



TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER

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Transportation Commission Memorandum

To: Transportation Commission

From: John Lorme, Director of Maintenance and Operations

Date: March 20, 2024

Subject: Employee Housing Update

Purpose

Informational

Action

N/A

Background

CDOT has historically managed an employee housing program. The Division of Maintenance and Operation’s Property Management Program is working to enhance the housing program to match the challenging dynamics that CDOT faces in the modern Colorado employment labor market.

The update today will focus on the following topics:

- Review of our current housing program**
- Staffing challenges**
- Use of housing as a staffing tool**
- Summary of projects in construction**
- Summary of projects in the queue**
- Programmatic next steps**

Next Steps

PD 1209 enhancements to include new housing inventory and rental rates.



Challenges

Colorado Economy

Colorado Housing Cost
+21%

Colorado Cost of Living
+12%

Colorado Unemployment Rate
3%

*in relation to 2022 national average



Employment Challenges

121 Vacant TMI's

320 fully retirement eligible maintenance employees as within the next 5 years

Widespread waivers for reporting time

SLB/DPA Redevelopment of Dowds junction

Examples of Housing Projects in GVTPR

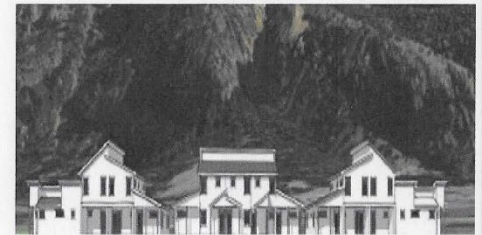


Projects in the Queue - Ouray

Workforce (<30 Mins)	
Number of Maintenance Sites	1
Number of Patrols	1
Number of FTE	7

Key Stats	
Number of Units	Up to 3
Product	Town Homes
Construction Method	Wood Frame
Partner	Home Trust of Ouray County
Decision Point	Summer 2024

Project Funding	
Budget	TBD
Budget Status	Not funded
Budget Source	TBD



Projects in the Queue - Telluride

Workforce (<30 Mins)	
Number of Maintenance Sites	3
Number of Patrols	3
Number of FTE	13

Key Stats	
Number of Units	Up to 13
Product	Town Homes or Apartments
Construction Method	TBD
Partner	San Miguel County
Decision Point	TBD

Project Funding	
Budget	TBD
Budget Status	Not funded
Budget Source	TBD





Next Steps

Identify future funding sources

Enhance PD 1209 to include new housing

Identify new and solidify existing
partnerships

Start design of new projects

Finish construction of existing projects

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**From: Darius Pakbaz, Director of Division of Transportation Development,
Craig Hurst, Manager of Freight Mobility and Safety Branch**

Date: March 22nd, 2024

Subject: Colorado Freight Plan 2024

Purpose

This memorandum provides a summary of the 2024 Colorado Freight Plan that was approved by the Federal Highway Administration in March of 2024.

Action

Informational.

Background

Through 2023 the Freight Mobility and Safety Branch worked on updating and submitting for approval a new Colorado Freight Plan before the 2019 plan was to expire in late March of 2024. Some of the tasks associated with putting this plan together include:

- **Stakeholder outreach**
- **In person events with the public**
- **Industry Partner discussions**
- **Working Groups**
- **Webinars**
- **Surveys**
- **Interviews of manufacturing and shipping companies in growing industries**
- **Data collection from state and federal resources**
- **Comparative analysis between Federal, State, and Branch goals**
- **Creation of various lengths of the plan.**
 - **Appendix - full 325 pages**
 - **Freight Plan - 52 pages summarized of the 325**
 - **Executive Summary - 10 page summary**
 - **The plans will be found at freight.colorado.gov/plan-invest**



Emphasis Areas

Truck Safety

- Reduce conflicts
- Shoulders and passing lanes
- Weather-related improvements
- Safety information

Freight Operations

- Truck parking
- ITS for chain stations and safety pullouts
- In-cab communications
- Runaway truck ramps
- Weigh in Motion

Clean Transportation

- Eliminate bottlenecks to reduce emissions
- Removing barriers
- Zero emission charging/fueling
- Emerging technologies (e.g., e-cargo bikes)



Next Steps



The bulk of the 2024 Colorado Freight Plan started in April of 2023 working with stakeholders, collecting data, compiling strategies and working through priorities. By January of 2024 the plan was written and submitted to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for approval.

As of March 2024 the updated Colorado Freight Plan has been approved and the next round of National Highway Freight Program call for projects is underway to continue efforts to help improve Colorado's infrastructure with emphasis on freight.

Transportation TPR Meeting
NEXT MEETING NOTICE TPR meeting TBD
MAY 9, 2024
1:30 to 3:30pm
Video Conference Only