



TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER

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Bridge over Blue Mesa Reservoir closed indefinitely due to 3-inch-long crack in steel beam

The indefinite closure will create significant detours, adding between six to seven hours of travel, for drivers between Gunnison and Montrose

Recommended alternative routes

CDOT is working to clear seasonal routes, many which are gravel or dirt roads, to find ways for emergency vehicles and local traffic to get through, said Jason Smith, a regional transportation director for CDOT.

“We know that the most significant traffic on those roads will create additional issues,” Smith said.

In the meantime, the closure will cause a significant detour for commuters between Montrose and Gunnison. CDOT has suggested two alternative routes for traffic — Interstate 70 and U.S. 160. Both routes add hours in travel time.

The northern route is 354 miles and requires about six hours of travel time. The southern route is 331 miles and requires nearly seven hours of travel time.

“Please know that we are treating this as an event with significance, not just to the counties who are immediately impacted but to everyone who travels through the area,” Lew said. “It’s something that we’re going to take with the utmost seriousness at the department.”

CDOT is encouraging anyone with questions about the closure to call the department at 970-648-4423 or email us50bridge@gmail.com.

More information will be available at a later date.

Transit Connections Study

Transportation Commission Memorandum

To: The Transportation Commission

From: Kay Kelly, Chief of Innovative Mobility; Paul DesRocher, Director of DTR

Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Subject: Transit Connections Study

Purpose

To provide an overview of the Transit Connections Study (TCS) project.

Action

Informational

Background

The TCS aims to provide a strategic vision for a statewide transit network as part of a transformational, interconnected multimodal system. This includes improving and expanding the Bustang Family of Services, adding passenger rail services and ensuring seamless connections between state-funded services and with local and regional transit/mobility providers. This study will inform CDOT's transit planning and investment decisions for the next decade. The TCS envisions a future where Colorado's transit system is:

- Comprehensive**
- Accessible & Equitable**
- Reliable**

- **Integrated**
- **Sustainable**
- **Fostering Strategic Growth**

Next Steps

The TCS is anticipated to be completed by December 2024 and additional updates will be provided to the Commission as the project advances.

The TCS envisions a future where Colorado's transit system is:

- **Comprehensive: Providing a connected network of services across the state, focusing on key corridors.**
- **Accessible and Equitable: Addressing the needs of rural, underserved, and transit-dependent communities by ensuring equitable transit access and breaking down barriers to mobility opportunities**
- **Reliable: Enhancing transit services through infrastructure improvements and maintaining consistent, predictable travel times for transit users.**
- **Integrated: Collaborating with local transit agencies and communities to ensure seamless connections between transit systems, mobility hubs, and First Mile/Last Mile (FLM) solutions.**
- **Sustainable: Considering operational costs alongside capital needs to ensure long-term financial viability and strategic investments.**
- **Fostering Strategic Growth: Encouraging denser development near transit hubs, reducing car dependence and emissions but also maximizing infrastructure use for a sustainable future.**

STIP

Memorandum

To: Transportation Commission

From: Darius Pakbaz, Director, Division of Transportation Development

Jamie Collins, Division of Transportation Development

Date: April 3, 2024

Subject: Information Regarding the STIP Public Hearing and Public Comment Period for the FY2025 – FY2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

This memo serves as the formal request to open the STIP Public Hearing during the Transportation Commission's regular meeting on April 18, 2024.

The STIP is a four-year plan of transportation projects and is developed pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 135. At this time, the Draft FY2025 – FY2028 STIP has been released for public review and comment. As part of the comment period, the Transportation Commission holds a public hearing to allow for further comments on the plan. The public hearing will take place during the Commission's regular meeting on April 18, 2024, concurrent with the rest of the agenda. The public comment period will close on May 10, 2024.

Comments regarding the STIP may be submitted to Jamie Collins, STIP Manager, at jamie.collins@state.co.us. The Draft STIP can be found on the external CDOT website here: <https://www.codot.gov/programs/planning/transportation-plans-andstudies/stip>.

Staff will return to the Commission in May to request adoption of the FY2025 – FY2028 STIP.

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