



# SOUTHWEST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING REGION

## Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 11, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Video/Phone Conference – See connection details below

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| I.   | Introductions                                       | 9:00 a.m.  |
| II.  | Consent Agenda                                      | 9:10 a.m.  |
|      | 1. December 2020 Meeting Minutes                    |            |
|      | 2. Financial Report: July 2020 – December 2020      |            |
| III. | Reports   | 9:15 a.m.  |
|      | 1. December 2020, January 2021 STAC Update          |            |
|      | 2. Transportation Commissioner Report – Sidny Zink  |            |
| IV.  | CDOT Reports  | 9:45 a.m.  |
|      | 1. Region 5 Construction Update - Kevin Curry       |            |
|      | 2. Southwest Plan dashboard tool - Carrie Tremblatt |            |
|      | 3. Federal and State Funding Updates - Tony Cady    |            |
|      | 4. CFL - Phase II Update - Elijah Henley            |            |
| V.   | Other Business                                      | 11:10 a.m. |
|      | 1. Updates – Round Robin                            |            |
| VI.  | Adjourn   |            |

Next regular meeting date: Thursday, April 8, 2021

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**Southwest Colorado Regional Transportation  
Planning Commission  
Thursday, December 10, 2020 - 9:00 a.m.  
Video/phone conference**

TPR Members in Attendance:

David Black – Town of Bayfield  
Sarah Hill – City of Durango  
Clyde Church – La Plata County  
Mark Garcia – Town of Ignacio  
Ken Charles – Town of Dolores  
Jim Candelaria – Montezuma County  
Devin King – City of Durango  
Martin – Pagosa  
Phil Johnson – City of Cortez  
Andrea Phillips – Town of Pagosa Springs  
Katie Sickles – Town of Bayfield  
Laura Vanoni – Archuleta County

Others in Attendance:

Sidny Zink – Transportation Commissioner  
TJ Burr - Colorado Department of Transportation  
Tony Cady - Colorado Department of Transportation  
Jamie Grim – Colorado Department of Transportation  
Carrie Tremblatt – Colorado Department of Transportation  
Julie Constan - Colorado Department of Transportation  
Kevin Curry - Colorado Department of Transportation  
Matt Muraro - Colorado Department of Transportation  
Mike McVaugh – Colorado Department of Transportation  
Miriam Gillow-Wiles – Southwest Colorado Council of Governments  
Jessica Laitsch – Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

**I. Introductions**

**II. Consent Agenda:**

October 2020 Meeting Minutes  
Financial Report: July 2020 – October 2020

**Sarah Hill motioned to approve the October 2020 minutes, Jim Candelaria seconded, unanimously approved.**

**David Black motioned to approve the financial report, Sarah Hill seconded, unanimously approved.**

### III. Reports

#### 1. October November 2020 STAC Update

Sarah reported that the December meeting was cancelled. In November, Shoshana Lew spoke about the budget proposal, the priority will be on shovel-ready projects. The Revitalizing Main Streets Program is still accepting applications. There was a legislative update.

#### 2. Transportation Commissioner Report – Sidney Zink

Sidny reported that the November workshop ran long. They finalized the budget for FY20, reviewed amendments for budget FY21 and are preparing to adopt the budget for FY22. There was continued discussion on policy directives.

### IV. Decision items

#### 1. Election of Officers

**Phil Johnson nominated Sarah Hill as Chair. Sarah accepted the nomination, David Black seconded. Unanimously approved.**

Jim asked about the time expectations for the Vice Chair. Phil and Sarah explained that the Vice Chair runs the meeting in the Chair's absence and attends STAC meeting if the Chair is unable to attend.

**Sarah Hill nominated Jim Candelaria as Vice Chair, Jim accepted the nomination, Phil Johnson seconded, unanimously approved.**

### V. CDOT Reports

#### 1. Construction Update – Kevin Curry

- R5 SH 184 MP 11.73, 12.29 Priority Culverts – Work is complete.
- R5 Chain Station Improvements – Work is complete.
- US 550 MP 90.15 & 90.2, SH 145 MP 24.5 & 49.3 Wall Repairs – Work is complete.
- Hawkins Signal & Curb Ramps Cortez – Work is complete.
- US 550/160 Connection South Design – Work is ongoing. David asked about the possibility of touring the site. Kevin will look into this.
- US 160 Wolf Creek West Fiber – Project has been awarded.
- US 160/SH 151 Wildlife Crossing Project – Will be building an overpass and underpass, the contract has been awarded.
- US 160 McCabe Creek Pagosa – This project will be the first priority when funding is secured.
- US 160 West & Cortez PCCP Diamond Grind – Scheduled to go to ad.
- SH 145 Dolores Rico US 160 Cortez Htr Repave – Scheduled to go to ad.
- US 550 Durango 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> – Expected to go to ad in the spring with construction in the summer.
- SH 172 at County Road 318 – Out to ad.
- US 160 Four Corners to Aztec Creek – In design, seeking SB 267 funding.
- US 160 San Juan River Bridge Scour – Being re-evaluated, looking at 2023.

