



# TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER

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## ***US 50 Little Blue Canyon Creek***

**Announcement: Night work schedule change and Labor Day holiday traffic impact schedule**

### **NIGHT WORK UPDATE**

The roadway will open in the late evenings M-Thurs. next week.

US 50 MP 123 - 127 will OPEN to two-way traffic in the evenings from approximately 9:00 p.m. - 6:30 a.m. on all weekdays from the dates of August 16 - August 25. US 50 will be passable to all traffic and emergency vehicles during these windows. Traffic will continue to be open to one-way traffic from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. M- Thurs., traffic will only open after 9:00 p.m. to two-way.

### **LABOR DAY WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

US 50 will open to two-way traffic with no delays from Friday, September 1 at 12:00 p.m. through Tuesday, September 5 at 6:30 a.m.

## **Legislative Report – Emily Haddaway and Jamie Grim CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations (OPGR)**

- The Efficiency and Accountability Committee met on August 17th , 2023, and Vince Rogalski attended 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.

## **HB 1101 update**

Herman Stockinger provided an update on the HB1101 Boundary Review process and the status of the TPR Study.

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.

## **Program Distribution: RPP Program – Marissa Gaughan, Multimodal Planning Branch Manager**

- Program Purpose: RPP is a flexible funding program for regional priority projects with \$50 million distributed annually among CDOT Regions. STAC Discussion and Action:
- STAC approved for 2023 the same 2019 Regional Priority Program (RPP) formula recommendation to the Transportation Commission: VMT - 25%, Population - 20%, Lane Miles - 40%, TVMT - 15%. Votes - 11 - Yes, and 5 - No.
- STAC approved use of 2020 Census data for at least a year or until STAC chooses to revisit this decision. Vote - One opposed, All others Yes.
- The point was made, comparing rural to urban Lane Miles, that TPRs in mountainous areas see higher relative costs for construction and maintenance with longer winters and shorter construction seasons, just as urban areas have maintenance costs associated with the auxiliary lane miles that are not included in the Lane Mile data reflected in CDOT's Online Transportation Information System (OTIS).
- STAC therefore rejected a motion for adding to the Lane Mile criteria the additional lane miles included on ramps, frontage roads or other auxiliary lane miles associated with the State Highway System (SHS). Vote: 9 - No and 6 - Yes.
- STAC also affirmed a motion to not require CDOT staff compile the additional SHS auxiliary lane mile data for STAC's subsequent consideration to change the Lane Mile data as reflected in OTIS. Vote: 9 - Yes (against a change) and 6 - No (for considering a change).

## **TPR meeting**

**There have been conflicts with several TPR's meeting at the same time. A question arose as to how the members of GVTPR would feel about an afternoon meeting. At the moment, the next TPR meeting is scheduled as below. Email me your thoughts.**

**Transportation TPR Meeting  
NEXT MEETING NOTICE TPR meeting  
November 9, 2023  
In-Person  
From 10am to NOON  
REGION 10**