



TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER

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Vince Rogalski, Chairman

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2023 STAC Work Plan

TC agenda for March is as follows:

- Joint Workshop with CTIO on TIFIA loans for work on I-25 North for Segments 6-8, with Segment 5 being incorporated.
- Jeff Sudmeier, CDOT Chief Financial Officer, is requesting adoption of CDOT FY 23 - 2024 Budget.
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in Metro Area Presentation: DRCOG and CDOT 10-Year Plans both have BRT planned for Federal, Colorado, Colfax, maybe Hwy270, and SH119.
- Fiber Infrastructure Update and a fee based proposal for access to CDOT ROW for Fiber.
- Safety Update presentation from multiple sections of CDOT
- Small Business Diversity Committee Meeting
- Audit Committee Meeting

More will be presented as topics are firmed up.

NOFA

Large bus and Bus Facility Discretionary Program with \$1.7 billion will close April 13 2023.

House Bill 1101

Proposed House Bill 1101 would add a provision to allow a representative of transit agencies a voting membership on the Regional Planning Commissions of Colorado's 15 Transportation Planning Regions (TPRs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).

While the bill passed the Senate and the House. The Senate added amendments, this cause a huge problem. Neither STAC nor the Transportation Commission knew about these amendments. Below is a statement by the Chairman of the Commission.

Vince and Heather

Below is what I read at [today's](#) public comment.

Wishing you all the best!

Don

On behalf of the Transportation Commission (TC), I am addressing the recent actions around HB 23-1101, a good bill related to the very successful Ozone Season Transit Grant Program. An amendment was added in the Senate that would require the Transportation Commission to open our Planning Rules and potentially make changes to the boundaries of Transportation Planning Regions (TPRs).

The Transportation Commission was unaware of the amendment before it was presented, has several concerns with the amendment, and appreciates that the sponsors are now considering some changes to the amendment as part of an upcoming Conference Committee.

The Transportation Commission recognizes that the TPR planning boundaries have not been substantively changed in over thirty years. The TC has the authority and the willingness to review TPR boundaries, beyond a legislative mandate. We agree it is time to take a look at the boundaries of the TPRs and we are committed to an open rulemaking process that includes all interested stakeholders within our current authorities and rulemaking process. The TC would examine the existing transportation planning boundaries and make changes if and where needed to address the transportation planning considerations that have changed over the last 30 years.

Sincerely,

Don Stanton Chair Transportation Commission

DATE: March 16, 2023

TO: Transportation Commission

FROM: Marissa Gaughan, Multimodal Planning Branch Manager

Annelies Van Vonno, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator

SUBJECT: Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2024 Projects

Purpose

This memo summarizes information about the list of Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects recommended for funding for Fiscal Years 2023 (FY 23) and 2024 (FY 24).

Action Requested **APPROVED**

Pursuant to 43-1-1604 C.R.S., which states that the Commission shall award grants under the Safe Routes to School program, CDOT staff is seeking TC approval for the FY 2023 and FY 2024 SRTS projects as recommended by the nine-member SRTS Advisory Committee established in state statute, and the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee.

Background

\$5,580,539.67 in funds were made available for Safe Routes to School projects in FY 23 and 24. Requests for applications were announced in August 2022 and were due on November 4, 2022. Thirteen applications were submitted with a total request for funding of \$5,671,486.74. In order to qualify for these funds, applicants must be a political subdivision of the state. These funds must be used to benefit elementary and middle school children in grades K – 8th and projects must be within a two-mile radius of the identified school.

The Advisory Committee met in January 2023 for project selection. The Committee recommended seven projects for funding, totaling \$3,301,395.15. Projects normally require a 20% cash match; however, projects that meet certain eligibility requirements will receive 100% of the project costs from CDOT. Eligible for 100% match are projects that meet the criteria established in the Multimodal Transportation Options Fund (MMOF) matrix. Two projects recommended for 100% funding are: Town of Cortez (Infrastructure) and City of Pueblo (Infrastructure). The remaining five projects will contribute 20% of the project total. Attachment A shows the project list with the seven recommended projects highlighted: Five infrastructure and two non-infrastructure. Six projects were not recommended for funding due to a variety of reasons including requests for funding outside of SRTS project scope or deemed a continuation project, inadequate information or missing key components of the application.

Select Project Highlights

While projects have been recommended for funding in various CDOT Regions, below are a few highlighted projects throughout Colorado:

The City of Pueblo (Infrastructure) has taken city traffic data and parent feedback into careful consideration in developing plans to create safe, accessible routes for students to walk and bike to Risley Middle School and Park View Elementary School. The widely supported project will open safe routes to the two schools by improving the Monument Corridor.