Phil mentioned that they did the final walkthrough on the Hawkins project.

## **2. Statewide Budget Update – Jamie Grim**

Jamie reported that revenue is below projections for FY19, however the budget for FY22 is looking better at this point. There was a reduction in HUTF funds as fuel consumption was down, but not as low as originally expected because of travel during the summer. CDOT is expecting a budget shortfall of \$71.3 million. Mike added that the construction budget is at a deficit of approximately \$8 million, this push some projects a year or two beyond what was expected.

## **VI. Other Business**

### **1. Community Updates – Round Robin**

David reported that the Town of Bayfield is concluding a water line project.

Jim described efforts for a renovated truck stop at Montezuma County Road G and US 160, they will also be looking to build fiber to the facility. Mike mentioned that there is a contamination plume to avoid if they need to grade near the road. Miriam added that potential contamination will be important to discuss with respect to building fiber.

Andrea, Town of Pagosa Springs, commended CDOT's efforts on the Main Street Visioning Plan. The Town received multimodal funds for planning pedestrian and bike improvements. They received a TAP grant for the next phase on the Town to Lakes Trail. They closed one access point to US 160. They have requested a speed study. Due to a number of concurrent capital projects, they will be releasing funds awarded for paving some alleys. They will likely be appointing new TPR representatives.

Sarah with the City of Durango commended CDOT region staff. They are working on design of Camino crossing underpass at US 550 and 12<sup>th</sup> street. They have SB 267 funding for ADA improvements to for trolley stops. Coordinating with CDOT for the 30<sup>th</sup> street connect project. They are working to spend Revitalize Main Street to formalize the bump out program moving forward. They had a COVID outbreak among transit drivers.

Mark reported that the Town of Ignacio are nearing approval for the intersection at Becker and Goddard with construction planned for the spring

Ken reported the Town of Dolores has completed ten water line projects.

Clyde reported that La Plata County is working on CR 120 to GCC coal mine. They are working with the city on CR 251.

Phil reported the City of Cortez is working on signage to reduce truck traffic in the city. The Hawkins project is wrapping up. They will be working with the county on a master streets program.

Katie reported the Town of Bayfield will be working on their trail project

The meeting ended at 9:48 a.m.

# SWTPR Financials 7/1/2020-12/31/2020

To: SW Colorado Transportation Planning Region  
From: Jessica Laitsch  
Date: 8 February, 2021

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Comments: A profit and loss report for the period July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 is attached.

The TPR grant runs on a state fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). The attached P&L shows the current grant status. Because this is a reimbursement grant, the net income is showing in the negative as funds have been spent but not yet reimbursed.

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# Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

## PROFIT AND LOSS

July - December, 2020

|                                       | TOTAL               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Income                                |                     |
| <b>Total Income</b>                   |                     |
| GROSS PROFIT                          | <b>\$0.00</b>       |
| Expenses                              |                     |
| Administrative Costs                  |                     |
| Operating Expenses                    |                     |
| Internet Connectivity                 |                     |
| Internet Connection (AT&T)            | 68.74               |
| <b>Total Internet Connectivity</b>    | <b>68.74</b>        |
| Office Supplies                       | 15.00               |
| Professional Fees                     |                     |
| Audit                                 | 393.75              |
| <b>Total Professional Fees</b>        | <b>393.75</b>       |
| Rent                                  | 525.00              |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>       | <b>1,002.49</b>     |
| Personnel Expense                     |                     |
| Salary and Wages                      | 1,428.76            |
| <b>Total Personnel Expense</b>        | <b>1,428.76</b>     |
| <b>Total Administrative Costs</b>     | <b>2,431.25</b>     |
| Project Costs                         |                     |
| Shared Services Expenses              |                     |
| Software Maintenance                  | 2,100.00            |
| <b>Total Shared Services Expenses</b> | <b>2,100.00</b>     |
| <b>Total Project Costs</b>            | <b>2,100.00</b>     |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                 | <b>\$4,531.25</b>   |
| NET OPERATING INCOME                  | <b>\$ -4,531.25</b> |
| NET INCOME                            | <b>\$ -4,531.25</b> |

# STAC Summary – December, January

To: SW Colorado Transportation Planning Region  
From: Jessica Laitsch  
Date: 8 February, 2021

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Comments: Below are some highlights from the January 2021 Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) meetings. The draft minutes for the November and January meetings, in addition to a briefing memo from December, are attached.

