



# TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER

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## **CDOT Legislative Report – Jamie Grim Budget & Policy Analyst, CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations**

- Federal Legislative Update
  - Federal Rail Safety Act - it will be important to see how that will impact freight as well as the Front Range Passenger Rail plans. The Act is being negotiated in Congress.
  - Started negotiations for the Defense Authorization Act- that might cover transportation elements.
- CDOT localities and Colorado submitted 23 RAISE Grant applications, and received \$71.9 million worth of RAISE Discretionary Grants Awarded in Colorado. Recipients included Boulder, Lakewood, Delta, Fort Collins, Idaho Springs, and Cortez.
  - Boulder County was awarded \$25 million for CO 119 Diagonal Highway Mobility Improvement Project
  - Lakewood was awarded \$20 million for the U.S. 6 and Wadsworth Interchange Improvement Project
  - Delta received \$13 million for a Revitalizing Main Street Program project.
  - Fort Collins was awarded \$10.7 mil for the Foothills Transit Station and roundabout.
- Multimodal Discretionary Grant program (MPDG) applications are due Monday Aug 21st
- Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods program applications are due September 28th and applications opened yesterday to the STAC meeting.

### **Program Distribution: Transportation Alternatives Program Funds – Marissa Gaughan and Aaron Willis, Multimodal Planning Branch**

- Sheryl Trent is the Program Distribution facilitator and refreshed STAC members regarding her role and ground rules for Program Distribution discussions.

- CDOT staff shared with STAC highlights from the recent Call for Projects- TAP discussions, a press release is scheduled for distribution in the near future.
- CDOT staff reviewed the current distribution formula for the TAP and requested the STAC to approve recommending the existing formula to the TC.
- **Action: STAC members approved the current formula for the Transportation Alternatives Program outlined in the presentation.**

## **HB 23-1101 Study Update – Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Executive Director, and CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations Director**

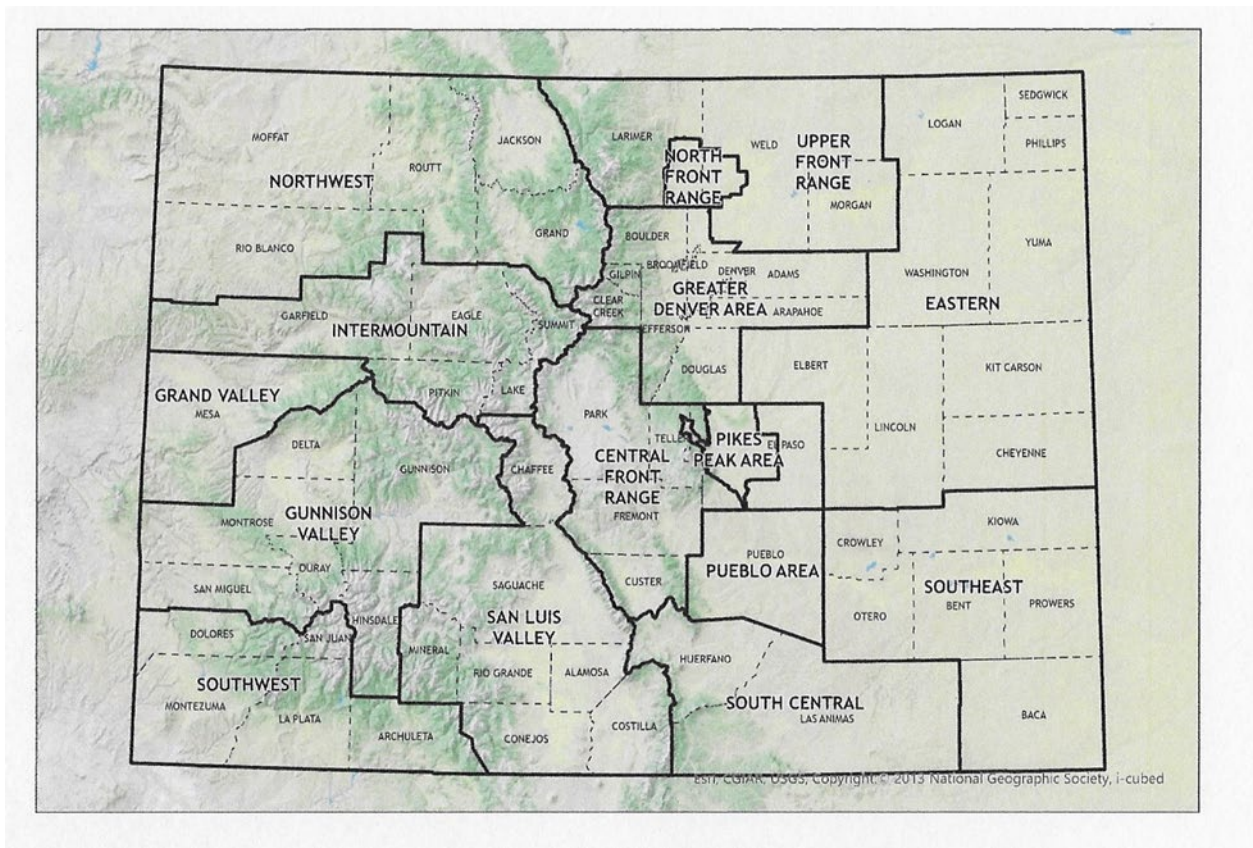
- For the Study Process:
  - There were two successful meetings with the TPR Study Advisory Committee.
    - Received feedback from this committee recommending Staff continue to examine management of TPRs and to look for opportunities to educate the public on the role of TPRs.
  - A survey has been developed to reach out to the public and interested stakeholders pertaining to this study to identify how to solicit more public involvement and stakeholder engagement.
  - CDOT staff have continued to critically review TPR IGAs and Bylaws
  - CDOT staff continue to compile maps and data that reflect all of the statutory study requirements.
  - A series of virtual public meetings are being scheduled for each of the five CDOT Engineering Regions. They will occur at the end of July and early August.
  - Survey being distributed to stakeholders around the state.
- The TPR Study Advisory Committee meetings are being documented well with detailed note taking.