The City of Cortez (Infrastructure) will be upgrading and installing sidewalks and bike lanes for K-8 grade student’s use to and from two RE-1 District schools. This project will connect multiple sites while building a SRTS coalition. Boulder County Transportation (Non Infrastructure) is taking a multi-generational approach to increasing the number of students bicycling to school. Rather than strictly youth-focused programming, this project will provide opportunities for safe bicycling education, access, and practice for all ages across the Lafayette Elementary School community.

Next Steps Upon approval of the Transportation Commission, CDOT will proceed with notifying grantees, program the projects into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and initiate the procurement process.

Attachments

- Attachment A: FY 23 and FY 24 SRTS Project List
- Attachment B: SRTS Advisory Committee Members
- Draft TC Resolution

Attachment A: FY 23 and FY 24 SRTS Projects List
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INFRASTRUCTURE Projects

Applicant	Project Title	Fund (Y/N)	Total Project Cost	Amount of SRTS Funding	20% Cash Match	Region	MPO / TPR	Total Score	
City of Fort Collins	Improved Bike-Ped Crossings for Zach Elementary School	Y	\$ 931,984	\$ 745,587	\$ 186,397	4	MPO	605	Recommended for Funding
Ricardo Flores Magon Academy	Lowell Blvd and 54th Ave Crossing Improvements	Y	\$ 150,010	\$ 120,008	\$ 30,002	1	MPO	604	
City of Boulder	Safe Routes for the Manhattan Middle School Community	Y	\$ 884,028	\$ 707,222	\$ 176,806	4	MPO	494	
City of Pueblo	Walk and Roll Safely	Y	\$ 482,977	\$ 482,977	NA	2	MPO	583	
City of Cortez	Safe Routes Cortez	Y	\$ 810,978	\$ 750,000	NA	5	TPR	582	
Town of Columbine Valley	Wilder Walk and Bike Way	N	\$ 426,400	\$ 341,120	\$ 85,280	1	MPO	442	Not Funded
Town of Milliken	Milliken Middle School Connectivity Project	N	\$ 763,049	\$ 610,439	\$ 152,610	4	MPO	464	
TOTAL RECOMMENDED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING				\$ 2,805,795					

NON-INFRASTRUCTURE Projects

Applicant	Project Type	Fund (Y/N)	Total Project Cost	SRTS Funding	20% Cash Match	Region	MPO / TPR	Total Score	
Boulder County Transportation	Increase Multi-Generation Bicycle Access and Education	Y	\$ 125,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 25,000	4	MPO	470	Recommended for Funding
City and County of Denver	Denver Safe Routes to School (SRTS) 6 E's Action Plan Implementation Program	Y	\$ 749,400	\$ 395,600	\$ 98,900	1	MPO	521	
City of Englewood	Safe Routes to Clayton Elementary School through Community Engagement and Awareness	N	\$ 19,150	\$ 15,320	\$ 3,830	1	MPO	436	Not Funded
TOTAL RECOMMENDED FOR NON-INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING				\$ 495,600					

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TOTAL RECOMMENDED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING	\$ 2,805,795
TOTAL RECOMMENDED FOR ALL CDOT SRTS FUNDING	\$ 3,301,395
REMAINING FUNDS	\$ 2,279,145

The resolution #13 regarding Resolution for “Safe routes to Schools” as approved.

ATTACHMENT B - SRTS Advisory Committee Members

Name	Representing	Agency	Title
Maureen Bailey	Parent	RMC Health	Lead Professional Learning Facilitator & Senior Data and Evaluation Analyst
Rachel Peterson	MPO	Grand Valley MPO/TPR Mesa County Regional Transportation Planning Office	Transportation Planner
Gene Glover	TPR	Rio Grande County	Commissioner
Peter McNutt	Pedestrian	NA	Community Bike/Ped Advocate
Emily Kleinfelter	MPO	DRCOG	Safety/Regional Vision Zero Planner
OPEN	Law Enforcement		
Heather Sloop	TPR	Northwest TPR	Steamboat Springs City Council Woman
Cate Townley	Bicycle	CDPHE	Senior Built Environment Specialist
Elise Waln	Educator	Boulder County Public Health	Health Planning & Evaluation Manager Strategic Initiatives Branch

The Next Statewide Transportation 2050 Plan (Action Item) Program Distribution – Marissa Gaughan, Division of Transportation Development

- Program Distribution coordination is scheduled to occur this summer and the STAC discussed how they prefer to participate in recommendations for the program distribution formulas that will be submitted to the TC.
- The STAC passed a decision with no opposition to engage the entire STAC initially and not form a subcommittee unless one is determined to be needed further along during the conversations.
- It was agreed to use time at regularly scheduled STAC meetings as much as possible

Transportation Alternatives (TAP) Update – Marissa Gaughan and Aaron Willis, Division of Transportation Development

- The application period is now open and all guidance and application documents are available on the CDOT website.

**Transportation TPR Meeting
NEXT MEETING NOTICE TPR meeting
May 11, 2023
VIRTUAL
From 10am to NOON**