



**Board of Directors Meeting
February 27, 2025
12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Region 10 145 S Cascade Conference Room**

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**
- 3) **APPROVAL Minutes January 2024**
- 4) **New Business:**
 - **FY 2024 Audit Presentation-Blair and Associates, CPA**
 - **Community Investment Overview (Presentation and Discussion)**
 - **Executive Committee Elections**
- 5) **REPORTS**
 - a. **Executive Director Report– Michelle Haynes**
 - **Financial Report**
 - **Community Development**
 - **Regional Grants Navigator**
 - b. **Small Business Resource Center- Nancy Murphy**
 - **SBDC/Business Cultivator**
 - **Business Loan Fund**
 - c. **Area Agency on Aging– Brian Bowler**
 - d. **Regional Broadband-Corey Bryndal**
 - e. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Region Committee- Vince Rogalski**

Action: Accept Director Reports
- 6) **Roundtable**
- 7) **NEXT MEETINGS**
 - a. **Executive Committee: March 27, 2025 Noon-2:30 p.m.**
 - b. **Board of Directors Meeting: May 22, 2025 Noon-2:30**
 - c. **BLF Committee: February 27, 2025 10-11 a.m.**
 - d. **AAA Regional Advisory Committee: TBD 9:30**
 - e. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region10: May 8, 2025 1:30 -3:30 p.m.**
- 8) **ADJOURNMENT**

2:00 PM PRESENTATION: Enterprise Zone Redesignation with OEDIT Program Manager



1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**–Meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm.
 - a. **Staff:** Michelle Haynes (R10 Director), Nancy Murphy (Small Business Development), Corey Bryndal (Broadband Director), Brian Bowler (AAA Director), Courtney Tribble (Community Development)
 - b. **In-Person Board Members:** Commissioner Mike Lane (Delta County), Commissioner Michelle Nauer (Ouray County, Treasurer), Commissioner Sue Hansen (Montrose County), Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank (City of Montrose, Vice Chair), Councilmember Jim Gelwicks (City of Gunnison), Linda Riba (Montrose County Appointee)
 - c. **Remote Board Members:** Vince Rogalski (GVTPR Chairman), Councilmember Bruce Nation (Town of Mt Crested Butte, joined at 12:30pm), Mayor Dave Roberts (Town of Lake City)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve Agenda M/S: Jim Gelwicks/Michelle Nauer, as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for December 2024, Board of Directors Meeting

- a. Approval of minutes #3 put the month
- b. Need to reflect that there were no motions,

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve the amended minutes: M/S: Mike Lane/Michelle Nauer, as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

4. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Letter of Intent for Region 10 as Enterprise Zone Administrator
 - i. As part of the 10-year redesignation process for Enterprise Zone, Region 10 must submit a Letter of Intent to apply as the organization who administers the program for the 6-county region. The purpose of this letter of intent is for the state to understand if there are any other entities that are interested in administering the program that are not already doing so.

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve submission of Letter of Intent for Region 10's application to the state to administer the Enterprise Zone Program for the 6-county region: M/S: Jim Gelwicks/Sue Hansen, as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Region 10 Small Business Development Center – Operational Economic Development Organization Project
- c. Montrose Regional Health Foundation – Operations Healthcare Project

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve proposed applications for Enterprise Zone Contribution Projects: M/S: Jim Gelwicks/Michelle Nauer, as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS:

a. ED/Financial Reports | Michelle Haynes

i. Financial Report

1. Processing December, but as of November we are mostly in line with our budget.
2. We continue to watch the AAA programs, the biggest challenge is Home-Delivered Meals Program. We had been \$90,000 short for the program at the start of the year, but are closer to budget with some savings and additional contributions.
3. Line Item 4930; late fees and penalties, it is 1000% of what was budgeted. That account is related to the Business Loan Fund, and we are experiencing late fees and penalties for those loans that are delinquent. We are starting to file default judgments and pursuing collections for the loans that are past 120 days. We have begun to be more aggressive about the past due payments. We have also implemented some new processes to encourage payments with monthly statements sent out and the availability of online and ACH payments. The goal of the loan fund is to make these small businesses bankable and part of that means that we are not letting delinquent payments go because a bank would not allow that, and it does not teach the owners how to be bankable.

4. We received the fiscal audit draft and sent back to have some minor corrections. It will be presented to the full board in February. We are concerned that we will be late submitting it to the state but will have it submitted in the next couple of weeks.
- ii. Executive Director Report
 1. We received a \$100,000 grant from Just Transitions for Broadband Assistance.
 - iii. Community Development
 1. Regional Grants Navigator (RGN)
 - a. We are working through drawing down a small grant from OEDIT \$40,000 to help communities access grant funding outside of the Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act (IIJA)/Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding. We had received verbal approval about a year ago, but we didn't receive the contract until October, and it has until March 31 to be drawn down.
 - b. With the Executive Orders that have been signed to limit IIJA funds, we are in a "wait and see" mode with the RGN Program but the state has approved funding for the 1st quarter of 2025. We will wait to see if funding is available to continue that program through the remainder of the year.
 2. Community Development
 - a. We will convene the Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee in late March or April to review and begin to update our current CEDS for the next 5 years.
- b. Small Business Resource Center (SBRC) | Nancy Murphy**
- i. SBRC/Business Cultivator
 1. Adriana, Callie, and Dario are participating in Valley Food Partnerships Food and Farm Forum that is happening this weekend. Adriana is presenting a session in Spanish for them kitchen clients to 7 clients.
 2. Adriana has been with the Business Cultivator for 1 year, and in that year, she has grown the Cultivator's awareness, reach, and kitchen program. We now have seven kitchen clients.
 3. Callie is working with the Northwest Small Business Development Center (SBDC), and they are developing and updating business startup information.
 - ii. Business Loan Fund (BLF)
 1. 20 loans last year for almost \$1.5 million.
 2. Currently serving 105 loans.
 3. We are looking to receive 6-7 applications this month and are on schedule to close 2 of those this month.
 4. Of the loans in default, there are three (3) owners representing four (4) businesses. One of them has come to terms with the pay-off, another will go to bankruptcy, and we are waiting to hear from the others.
 5. LoanWell is a new loan software program that we are implementing to manage our loan portfolio. It is an end-to-end solution for managing and producing loans. It allows applicants to apply online, upload the supporting documents, creates reports for the BLF Committee to review, records decisions and denials, creates loan documents and logs all clients into a database. It will also let us record our Technical Assistance (TA) and help us report for our Small Business Administration (SBA) TA Grant.
- c. Community Living Services (CLS) – Area Agency on Aging (AAA) | Brian Bowler**
- i. Grant Applications we have submitted:
 1. Telluride Foundation gave us more than they have in the past and so that will help our budget.
 2. Have two applications out with AmeriCorps to cover San Miguel & Ouray counties and are waiting to hear back on the status of those.
 3. Western Colorado Community Foundation has been applied for, and we are expecting that we may receive funds.
 4. Daniel's Fund Grant that we had to focus more on personal care and homemaking for it and if received it may help fill in some gaps with the Home-Delivered Meals program if we can shift program funds.

