



# TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER

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## Reminders

**Below are two reminders sent out by Michelle:**

**1. From Elijah Henly with FHWA to the TPR membership, an update on the Federal Lands Pilot.**

Building upon the work that was done to in your RTP to identify high priority Fed Lands access project, I wanted to update you on the status of the CO Pilot and let you know that FHWA is working with the other federal partners to develop a scope and budget for the next phase on planning – project prioritization, research, and stepdown planning efforts (corridor studies, PELs, special area studies, etc.). CFL would like conduct a series of prioritization webinars with you and your federal counterparts to set criteria for prioritizing the FLTP/FLAP project bundles captured in the RTP. Once prioritized, it would then be good to use that information to convene some peer exchanges that pull in CPW, county rec/resource departments, regional land management collations (e.g. Grand Places 2050 and NOCO Places 2050), and Outdoor Rec/tourism industry reps to discuss creative way to start moving the highest priorities into the project development pipeline. During the remainder of the FY, CFL will be compiling a Report on the CO Pilot that focused on a (1) lessons learned, (2) key finding from the needs assessment process, and (3) proposed next steps. Once a scope and budget has been established, we (CDOT and FHWA) will be reaching out to set up a virtual workshop (90 to 120 minutes) focused on prioritization criteria. In the interim, please feel to reach out to me or Elijah Henley at CFL. He's cc:ed and can also be reached at (303) 551-5802.

**2. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL**

Applications are due November 4. Projects to be awarded in late March 2021. CDOT's website has additional information. <https://www.codot.gov/programs/bikeped/safe-routes/grantapplication>

## Recommendation for TC Adoption

- Formal adoption of the Statewide Plan is required by statute.

- STAC and TRAC have recommended the 2045 Statewide Transportation Plan and 2045 Statewide Transit Plan for Transportation Commission adoption.

On August 20, 2020 the Transportation Commission unanimously Approved The 2045 Statewide Transportation and The 2045 Statewide Transit Plans.

A fun item also presented is the following. It is worth taking a look at.

<https://www.codot.gov/programs/your-transportation-priorities/projects-funded>

## Projects in Years 1-4

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### Project Status & Funding

Welcome to the Colorado Department of Transportation's Senate Bill (SB) dashboards. These represent a transparent view into the department's SB project portfolio through public reporting on project management and project costs. The Program Summary dashboard is focused on showing the status of each project in terms of delivering per schedule and budget. The Program Financial Summary dashboard is focused on showing the breakdown of project costs into the various types of project expenditures so the public can see where project dollars are going.

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### Project Lists & Funding Information

Thanks to the funding provided by the legislature through SB 262, SB 1 and SB 267, CDOT is able to implement a portion of the 10-Year Strategic Project Pipeline. The following project lists identify the funded and unfunded projects CDOT is proposing, along with how each project addresses the concerns raised by Coloradans. Improving safety is a component of every project.

#### Interactive Project Maps

##### Map Instructions

- **Accessing the Legend:** Select a project line or point to open a screen with more information about that project. To access the legend, select the button with the two arrows on the right for a key of symbols on the map. A window like the one to the right will display.

- **Using the Map:** To navigate around the map, select and drag your mouse around to move the map. Mobile users, touch and drag to move the map.
- **Zooming In/Out:** To zoom in and out, users can use the + and – buttons seen in the tool below. PC users may also use the scroll wheel on their mouse. Mobile users use two fingers to zoom in and out. The home button in the tool seen below will zoom back to the original extent.

[Central Projects | Region 1](#)

[Southeast Projects | Region 2](#)

[Northwest Projects | Region 3](#)

[Northeast Projects | Region 4](#)

[Southwest Projects | Region 5](#)

## Update on Current Events – Herman Stockinger

a)Region 3 & 4 RTDs provided a brief on the status, impact and response to the major fires burning in the state: Grizzly Creek and Pine Gulch on the West Slope and Cameron Peak in Poudre Canyon.

b)COVID19 cases among CDOT employees down from the recent spike to only 7 cases currently; Work from home is expected to continue at least through October.

c)Staff are looking at a few things for cost savings, items that have not yet come to STAC or TC. These include new processes for right-sizing MLOS and Asset Management budgets to maintain performance targets, without changing how funds are allocated around the state; looking at “systemic” safety issues - allowing Regions flexibility to use FASTER Safety funding on those aspects of rural paving projects.

d)PD1601 – Interchange Access policy being looked at to include TDM analysis and requirements in certain 1601 approval cases.

e) TC is exploring key policies this month for potential changes to make progress on policy goals to reduce GHG. f) CDOT’s new grant program, Revitalizing Main Streets, has received 37 applications and made 6 awards to-date; The Telework Challenge program has received 22 requests and made 4 awards.

**STAC Discussion:** Discussion included questions about the correlation between the reduction of vehicle use to GHG emissions overall. Members were also interested to know what are the implications to Land Use Planning with respect to GHG reduction efforts. Staff will bring back information and prepare for discussion with STAC in September, including discussion on the forthcoming GHG Emission Reduction Roadmap being adopted by the Air Quality Control Commission in October.

## STAC Bylaws Subcommittee Report – Heather Sloop, Northwest TPR

a) Holly Williams provided an overview of the discussion topics and recommendations of the committee;

b)Recommended Bylaws amendments include those required due to changes in statute and/or planning rules, options for STAC Officer selection and STAC representation, allowances for virtual and remote participation;

c)Other recommended changes include: Implementing term limits for the Chair, and requiring a rotation of STAC Chair throughout CDOT's Regions; and requirements for advance notice and distribution of supporting materials to STAC members for agenda items requiring STAC adoption or vote;

**STAC Discussion:** Considerable discussion and debate was had around the feasibility for two-week notification and distribution for agenda action items; some members also expressed concern for the proposed STAC Chair term limits and a forced regional rotation of the Chair's position; Herman Stockinger offered to meet with the Committee to discuss and come up with solutions for effective distribution of agenda materials; The committee will meet again to consider changes to its recommendations based on STAC input and bring those back to STAC next month.

**Transportation TPR Meeting**  
**NEXT MEETING NOTICE TPR meeting October 1, 2020**  
**Region 10 at 10am to Noon**  
**Possible**  
**Video Conference Only**