## **We need your opinions and feedback about your regional planning process!**

On April 28, 2023, Governor Polis signed [HB 23-1101: The Ozone Season Transit Grant Program Flexibility bill](#). This bill requires CDOT to analyze the consistency of the regional planning process across the state and prepare a study to be submitted to the [Transportation Commission of Colorado](#). The study could include recommendations for adjustments or improvements to the administration and boundaries of the state's 15 Transportation Planning Regions. However, the TC is not required to adopt the recommendations and will make the final decision regarding any changes.

As part of this study, CDOT will host five virtual public meetings, one for each [CDOT Engineering Region](#), and circulate a [short survey](#) to capture your input. We encourage all stakeholders to complete the [survey](#) to help CDOT gather as much public feedback as possible. The [survey](#) will close on August 31, 2023.

Below are the links to register for the public meetings we will be conducting. Anyone can attend any of the meetings but the content of each presentation will be tailored to that region.



## Public Engagement and Mapping Resources:

[July 25, 2023: CDOT Region 5 REGISTRATION](#) (this includes San Luis Valley TPR, Southwest TPR, and parts of Gunnison Valley TPR)

[July 31, 2023: CDOT Region 4 REGISTRATION](#) (this includes North Front Range MPO, Upper Front Range TPR, Eastern TPR, and parts of the Denver Regional Council of Governments)

[August 1, 2023: CDOT Region 2 REGISTRATION](#) (This includes Pike's Peak Area Council of Governments, Pueblo Area Council of Governments, Southeast TPR, South Central TPR, and Central Front Range TPR)

[August 2, 2023: CDOT Region 1 REGISTRATION](#) (This includes DRCOG)

[August 3, 2023: CDOT Region 3 REGISTRATION](#) (This includes Grand Valley MPO, Intermountain TPR, Northwest TPR, and parts of Gunnison Valley TPR.)

**Transportation TPR Meeting**  
**NEXT MEETING NOTICE TPR meeting**  
**August 10, 2023**  
**In-Person**  
**From 10am to NOON**  
**REGION 10**