December:

There was no STAC meeting held in December. Briefing memo attached.

January Special Meeting:

There was a special STAC meeting to detail supplemental allocations through the Federal stimulus and CDOT's planned distribution throughout the State. Projects identified for Region 5: McCabe Creek major culvert replacement and CO 141 North of Naturita Resurfacing, this will free up future funds to move forward with other projects sooner

For the State in general, CDOT will be allocating funding for:

- Continued support for Revitalizing Main Streets Program
- Modernizing NEPA
- Bridge repairs

January Regular Meeting:

CDOT, Transportation Commission, and STAC representative Updates

State Legislative Report

- Legislative committees are meeting for urgent business such as COVID response, the full legislative session will open in February

Statewide Plan Implementation Update

Grant Program Update

- Revitalizing Main Streets - \$2 Million additional added, multiple applications can be submitted by single entity, criteria include impact on public health and benefits to active transportation

- Community Challenge - multiple applications can be submitted by single entity, nonprofits eligible to apply, criteria include impact on public health and benefits to active transportation

Interchange Approval Process Update

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STAC Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2020

Location: Via Web Conference  
Date/Time: November 13, 2020; 9:00 a.m.  
Chairman: Vince Rogalski, Gunnison Valley TPR Chair

Attendance:

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|----------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Denver Area:         | Elise Jones, Ron Papsdorf, Roger Partridge                 | San Luis Valley:        | Michael Yohn, Keith Baker            |
| Central Front Range: | Dick Elsner  | South Central:          | Walt Boulden                         |
| Eastern:             | Chris Richardson   | Southeast:              | Not represented                      |
| Grand Valley:        | Dana Brosig, Dean Bressler                                 | Southwest:              | Sarah Dodson Hill                    |
| Intermountain:       | Bentley Henderson  | Upper Front Range:      | Elizabeth Relford                    |
| North Front Range:   | Dave Clark, Becky Karasko                                  | Southern Ute Tribe:     | Not represented                      |
| Northwest:           | Heather Sloop  | Ute Mountain Ute Tribe: | Archie House Jr., Bernadette Cuthair |
| Pikes Peak Area:     | Norm Steen, John Liosatos, Holly Williams,<br>Jill Gaebler | FHWA:                   | John Cater, Bill Haas                |
| Pueblo Area:         | Terry Hart, John Adams                                     | FTA:                    | Kristin Kenyon                       |

Shoshana Lew (CDOT Executive Director),  
Karen Stuart (Transportation Commission Chair),  
Don Stanton (Transportation Commissioner),  
Kathleen Bracke (Transportation Commissioner),  
Gary Beedy (Transportation Commissioner),  
Rebecca White (CDOT Director, Division of Transportation Development),  
Jeff Sudmeier (CDOT Chief Financial Officer),  
Craig Hurst (CDOT Freight Programs Manager),  
David Krutsinger (CDOT Director, Division of Transit & Rail),  
Heather Paddock (CDOT Region 4 RTD),  
Mike McVaugh (CDOT Region 5 RTD),  
Mike Goolsby (CDOT Region 3 RTD),  
Richard Zamora (CDOT Region 2 RTD),  
Kay Kelly (CDOT Interim Director, Office of Innovative Mobility),  
David Singer (CDOT Manager, Environmental Policy and Biological Resources Section)