5. Long Term: Working with Colorado Associations of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) – Considering submission of a grant to Anschutz Foundation for several of the AAAs on the Western Slope. It would be a larger grant which is why it requires multiple AAAs on the Western Slope to collaborate on and apply, which that has not ever been done in the past.
 - ii. We have seen some more movement in our waitlists, which is good for clients.
 - iii. Medicare Advantage plan from Aetna currently does not include the Montrose Regional Health and so we have been receiving a lot of calls from seniors who have those Medicare Advantage Plan. The issue is about a contract with Aetna that has not been signed because the hospital was unhappy with the proposed reimbursement.
 - iv. Delta Senior Center's pipes burst, and the City of Delta is working to take care of that issue. The State has a fund that could help with emergencies like this; we have shared the information with the senior center.
 - v. Shepherd's Hand is looking for some skilled help with administrative experience.
 - vi. We received three (3) new volunteers through the Senior Companion Program.
 - vii. Chandra Panther is coming on-board as a volunteer Ombudsman. We now have three (3) volunteer ombudsmen and there are 14 statewide, so our region is unique in that we have multiple volunteers for the program.
 - viii. Board Discussion: There has been some dissatisfaction with conservatorships/guardianship for the elderly, and Commissioner Hansen has reached out to legislation to make sure there is some oversight over those tasks. Would like to see financial oversight and oversight that the services are being performed.
 1. Region 10 will investigate if Colorado Legal Services or Brown & Brown PC would host a class on conservatorships.
 - ix. Mayor Dave Roberts shared that there is a local resident who has started a Senior Center in Lake City and is serving lunches. Last Friday they served 75 lunches. He has informed them to reach out to Region 10 for support if needed as it grows.

d. Broadband | Corey Bryndal

- i. Corey shared a diagram that shows the broadband expansion project. The goal has been to bring better, faster, cheaper, higher quality source of bandwidth from Denver and Salt Lake City to the Western Slope. We are building and acquiring fiber along I-70 and from Grand Junction down into the Region 10 communities. We have done several construction projects Glenwood, Denver, Rifle, etc.
- ii. Some Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) splicing is left on that route and then our equipment will be deployed from the labs it is currently in.
- iii. Working on selecting a network operator to monitor and manage the equipment for the current and expansion network. We have been reviewing and interviewing applications from an RFP.
- iv. Within the six (6) counties, we are evaluating the equipment that was deployed 6-7 years ago and have been working with VOL consulting and Erik Hittle from Echo Consulting to help take stock of the existing equipment that needs updated.
- v. Deploying equipment in Lake City that will be configured over the next couple of weeks.
- vi. Talking with Mt Crested Butte and Crested Butte to see if we can get funding from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) or Colorado Broadband Office (CBO) to extend a network from Mt Crested Butte, through Crested Butte, down to the new Whetstone housing development along Hwy 135.
- vii. In his DOLA capacity, Corey has been working with Region 9 to extend the same expansion project through the Durango, Cortez and Archuleta county areas and they are close to ordering their optical equipment.
- viii. For existing Carrier Neutral Location (CNLs) sites, we need to evaluate their capacity and to upgrade the UPSs (batteries) in some of the locations. Currently, we have been replacing those on an as failed basis rather than before they have failed. Cost per site depends on the site because of the size, Delta & Montrose are larger and so that would be around \$15,000-\$20,000 and for smaller sites in Gunnison, Crested Butte, Ouray or Ridgway it would be about \$5,000. Upgrading these is dependent on availability of funding.
- ix. Commissioner Hansen asked about services in the West End: We do have a CNL there and services, however we have had challenges partnering with the local phone company. We will plan to reach out to them again to re-engage in conversations.

e. **GVTPR - Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region | Vince Rogalski**

- i. The Transportation Commission (TC) is continuing to work on the combining or separation of some of the Transportation Planning Regions (TPRs). They were waiting for some guidance from legislation and there is a new HB 25-1046 in legislation that allows the decision up to the TC.
- ii. The Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) is looking at different work plans for the planning process. Rural Planning Assistance is grant funding provided to the TPRs to support the process and offset expenses. Currently there are only two in-person STAC meetings, the rest of the monthly meetings are on Zoom.
- iii. There was an update at the most recent STAC meeting about the 2050 plan that gave an update on the first two meetings that were held. The 3rd planning meeting is on February 13th for our region.
- iv. Call for projects for Multi-Modal Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) had been sent out and those were to be sent into CDOT (Colorado Department of Transportation) for review by December 6th.^{then} they will disperse them to the individual TPRs for consideration and scoring. These applications will be reviewed by the MMOF Review Committee on February 13th in a meeting held that morning before the GVTPR meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve Reports; M/S: Sue Hansen/Michelle Nauer, as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 1:07pm

Approved by the Board of Directors on the ___ day of _____, 2025

ATTESTED and SUBMITTED by:

2025 Region 10 Board of Directors

Executive Committee

First Name	Last Name	Executive Committee Chair	Category	County	Classification	
Elyse	Ackerman-Casselberry	EC Member	Delta, City of	In Lieu of Council	Delta	Appointed
Jim	Gelwicks	EC Member	Gunnison, City of	Council Member	Gunnison	Elected Official
Greg	Levine	EC Member	Hinsdale County Elected	BOCC	Hinsdale	Elected Official
Dave	Roberts	EC Member	Hinsdale County Private	County Appointed	Hinsdale	Appointed
Dave	Frank	Vice Chair	Montrose, City of	Mayor Pro Tem	Montrose County, Colorado	Elected Official
Michelle	Nauer	Treasurer	Ouray County Elected	BOCC	Ouray	Elected Official
John	Clark	Chair	Ridgway, Town of	Mayor	Ouray	Elected Official
Mike	Bordogna	EC Member	San Miguel Private	County Appointed	San Miguel County, Colorado	Appointed

Balance Sheet by Category

Region 10
 Period Ending: 12/31/2024
 Format: 1 Region 10 Balance Sheet

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Assets:

Region 10 Cash	63,679.50
BLF Cash	829,240.00
SBA Cash	711,503.06
Prepaid Expenses	228,982.48
Loans Receivable	3,527,546.43
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	(203,888.32)
AAA Receivables	471,983.36
Grants Receivable	675,109.55
Other Receivables	49,984.08
Building and Land	1,781,538.00
Broadband Assets	17,819,178.29
Furniture and Fixtures	14,461.15
Accumulated Depreciation	(5,753,923.58)
Enterprise Center Remodel	1,142,298.00

Assets:

\$21,357,692.00

Liabilities:

Not Assigned to a Code	21,995.33
Accounts Payable	1,387,971.61
Accrued Leave	63,862.60
Payroll Benefits Payable	(517.76)
Deferred Revenue	(55,500.00)
Building Security	4,000.00
Other Liabilities	6,336.14
Broadband Deferred Revenue	238,659.75
Project Advances	168,464.71
Alpine LOC	398,583.67
SBA Loan	1,088,257.14
Cost Allocation Control	1,211.17

Liabilities:

\$3,323,324.36

Equity:

Enterprize Zone	(18,052.04)
Community Development	(67,915.67)
Transportation and Transit	58,542.74
Olathe RISE	1,085,170.17
Area Agency on Aging Projects	366,846.15
BLF Projects	2,252,718.63
Small Business Resource Center	(206,780.64)
Regional Broadband	1,465,256.56
Unrestricted Net Assets	(174,557.62)
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	(11.82)
RLF Retained Earnings	13,273,151.18

Equity:

\$18,034,367.64

Total Liabilities and Equity

\$21,357,692.00

Balance:

