications to Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region via Region 10 by November 29, 2019.

There is no limit to the number of applications any one sponsor can submit. Depending on number and types of applications submitted or funded, there may be an additional Call for Projects in the future.

5. Application Review

Projects must be one of the allowed project types and will be evaluated based on the following:

- a. Benefits seniors by making aging in place more feasible
- b. Benefits residents of rural areas by providing them with flexible public transportation services
- c. Provides enhanced mobility for persons with disabilities or other vulnerable populations
- d. Provides safe routes to school for children
- e. Increases access to and/or usage of transit or mixed-use trails or
- f. Bicycle or pedestrian projects

NOTE:

There is a time limit on the spending of the funds. MMOF Funding is eligible only for project expenditures made through June 30, 2023. Invoices for reimbursement must be submitted prior to June 30, 2023.

See CDOT's Multimodal Option Fund guidance for additional program information, including county and municipality match reduction qualification data

Transportation TPR Meeting
NEXT MEETING NOTICE TPR meeting January 30, 2019
Region 10 at 10am to Noon
145 south Cascade, Montrose