\$0.00

Agencywide R&E by Category

Region 10
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With Indirect Cost Detail

Code & Description	Budget	Current	YTD	Un/Over	% Bud
Revenues					
Grants and Contracts	2,002,580.00	552,696.75	1,287,314.88	715,265.12	64.28 %
40000 EZ Admin Grant	22,500.00	2,809.12	16,854.72	5,645.28	74.91 %
40100 EDA Grant	70,000.00	5,833.33	34,999.99	35,000.01	50.00 %
40120 USDA CFTA	320,000.00	28,000.00	140,116.01	179,883.99	43.79 %
40400 CDOT Annual Grant	30,000.00	2,572.52	14,266.98	15,733.02	47.56 %
40800 DOLA - Community Development Grant	124,000.00	0.00	0.00	124,000.00	0.00 %
40820 Infrastructure Navigator Funds	0.00	8,333.33	49,999.98	(49,999.98)	0.00 %
40850 Regional Broadband Capital	0.00	342,649.48	342,649.48	(342,649.48)	0.00 %
40865 BB Grant - OPERATIONS	90,000.00	28,342.86	114,562.27	(24,562.27)	127.29 %
43227 SBDC Grant Income	160,000.00	33,395.42	89,980.99	70,019.01	56.24 %
43350 Region 9 Loan Proceeds	0.00	75,000.00	125,000.00	(125,000.00)	0.00 %
48100 Other CLS Grants	56,000.00	14,000.00	44,478.00	11,522.00	79.43 %
48200 SHIP Grant	40,420.00	0.00	0.00	40,420.00	0.00 %
48300 MIPPA Grant	0.00	7,250.00	12,316.00	(12,316.00)	0.00 %
48400 RSVP Grant	300,000.00	14,219.62	132,827.52	167,172.48	44.28 %
48425 Senior Companion Grant	288,700.00	(16,133.20)	54,855.82	233,844.18	19.00 %
48500 SMP State Grant	0.00	1,125.00	6,750.00	(6,750.00)	0.00 %
49500 CDBG Administration	28,800.00	0.00	0.00	28,800.00	0.00 %
49600 SBA Technical Assistance Grant	292,160.00	5,299.27	107,657.12	184,502.88	36.85 %
49700 CDBG Grant Funds	180,000.00	0.00	0.00	180,000.00	0.00 %
AAA Federal and State Program	2,116,680.00	130,684.54	981,930.89	1,134,749.11	46.39 %
40200 AAA Admin Fed	78,600.00	6,874.58	41,539.72	37,060.28	52.85 %
40210 AAA Admin State	87,700.00	0.00	0.00	87,700.00	0.00 %
40253 AAA Carry-Over - Fed	274,900.00	0.00	0.00	274,900.00	0.00 %
40900 AAA Program Income	0.00	0.00	5,833.35	(5,833.35)	0.00 %
41200 AAA State Caregiver Match	5,200.00	(36,008.24)	(34,319.24)	39,519.24	(659.99) %
42500 AAA Fed Funding	774,170.00	39,317.82	260,249.22	513,920.78	33.62 %
43000 AAA Program State	854,110.00	67,640.24	531,237.45	322,872.55	62.20 %
43600 ADRC Revenue	42,000.00	3,783.11	22,698.66	19,301.34	54.04 %
49000 AAA ARPA Fed	0.00	49,077.03	154,691.73	(154,691.73)	0.00 %
RLF Interest & Fees	133,440.00	33,332.15	147,443.29	(14,003.29)	110.49 %
49100 Loan Interest	120,000.00	4,931.78	18,629.14	101,370.86	15.52 %
49110 Loan Interest-CDBG #6	0.00	110.88	803.34	(803.34)	0.00 %
49115 Loan Interest Rural BLF Statewide	0.00	117.66	880.98	(880.98)	0.00 %
49130 Loan Interest-SBA II #5303545000	0.00	19.50	606.92	(606.92)	0.00 %
49140 Loan Interest-SBA III # 9325495008	0.00	1,168.17	9,576.03	(9,576.03)	0.00 %
49150 Loan Interest-SBA IV # 2489697006	0.00	669.82	5,574.30	(5,574.30)	0.00 %
49155 SBA Loan V Interest Income	0.00	828.02	6,149.72	(6,149.72)	0.00 %
49156 SBA VI Interest Income	0.00	1,728.76	12,264.59	(12,264.59)	0.00 %
49157 SBA VII Interest Income	0.00	1,739.91	11,016.13	(11,016.13)	0.00 %
49160 Loan Interest-CDBG #8	0.00	2,189.09	13,913.76	(13,913.76)	0.00 %
49162 CDBG #9 Interest Income	0.00	11,412.84	32,998.78	(32,998.78)	0.00 %
49165 Loan Interest CO Start Up	0.00	2,762.57	15,284.98	(15,284.98)	0.00 %
49200 Loan Fees	7,200.00	1,500.00	7,886.37	(686.37)	109.53 %
49210 Loan Administrative Fees	6,000.00	3,750.00	7,551.00	(1,551.00)	125.85 %
49300 Late Fees/Penalties	240.00	403.15	4,307.25	(4,067.25)	1,794.69 %
Other Fees & Services	38,100.00	2,079.26	5,492.53	32,607.47	14.42 %
43100 Small Business Resource Center Funding	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	0.00 %
43150 SBRC - Tuition Fee Income	3,600.00	0.00	75.00	3,525.00	2.08 %
43200 SBDC Program Income	0.00	0.00	(30.00)	30.00	0.00 %

Agencywide R&E by Category

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Code & Description	Budget	Current	YTD	Un/Over	% Bud
45800 EZ Contribution Fees	22,500.00	2,079.26	5,447.53	17,052.47	24.21 %
Membership	197,000.00	15,019.00	91,325.32	105,674.68	46.36 %
42000 Member Dues	115,540.00	10,090.00	61,751.32	53,788.68	53.45 %
42700 Transportation Assessments	25,860.00	2,178.00	13,068.00	12,792.00	50.53 %
43400 AAA Assessments	55,600.00	2,751.00	16,506.00	39,094.00	29.69 %
Building	21,600.00	2,000.00	7,000.00	14,600.00	32.41 %
44000 Building Rent	21,600.00	2,000.00	7,000.00	14,600.00	32.41 %
Broadband Revenues	660,000.00	27,977.20	250,966.20	409,033.80	38.03 %
40855 BB Partners Capital	0.00	0.00	83,103.00	(83,103.00)	0.00 %
40860 Broadband Service Income	660,000.00	27,977.20	167,863.20	492,136.80	25.43 %
Other Revenue	99,600.00	22,785.02	108,510.72	(8,910.72)	108.95 %
40115 Program Income	0.00	1,350.00	7,207.36	(7,207.36)	0.00 %
40840 In-Kind Donation	42,000.00	3,499.00	20,994.00	21,006.00	49.99 %
45000 Bank Interest Earned	9,600.00	602.86	4,420.28	5,179.72	46.04 %
46000 Local Donations	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00 %
48000 AAA Local Donations	28,000.00	16,077.74	18,740.00	9,260.00	66.93 %
48050 Other Income	0.00	1,255.42	57,149.08	(57,149.08)	0.00 %
Revenues	5,269,000.00	786,573.92	2,879,983.83	2,389,016.17	0.00 %

Expenses

Salaries & Fringe	1,845,914.00	144,704.75	795,668.09	1,050,245.91	43.10 %
50000 SALARIES	1,420,791.00	100,799.45	551,892.53	868,898.47	38.84 %
50500 FRINGE BENEFITS	425,123.00	43,905.30	243,775.56	181,347.44	57.34 %
Travel	65,800.00	8,026.77	52,103.31	13,696.69	79.18 %
52000 Meetings & Travel Expenses	65,200.00	8,026.77	52,103.31	13,096.69	79.91 %
52400 Taxes, Licenses & Fees	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00 %
Supplies	31,200.00	3,643.90	16,887.28	14,312.72	54.13 %
53700 Printing & Supplies	31,200.00	3,643.90	16,887.28	14,312.72	54.13 %
Equipment	55,200.00	45.27	12,623.37	42,576.63	22.87 %
59400 Equipment Rental, Repairs & Maintenan	40,200.00	0.00	5,017.70	35,182.30	12.48 %
59600 Equipment & Furniture	15,000.00	45.27	7,605.67	7,394.33	50.70 %
Contractual	277,600.00	29,463.47	184,573.23	93,026.77	66.49 %
54900 Consulting Fees	15,000.00	2,057.50	11,548.75	3,451.25	76.99 %
55000 Contractual Services	262,600.00	27,405.97	173,024.48	89,575.52	65.89 %
RFL Interest and Exp	72,800.00	5,785.20	31,881.35	40,918.65	43.79 %
92000 SBA Loan Interest	10,800.00	1,441.96	6,596.58	4,203.42	61.08 %
92100 Loan Expenses	26,000.00	1,943.24	10,356.07	15,643.93	39.83 %
92200 Bad Debt/Write Off	36,000.00	2,400.00	14,928.70	21,071.30	41.47 %
Broadband Expenses	202,800.00	9,945.20	64,958.23	137,841.77	32.03 %
52100 Broadband Service	202,800.00	2,159.22	12,915.67	189,884.33	6.37 %
53920 Internet - COGS	0.00	6,230.98	34,454.88	(34,454.88)	0.00 %
53950 Broadband Network Management	0.00	1,555.00	17,587.68	(17,587.68)	0.00 %
General Expense	290,700.00	25,679.07	124,703.77	165,996.23	42.90 %
52700 Telephone/Fax	6,000.00	653.30	7,144.58	(1,144.58)	119.08 %
53000 Rent	63,000.00	5,299.00	35,865.53	27,134.47	56.93 %
53300 Background and Security Verification	0.00	18.00	462.75	(462.75)	0.00 %
53600 Postage & Shipping	4,800.00	315.75	1,503.07	3,296.93	31.31 %
53900 Software - Finance	2,400.00	165.00	3,664.42	(1,264.42)	152.68 %
53910 Software - Miscellaneous	40,800.00	6,431.05	18,749.46	22,050.54	45.95 %

Agencywide R&E by Category

Region 10
 Period Ending: 12/31/2024
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With Indirect Cost Detail

Code & Description	Budget	Current	YTD	Un/Over	% Bud
53930 Web Hosting & Design	3,600.00	0.00	0.00	3,600.00	0.00 %
53940 Computer Repair & Maintenance	36,000.00	10,737.15	11,453.55	24,546.45	31.82 %
54000 Dues & Subscriptions	14,400.00	943.65	10,801.53	3,598.47	75.01 %
55100 Legal Fees	14,400.00	235.50	4,747.40	9,652.60	32.97 %
55200 Audit & Accounting	24,000.00	343.50	1,890.12	22,109.88	7.88 %
55300 Recruitment & Retention	5,400.00	0.00	3,747.98	1,652.02	69.41 %
55350 Donations & Sponsorships	10,800.00	0.00	250.00	10,550.00	2.31 %
55600 Promotions	22,200.00	499.21	7,853.27	14,346.73	35.38 %
56200 Bank Service Charges/Fees	900.00	37.96	267.37	632.63	29.71 %
56300 Other Insurance	42,000.00	0.00	16,302.74	25,697.26	38.82 %
Building Expenditures	96,600.00	10,013.39	56,712.87	39,887.13	58.71 %
60100 Building Insurance	21,000.00	0.00	1,876.84	19,123.16	8.94 %
60200 Building Maintenance & Repair	30,000.00	2,668.80	31,118.43	(1,118.43)	103.73 %
60500 Building Loan Interest	18,000.00	1,394.12	7,850.49	10,149.51	43.61 %
60600 Building Utilities	27,600.00	5,950.47	15,867.11	11,732.89	57.49 %
Depreciation	1,408,218.00	83,661.00	501,966.00	906,252.00	35.65 %
58000 Depreciation Expense	1,408,218.00	11,161.00	66,966.00	1,341,252.00	4.76 %
58100 BB Infrastructure Depr	0.00	72,500.00	435,000.00	(435,000.00)	0.00 %
Contracted Direct Service	1,771,500.00	123,227.64	818,613.17	952,886.83	46.21 %
71500 AAA State Caregiver Match	5,200.00	0.00	0.00	5,200.00	0.00 %
72500 AAA Fed Funding	901,600.00	38,711.15	232,147.38	669,452.62	25.75 %
73000 AAA State Funding	788,700.00	43,714.46	380,253.70	408,446.30	48.21 %
78100 Other CLS Grants Expense	76,000.00	9,125.00	18,241.84	57,758.16	24.00 %
79000 AAA ARPA Fed	0.00	31,677.03	187,970.25	(187,970.25)	0.00 %
Business/Other Direct Grants	0.00	0.00	57,622.75	(57,622.75)	0.00 %
58400 Business Grant Distributions	0.00	0.00	57,622.75	(57,622.75)	0.00 %
Other Expenses	457,000.00	7,816.51	46,898.43	410,101.57	10.26 %
53650 Educational Supplies	6,000.00	0.00	429.19	5,570.81	7.15 %
53960 CNL Lease Equipment	60,000.00	0.00	0.00	60,000.00	0.00 %
55360 Volunteer Costs Travel and Meals	391,000.00	6,631.60	42,745.05	348,254.95	10.93 %
55363 Recognition - Individual	0.00	212.91	1,952.69	(1,952.69)	0.00 %
55365 Recognition - Events	0.00	972.00	1,121.50	(1,121.50)	0.00 %
58300 Tuition	0.00	0.00	650.00	(650.00)	0.00 %
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
Expenses	6,575,332.00	452,012.17	2,765,211.85	3,810,120.15	0.00 %
Agency Balance	(1,306,332.00)	334,561.75	114,771.98		

Executive Director Update February 2025

Action Items:

- Year End (6/30/2024) fiscal audit presentation by Blair and Associates, and approval by Board of Directors.

Discussion Items:

- Review of Community Investments for 2024.

Informational Items:

- **Received DOLA request for mini-grant program for \$50,00. Team is working on updated processes as DOLA is processing contract information.**
- Reviewed proposals for Broadband Network Operator and beginning contract negotiations.
- Completed MMOF (Multi-Modal Funds) review and allocations for the Gunnison Valley Transportation Region (GVTPR).
- Participated in CDOT (Co Dept of Transportation) TPR (Transportation Planning Region) administration training.
- Submitted EDA Planning Partnership grant request (\$70,000/year for 3 year period.)
- Working with EDA and legal team to complete Broadband IRU grant reimbursement and close-out.
- Meeting with Broadband Expansion communities to complete documents for IRUs of fiber and leases of the Carrier Neutral Locations in anticipation of project implementation.
- Reviewing Colorado Workforce potential subscription (sub-lease) of the Gunnison office.

Staffing:

- The AAA Regional Ombudsman has announced her retirement (see AAA report.) We will be working to fill this vacancy.
- The team is completing a Time and Effort review to document time charged to programs. This will also begin documentation for cross-training of key tasks.
- Anticipating position for Office Assistant/Coordinator; may utilize a temporary service with potential for permanent employment.

Community Development Board Report

For February 27, 2025 prepared by Courtney Tribble

Enterprise Zone (EZ):

- **EZ Redesignation:** We will have a presentation, after the board meeting, from the State Program Manager on the timeline/deadlines for the Enterprise Zone Redesignation process.

CEDS Committee

- Planning to host a CEDS (Community Economic Development Strategy) Committee Meeting in **Late March or Early April**. This meeting we will likely go over what the updating of the CEDS process will look like and start to identify community members who should be involved in the process. We will begin updating the CEDS at the end of this year. We will also have a community roundtable to get an update on projects or plans that they are updating or have recently updated. Looking at a 3-hour meeting for this update.
- We will likely hold additional CEDS Committee meetings throughout the year and will have a suggested timeline of meetings for the committee at the March/April meeting.
- The Region's updated CEDS will cover the timeframe of July 2026-June 2031.
- You can view our [current CEDS](#) on our website to see what the 5 regional goals have been for 2021-2026.

EDA Partner Planning Grant

- Submitted our application for the EDA Partner Planning Grant that is available to Region 10 as the designated Economic Development District. The grant period covers April 1, 2025-March 31, 2028. This grant helps us to update/revise our regional CEDS and help to implement projects throughout the region.

Ongoing Activities

ONE Delta County:

[Positive Employee Program](#): a comprehensive seven-session training program delivered in an engaging format that creates positive change, employers and employees thrive together.

Class begins March 26th, [Register Here](#)

Economic Development Council of Colorado (EDCC):

EDCC is hosting a [Regional Economic Forum](#) in Craig, CO March 5th from 9am-6pm. The agenda covers:

- Economic Update from Kate Watkins, State Demographer, and Nicolas Sly, an Economist.
- Igniting Rural Entrepreneurship: Building a Thriving Business Ecosystem
- Food System Resilience: Building a Stronger Economy
- Leveraging University and Government Resources for Economic Development
- NW CO Agriculture and Food System Convening hosted by CSO's Rural-Urban Connections Food Summit
- National Science Foundation (NSF) Colo/Wyo Engine Regional Educational & Listening Session

West End Solutions Group:

Attended the West End Vision Meeting where Community Builders presented a draft of the West End Values for community members to review and offer feedback. These values will be the backbone of a larger West End Vision Project that will help guide the communities towards goals and opportunities to achieve them. Strong themes were valuing the way of life, how the land is integral to many livelihoods (farming, ranching, outdoor recreation, mining, etc.), growing their own workforce and sustaining self-sufficiency and independence.

Statewide CEDS:

Participating in monthly meetings to review the Draft of the Statewide CEDS.

- Next meeting is on March 10th and will focus on the Draft of the state SWOT analysis.
- April will be a review of the Draft Report
- May is design and pulling together stories to reinforce the key themes
- June the report will be available for public comment.
- July & August they will incorporate public comments.

Key Statewide themes they came up with by reviewing all the regional CEDS were:

1. Housing
2. Job Creation & Workforce Development
3. Developing Target Industries, Advanced Industries
4. Tourism & Vibrant Communities (Could include aspects of Climate Resilience and Land Management)

The state is currently asking for successful stories of projects that communities have completed in the past few years that relate to some of the above categories. You can fill out the form to submit a story: [CO Statewide CEDS: Call for stories + images](#) or you can email/call me and I can help submit any projects that we may want to include. Courtney@region10.net or (970)765-3138



Memorandum

To: Region 10 Board of Directors
From: Patty Gabriel, Regional Grant Navigator
Date: February 19, 2025
Re: February 2025 Board Report

Here is the RGN program update for February.

1. The funding request for year three of the RGN program was approved. Given the current uncertainties surrounding the recent executive orders the state will be advancing three months of funding, rather than the full year. This will fund the program through April. If no significant changes arise, the remaining funds will be advanced toward the end of the initial three-month period. There is a chance the program will end before the full third year is complete if federal grants are no longer available.
2. As you are aware, the current federal funding freeze has had impact on many grant opportunities. We remain hopeful that funding will resume but the timeline remains uncertain. If you are interested in tracking some of the [impacts on local governments](#), the National League of Cities has a great resource. You do not need to be a member, but you must sign up for this free resource.
3. Sara Struckman, from the Office of Just Transitions, is available to assist our coal impacted communities with grant writing. Please let us know if your community needs grant writing services and we will refer them to Sara.
4. The RGN team is currently helping several communities with all aspects of grant management and compliance. We are also working on putting together a grant toolkit for communities to have for future reference.
5. The RGN team is also providing technical assistance through an OEDIT grant to many communities seeking state or other non-federal grants. We have seen an increased interest in these services.

Please reach out to me at pgabriel@region10.net or Shay at shay@unbanruralcontinuum.com for any questions related to the RGN program.

AAA Board Report February 2024

- **Ombudsman Retirement:** Sandy Walker is retiring! Sandy will have served almost 11 years this summer. She tendered her resignation with Region 10 AAA and together we are working out the right time to retire that works for both parties. Sandy is an example of the continuing strain on our social and healthcare systems losing dedicated honorable people who have served all their lifetimes. Life experience and human knowledge and wisdom are gained only by experiencing it. Sandy has a dynamic skill set and abilities, yet even more important than that she cares for and strives to do right by everyone she serves. She could have worked in many other places and made more money yet chose to serve those in need the most. There is a parable of a child throwing individual starfish back into the ocean, and when asked why they were doing it as there were so many, the child replied that it mattered to the one that made it back. Sandy has helped many individuals and families at the most critical times in their life journeys. The difficulty is these important positions in our society often are not valued as they ought to be. Since there are already 2 other regions that do not have current Ombudsman, it's clear that these positions are important and very difficult to fill. Sandy will certainly be missed.



- Region 10 AAA Director and staff (Claudette) met with San Miguel County Constituents and clients at a congregate lunch site in Telluride Co this past month. Anne Brown, Commissioner for District 1, also attended along with Tri-County Network staff serving the meals. A good outcome of this meeting is Region 10 connected All Points transit with Anne Brown, San Miguel County Commissioner. San Miguel is considering grants and ways to assist with hiring enough drivers to fill the needs in hard to serve areas of the West End and San Miguel County.

ADRC: Region 10 AAA is addressing some data management challenges due to changes in data systems to enhance the efficiency and accuracy of reporting. We are also seeking clarification from the state on specific reporting requirements. We updated our members list, and have emailed the remainder of our meetings for the rest of the year and updated online

meetings with a new zoom link. We have several speakers planned that will address the changing environment our support systems are going through now.

SHIP (State Health Insurance Program/Medicare):

The SHIP team with Joe Walker as the lead is comprised of two counselors, Joe Dix and Doug Speddie, along with Mabel, who handles calls and scheduling. The team have encountered some delays in SMP (Senior Medicare Patrol) training but are signed up to participate. Betty is expected to return in March. The team's 2024 Open Enrollment was less productive by stats, but considering the challenges, including only one experienced counselor and limited outreach, it was a success. Despite a \$3,300 grant payment denial due to a system issue at the state level, all individuals seeking assistance were helped. Unfortunately, A recent volunteer left orientation early due to frustrations with "bureaucracy", ie the complexity of the program.

As a follow up to the last board report, Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan in Montrose does not include the Montrose Regional Health System, but this should be resolved by the next Open Enrollment, with options available for beneficiaries to switch plans. The SHIP team has helped local Montrose residents change and correct their plans that were put in place by various local independent providers.

Nutrition: Nutrition is undergoing quite a few changes..

- Mom's Meals has increased its client limit from 90 to 100, this is to ensure that we meet spending requirement.
- Five new clients were added to Mom's Meals, and only one person remains on the waitlist.
- Six new individuals were added to Shepherd's Hand meals, and there is no current waitlist.
- Congregate "pre-packaged" meals are continuing in Olathe, Cedaredge, and Paonia three days a week, though there is resistance in Delta and Hotchkiss to VOA SCM (Senior Companion Meals) meals due to their self-managed weekly meal services.
- R10 AAA met with MADA and clarified with Bethany that 28 is limit of funding, but they can serve up to that point as long as clients are properly noted in our data system. Detail were worked out and this should help moving forward serve more clients.
- A significant restructuring of VOA SCM for operational and financial sustainability is underway, which includes closing the Delta production kitchen and utilizing the Horizon's kitchen in Eckert for Delta County, and the Homestead kitchen in Montrose for Olathe and MADA. This change is expected to reduce meal costs and operational expenses, though it may result in the loss of three jobs. The SUA is aware of the changes, and efforts are being made to ensure compliance during the transition, which will be completed by June.

Ombudsman: As was stated in the first note, Sandy Walker is retiring. The ombudsman program had 27 contacts in the region this month. There were 9 nursing home or AL visits, one attendance at resident council meeting, and 18 requests for information and assistance to the program. We had 4.25 volunteer hours, and Chandra received her certification and has chosen Heidi Chateau to serve in.

RSVP Update: Delta RSVP Volunteer appreciation event is Friday, February 21. Gunnison's is March 25th. Delta is doing a volunteer expo in March for recruitment. The current volunteer

number is 240. As Spring approaches, we will have a heavy focus on recruitment with a goal of recruiting 75 new volunteers throughout the six counties. San Miguel has renewed two station agreements. All station MOU's and Coordinator MOU's will need to be resigned to exclude DEI per the Trump-Vance Administration Executive Order, so the team will be working towards execution of the task.

Senior Companion: The original Senior Companion Program has 23 active volunteers. The AmeriCorps Senior Companion Program has 1 member who has completed training and is providing 14 hours of companionship per week. A second volunteer has completed 10 hours of training and has 10 hours left to complete. Joint marketing efforts for the SCP and RSVP will be implemented once AmeriCorps' pending grant funding is finalized.

Clients Served and Units Reported by Service Type
(12/01/2024-1/31/2025)

Service Type	Clients Served	Units Reported
Assisted Transportation	177	2018
Caregiver Respite	40	413.25
Congregate Meals	96	1254
Home Delivered Meals	191	5174
Homemaker	152	1223.75
Grandparent Caregiver Respite	1	12.25
I&A	31	1261
Legal Assistance	5	42.5
Material Aid	74	1025
Personal Care	28	399.25

Clients Served and Units Reported by Month

Month	Clients Served	Units Reported
Dec-24	622	6267
Jan-25	622	6674



February 2025

Corey Bryndal

Regional Broadband Project Director

Broadband Report to the Board

- **DOLA EIAF Broadband** middle mile expansion plan is entering final stages. This allows for direct fiber connection east into metro Denver, west to Salt Lake City and expansion southwest into Region 9. The order of events is (1) Cabling and (2) Optical Equipment (3) Routing Equipment. An updated MOU with Garfield County needs to become an IRU and CNL Master Lease agreement. Zayo fiber splicing is complete. CDOT is splicing remaining laterals along the route. The town of DeBeque is funded and starting construction. Optical equipment staging at LightRiver is complete. Acceptance testing of optical equipment is complete. Some components are being swapped out AC for DC power supplies. Optical equipment is ready to be shipped to Colorado and ready for installation. The first sites deployed will be Denver, Grand Junction and Glenwood Springs. This allows for service to be extended to I-70 communities and Region 10's own network in Grand Junction. Additionally, all Juniper routers are installed in the NCAR Mesa Lab near Boulder, CO and have been prepared for configuration. Configuration is at 60% for routers. Three of our routers are advertising routes on the public Internet. We are working through software/ entitlement with Juniper. Durango/Cortez, Montrose and the other communities will be added in 2025. The next step is completion of fiber splicing and testing with CDOT. Denver, Glenwood, Rifle, Silver Plume ILA and Avon ILA sites are complete. As a result, we are targeting deployment of optical gear for mid-March and routing gear to follow shortly after.
- Region 10 has seen good interest in our planned Salt Lake City route. This path provides redundancy should there be a problem with Denver connections. i.e. – mud-slide, fire, power or equipment failure. One ISP is interested in multiple sites along the route including transport and colocation services. We have provided estimates. An existing municipal broadband network has asked for westbound services. Another ISP is currently collocated in two sites and will use transport service once activated. Several ISP's have been pushing for transport service activations. We have provided pricing and letters of support for ISP's submitting BEAD applications. There are several ISP's seeking higher speeds and access into Collbran.
- Region 10 participated in the development of a grant request made by UCAR to NSF. The grant was awarded to UCAR in April. Region 10 will provide transport services and IP routing to support community anchor institutions with science drivers in Gunnison, Crested Butte, Grand Junction and Durango. This is a broad opportunity to support the Western Slope educational institutions in concert with the Front Range Gigapop / UCAR organization. Region 10 will receive service revenue for the services rendered. Coordination meetings to use the Region 10 network will have begun. Fiber extensions for CMU, Fort Lewis College, Western Colorado University and Rocky Mountain Bio Lab are being actively coordinated. A short term 3 Gbps solution for Western Colorado University was discussed.

- Region 10 continues to work with DOLA on existing grants, changes in scope, and supplemental requests as needed. We remain eager to learn more about the Colorado Broadband Office(part of OiT) for direction on their Middle Mile Grant program, and how we access funding for several Region 10 needs – including legacy equipment refresh, and operational support opportunities. Until that program is up and running local government applicants will continue to pursue DOLA EIAF funds in competition with non-broadband projects. As of January 2025, no additional information on CBO’s middle-mile grant program is available. CBO is working on a fiber route along I-25 to reach a state park, but has not coordinated activities.
- Region 10 will occupy the Lake City CNL and install equipment for transport back to Gunnison. Fiber to reach the Lake City GCEA substation is complete.
- Region 10 has contracted with Echo Consulting out of Pagosa Springs for support in day to day operations and management of existing assets. This has been an active engagement and is producing results. The Operations and Maintenance RFP resulted in a selected firm. Several meetings have been held to address the scope and cost of the proposed work. This firm is both an ISP and a Region 10 client.
- **Gunnison County, Crested Butte and Mount Crested Butte** have asked Region 10 to focus on long-term, permanent fix, with possible interim solution between Gunnison and Crested Butte. Our focus is on middle-mile fiber between towns and developing a CNL in Mt. Crested Butte. Mt. Crested Butte has awarded a contract offer to a construction firm for this work. The Town of Mt. Crested Butte and Region 10 are discussing with DOLA the most appropriate way to fund this infrastructure project. A mix of funding sources will likely be needed. MTCB obtained a DOLA planning grant and contracted with NeuComm to design a fiber route and CNL that includes the Whetstone housing project. A walk-through was held in MTCB. The design firm is awaiting word that MTCB has submitted a DOLA request for planning funds.
- Region 10 has used a private contractor to perform an audit of existing network assets. The output will include a topology map, remediation plan for equipment and configuration needs. Staff has received a proposal, has determined priority tasks and services. Region 10 moved forward to acquire the minimum set of gear required to make critical upgrades and fixes. Region 10 is looking for a funding source to support the needed upgrades, replacement and expansion of aging equipment.
- 10 managed CNL’s over 5 years old are in need of Uninterruptible Power Supply refresh and capacity increases. Several UPS failures have occurred, and existing units have undersized batteries that are reaching end of service life. Gunnison and Montrose sites have received temporary UPS fixes but a more comprehensive lifecycle plan for power backup is needed. This project will be lead by contractor Echo Consulting. We are seeking a fund source for parts and labor.
- Continuing to work with our neighbors to the south in **Region 9** and is working on projects in the region to develop redundant fiber routes with more capacity and connect to primary Internet sources for the Western Slope in general. Four CNL’s in Region 9 have been completed and will connect to the Region 10 network. Region 10 provided design and estimating for optical and routing gear for these facilities and the SUIT location. DOLA awarded Region 9 a \$999,999 grant for this project. An order for optical equipment has been placed and a kick-off call held.
- Pathfinder Broadband was provided with a letter of support for their BEAD-2 application.

- Region 10 has supported Region 9 in designing and estimating equipment needs for the new Durango to Pagosa Springs route along Highway 151. Region 10 has signed agreements to receive an IRU of fiber from Durango to Pagosa Springs. This collaboration of two counties, an electric company and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe was lead by Region 10. SUIT is finalizing permitting and construction may begin late in 2024.
- Region 10 identified a significant fiber gap between Durango and Pagosa Springs. This route will provide an opportunity for improved reliability for the entire western slope of Colorado – especially Region 10’s six counties. Five partners came together to develop \$2 million in matching funds for the project. DOLA awarded La Plata County \$2.1 million in middle-mile funds for purchase of a one-time assignable IRU. The \$4.1 million project includes La Plata County, Archuleta County, La Plata Electric Association, Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Region 10. As a result, Region 10 will receive use of four strands of fiber that will contribute to improved reliability of our overall infrastructure. While Region 10 staff crated the project, partners in the Durango have put together the final structure and agreements. Region 10 has signed the agreement, will receive 4 strands of fiber from Durango to Pagosa Springs to support private ISP’s at area CNL’s.
- DOLA responsibilities -in the “Technical Assistant” role, Region 10 staff continues to present broadband educational materials, review potential project applications, attend regional meetings and provide technical assistance for broadband development throughout our DOLA identified territory. Engagement areas include SCEDD, PPACG, San Luis Valley, Region 9/SWCCOG, AGNC and others. Periodic updates are provided to AGNC. Region 10 attends two regular weekly meetings with Region 9. The scope was amended to reference support of CBO’s Middle-Mile program and we agreed to assist as needed. We have not heard from CBO on their middle-mile planning recently. We have heard actively and directly from the State of New Mexico who is very interested in collaboration with Region 10 and Colorado.
- DOLA has indicated they will not continue funding the two Technical Assistance positions. Colorado Broadband Office has asked the legislature for funding for two internal CBO middle-mile resources. The legislature agreed. However, the goals of CBO’s middle-mile program as stated relate to mapping and developing grant programs, where current in-Region DOLA funded Technical Assistance positions are focused on deploying middle-mile projects and managing implementation and operations. While DOLA will fund an additional request for broadband Technical Assistance in 2025, CBO indicates they are not in a position to commit to supporting these requests going forward.



TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER

DATE: JANUARY 2025

Vince Rogalski, Chairman

Gunnison Valley TPR

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News From:



Feb. 21, 2025

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– Winter Travel Alert –

Prepare for heavy travel on the I-70 Mountain Corridor and other mountain passes as skiers head for the powder and sunshine this weekend

Plan ahead!

I-70 Mountain Corridor - Patience, planning and extra time will be needed this weekend for mountain travelers following several days of heavy snow fall, round-the-clock plowing and avalanche mitigation operations. The combination of warmer temperatures, blue skies and abundant fresh powder will make for heavy traffic particularly along the I-70 Mountain Corridor and US 40 Berthoud Pass.

The Colorado Department of Transportation expects a double traffic peak on Friday with a rush of motorists headed up the I-70 Mountain Corridor from Golden through the Eisenhower-Johnson Memorial Tunnel (EJMT) to Vail in the morning and after work with the peak hour expected around 6 p.m. today.

There will be extremely heavy traffic and delays on Saturday morning on westbound I-70, and later in the afternoon and evening as motorists head eastbound back to Denver. The weekend after President's Day last year, there were five hours of traffic metering until 10 p.m. on Saturday at the EJMT for motorists heading eastbound on I-70. About 2,900 vehicles went through the tunnel per hour.

Similar delays are expected this weekend with the new, deep snow and sunny weather. CDOT expects 3,000 vehicles per hour will travel the tunnel on Sunday afternoon, which will necessitate metering on the west side of the tunnel.

Peak Travel Times - Expect Congestion and Delays

Friday, Feb. 21

- 3 p.m. - Eastbound I-70, along the entire corridor
- 5 - 8 p.m. - Westbound I-70 starting at Floyd Hill

Saturday, Feb. 22

- 6 - 8 a.m. - Westbound I-70 starting at Floyd Hill

- 2 - 6 p.m. - Eastbound I-70, starting at Eisenhower-Johnson Memorial Tunnels

Sunday, Feb. 23

- 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. - Eastbound I-70, starting at Eisenhower-Johnson Memorial Tunnels

If you are traveling the I-70 mountain corridor this weekend:

- Plan ahead, check the weather and COtrip.org for the latest road conditions.
- Avoid the morning and evening peak travel times.
- Give yourself extra time to reach your destination, double your travel time if not more.
- Set realistic expectations that it will take longer than expected to reach your destination.
- Make sure your vehicle is winter ready with a full tank of gas, snow tires and an emergency kit containing extra clothing, food, water and batteries.
- Watch for snowpack and slick areas, particularly on bridges, overpasses, and mountain roads and passes.
- Leave plenty of following distance and don't be in a hurry.
- Expect traffic metering at the EJMT during peak travel times.
- Know that CDOT crews and our winter operations team have been working 24/7 to clear roads, monitor road conditions and keep you informed.
- Be patient!

To give an idea of how heavy the snow is, check out the video below of CDOT's snow removal operations at the Loop Road by the EJMT.

Video:

[Plowing snow on Loop Road by the EJMT this week.](#)



Caption: CDOT snow removal equipment plowing several feet of snow on Loop Road by the EJMT.

Winter Travel Tips for Motorists

- Avoid or limit driving during the brunt of the storm.
- Know before you go by checking out the latest weather conditions and visiting [COtrip.org](https://cotrip.org) for road conditions (see info sources below).
- Make sure your vehicle is winter ready with the appropriate tires for the weather and have a snow emergency kit.
- Once you are out on the road, drive for the conditions and leave plenty of following distance.
- Give plows space! Stay back three to four car lengths from snow plows.

Safety Closures

A safety closure is a precaution taken during inclement weather to reduce the probability of traffic incidents, increased congestion or other safety-related factors. During a safety closure, traffic may be stopped on the interstate, turned around or directed to an exit. Safety closures help decrease delay times, and, above all, keep travelers safe.

Chain & Traction Laws

When weather conditions warrant, CDOT will activate the Traction Law. If weather conditions deteriorate, CDOT will activate Chain Laws for passenger and commercial vehicles. Motorists will be alerted to an active Traction or Chain Law by highway signage, [COtrip.org](https://cotrip.org) and traffic/roadway condition alerts. For more information on the Traction Law and Passenger Vehicle Chain Law requirements, visit codot.gov/travel/winter-driving/tractionlaw. For more information on the Commercial Vehicle Chain Law requirements, visit freight.colorado.gov/mountain-rules/chain-up-tips. To learn more and view helpful tips for winter driving, visit winter.codot.gov.

[COtrip.org](https://cotrip.org) & COtrip Planner App

If motorists must head out during this winter storm, they are urged to visit [COtrip.org](https://cotrip.org) and download the COtrip Planner app ahead of time. Motorists are now able to sign up for travel alerts through [COtrip.org](https://cotrip.org) to see if

there are any highway closures or impacts along their favorite routes. The COtrip Planner app also offers a “Trip Planner” feature that allows motorists to map out their routes and receive updates about road closures or incidents along the way. Motorists can turn on the “Hands-Free, Eyes Free” feature to receive these alerts via voice notifications and avoid routes with impacts.

The free [COtrip Planner](#) mobile app was designed to meet the growing trend of information on mobile and tablet devices for the traveling public. The COtrip Planner app provides statewide, real-time traffic information, and works on mobile devices that operate on the iOS and Android platforms. Visit the [Google Play Store](#) (Android devices) or the [Apple Store](#) (iOS devices) to download!

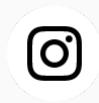
Know Before You Go

Travelers are urged to “know before you go.” Gather information about weather forecasts and anticipated travel impacts and current road conditions prior to hitting the road. CDOT resources include:

- Road conditions and travel information: [COtrip.org](#)
- Download the COtrip Planner app: [bit.ly/COtripapp](#)
- Sign up for project or travel alerts: [bit.ly/COnewsalerts](#)
- See scheduled construction lane closures: [bit.ly/laneclosures](#)
- Connect with @ColoradoDOT on social media: [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#)
- Chain and traction law information: [www.codot.gov/admin/travel/winter-driving/tractionlaw](#)
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Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting Summary Date/Time: February 6th; 8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. CDOT Current Events

- Shawn Smith has been hired as the Division of Maintenance and Operations Director, as John Lorme left that position on January 21, 2025.

Transportation Commission Report

- Budget items covered at the January 2025 meeting included the \$12.8 million decrease in projected fuel tax revenue, the \$47.6 million federal obligation decrease, and the approval of \$5.4 million as a match for a PROTECT Grant that will go toward avalanche mitigation upgrades. Additionally, the Fuel Impacts Enterprise announced \$15 million annually to be allocated to specific counties impacted by fuel distribution.

- CDOT's speed camera pilot project, with a budget of \$2 to \$5 million, will be implemented in one or two initial sites with future expansion expected. The Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO) has also seen a reduction in express lane violations through effective enforcement.
- Senate Bill (SB) 24-184 reduced Winter Park Express train fares by 45% to boost ridership. A national price agreement for buses aims to streamline procurement. The Transit Connectivity Study is ongoing, with representatives visiting each TPR soon. Updates were provided on the Front Range and Mountain Rail projects, along with expected funding from Senate Bill 24-230.
- National Renewable Solutions (NRS) presented a potential public-private initiative that would allow for transmission lines to be installed along I-76 in the CDOT Right-of-Way (ROW).

Federal Partners Report

- Last Friday, FHWA received the obligation limitation, which is good news for CDOT, but still waiting to see what will happen with the continuing resolution, and should know by mid-March. Moving forward, reimbursement requests for formula funded projects can be paid out, as well as reimbursement requests for discretionary grants with executed grant agreements. Everything else is on hold for now.

State Legislative Update

- The bill to increase the number of TPRs was postponed indefinitely, due to concerns with proportional voting on STAC, and the impact of additional voices. Several messaging bills related to repealing transportation fees from SB 21-260 have been introduced but are also unlikely to pass.
- The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) is reviewing a revamped budget proposal from the Governor, which reduces initial cuts, limits the FASTER fee reductions to a two year period, and changes allocations to shift impact to CDOT, while protecting local funding.
- After stakeholder discussions, the diesel fee will not be pursued this year due to budget constraints and legislative dynamics.
- CDOT will support SB 25-069, which creates a permit program allowing private businesses to set up chain assist stations for truckers.

Federal Legislative Update

- A recent executive order on energy and EVs initially caused confusion about DOT formula funding but was quickly amended. Another federal aid funding review memo was halted by a

judge until March, creating uncertainty for future grants. Active grants with agreements may continue, but newer grants without agreements may face a 30-day freeze.

Colorado Transportation Vision 2035 (Informational Item) - Darius Pakbaz, Director, Division of Transportation Development and Nathan Lindquist

- A statewide vision emphasizing collaboration at local, regional, and federal levels to align with Policy Directive (PD) 14 - Policy Guiding Statewide Plan Goals and Objectives that emphasizes: Safety, Fix Our Roads, and Increase Options for Modal Choice.
- Goals include reducing GHG emissions, improving transportation affordability and reliability, fixing roads, and ensuring safe travel while addressing equity, congestion, and community needs through expanding transit, promoting compact and walkable communities, and investing in active transportation and first/last mile connections. The plan sets numerical benchmarks for achievement by 2035, using 2024 as the baseline.

Discussion

- Rural TPRs were concerned about the lack of private passenger vehicle transportation representation in the plan, and noted that in many areas of the state, transit is not feasible. Additional concern stemmed from the lofty numerical goals, as the plan does not include funding to support the outlined strategies.

Statewide Plan Update (Informational Item) - Marissa Gaughan, DTD Multimodal Planning Branch Manager and Aaron Willis

- CDOT is actively engaging with TPRs, stakeholders, and the public through nine Telephone Town Halls (anticipated for spring 2025) and an upcoming statewide planning transportation survey. The survey, aligned with PD 14 themes, includes a hypothetical budget for participants to consider and select. The survey is in final edits and will be launched soon.
- STAC members will preview the statewide survey before it goes live and are encouraged to join Telephone Town Halls.

Discussion

- The importance of strategic wording was emphasized, and is crucial to avoid biased responses. Additionally, efforts are being made to ensure diverse demographic representation in survey distribution.
- The DRCOG region is considering similar survey work for their RTP development and plans to coordinate with CDOT. CDOT will coordinate with DRCOG and any other MPO who is interested in collaborating on the statewide planning survey.

The next STAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 6th, 2025 and will be virtual.

Draft meeting Schedule

Transportation TPR Meeting

Planning meeting #4

May 8, 2025

1:30 to 4:00pm