| Agenda Item / Presenter (Affiliation)  | Presentation Highlights  | Actions                 |
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| <p>Introductions &amp; STAC Minutes / Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair</p>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Motion</u> to approve the October 9, 2020 STAC meeting minutes by Elise Jones, seconded by Dick Clark.</li> <li>● Minutes approved unanimously.</li> </ul>   | <p>Minutes approved</p> |
| <p>Governor’s FY21-22 Budget Overview – Shoshana Lew, Executive Director</p> | <p>Shoshana Lew:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Statewide budget forecasts our economy is improving relative to previously projected shortfalls</li> <li>● Some one-time fund savings realized in FY20 and FY21 will reduce future deficits and can be used to aid recovery</li> <li>● Governor’s proposed budget includes \$1.9 Billion for CDOT</li> <li>● Includes \$200 million in one-stimulus funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$130 million for shovel-ready infrastructure projects from Ten Year Plan, and</li> <li>○ \$70 million for Revitalizing Main Streets (RMS) program and for expanding the Denver area’s Safer Main Streets program statewide</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>STAC Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Heather Sloop: RMS grants are only for projects on the state’s priority project lists; There is concern by smaller agencies if they aren’t on a project list or in the Statewide Plan, are they going to be eligible?</li> <li>● Shoshana Lew: RMS has brought forth many new local governments that have not previously sought funding through CDOT; We’ve streamlined the process and worked with entities that weren’t eligible to find ways to become so; CDOT ask that any entities in these positions to reach out to us and we’ll work to help them find the types of expenditures that are eligible.</li> <li>● Suzette Mallette: How does the Governor’s budget get through to approval? What is the timeline?</li> <li>● Shoshana Lew: The Governor’s budget, if adopted, has to go through the legislative process like any other, and it’s often not adopted in the Long Bill until nearly the end of the Legislative Session; Local stakeholders are encouraged to advocate for the proposals in the Governor’s budget with their legislators.</li> <li>● Suzette Mallette: Will the Safer Main Streets program be administered the same as in Denver?</li> <li>● Shoshana Lew: Our intent is to not reinvent the wheel; It’ll follow the same eligibility requirements and for the most part the same application process as it has for Denver, with some improvements learned along the way; We would also combine eligibility requirements for both RMS and Safer Main Streets.</li> </ul> | <p>No Action</p>        |

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| TPR & Federal Partner Reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>DRCOG</u>: At the last Board meeting, we heard a presentation by Will Toor on the GHG Reduction Roadmap and had a robust discussion about the transportation sector emission reduction opportunities. We also had a discussion of DRCOG's equity initiatives and opportunities to improve equity and inclusion in our decision making processes. At the November 4 work session we discussed recommended project and program investment priorities for our regional transportation plan, which we hope to adopt next week.</li> <li>● <u>CFR</u>: We approved a request by CDOT to move some project savings from a passing lane project west of Peyton to a guardrail repair and upgrade on US50 West in Fremont County; Canon City is on track to complete design of the US 50 pedestrian improvement project by year's end for construction next year; Canon City also applied for a bridge grant to rehab the Four Mile Lane bridge and also applied for a SRTS grant to revitalize sidewalks leading up to its two schools; US285/Hwy9 intersection in Fairplay is underway and will be under construction for a couple years; Also a bridge replacement project on Hwy285 south of Fairplay will get underway next year.</li> <li>● <u>Eastern</u>: We've had no new meetings since last STAC meeting; Hwy86 and CR13 intersection project has completed.</li> <li>● <u>Grand Valley</u>: We have determined the distribution of SB1 money and the TIP amendment for that will be in December; We're concerned about spending that by June 30, 2021 if they're contracted in January; one award is for 6 month's operations. At the November air quality advisory committee, we had a very engaging GHG roadmap discussion, led by Mike King. We've submitted a SRTS application for a countywide bike/ped safety program for schools and also for a web app and website designed to incentivize biking and walking alternatives. We are still waiting on contracts for MMOF; we're eagerly awaiting those so we can get the funds spent.</li> <li>● <u>Gunnison Valley</u>: Chip and seal project on US50 has completed; On the \$40M US50 Little Blue Creek Canyon, bids have been sent out but we've not seen results yet. We're looking at remaining MMOF funds and considering a new project - we will hear on that next month for approval.</li> <li>● <u>Intermountain</u>: The Hwy 9 gap project is nearly completed, making four lanes from Frisco to Breckenridge; The Glenwood Canyon resurfacing project is completed, as well as the Leadville area overlay; There will be a grand opening on Edwards road project;</li> </ul> | No action. |

- North Front Range: The Planning Council met November 5; most attended remotely. Commissioner Beady presented on the Commission's Regional and Interstate Mobility Committee; CDOT Freight Advisory member Joe Kiely presented on the Ports to Plains initiative. NFR has hired a new mobility coordinator, Corey Smith, beginning December 1 to develop a one-call one-click center funded by the region's MMOF program; Bridge and road resurfacing on Hwy34 will require a few overnight closures as they build over the railroad there.
- Northwest: Our TPR met yesterday; Most construction in the region will be done in a couple weeks; Hwy13 is very close to completion. There are concerns from all Counties about fires, particularly congestion on evacuation plans and the rerouting impacts on trucks; Many are concerned for fire runoff impacts in the spring also. Steamboat Springs is working on MMOF grant; We're excited about Bustang's new Outrider service coming to the region this year; Steamboat Transit has great concern about the 15-person bus capacity limits due to COVID restrictions; Craig is having another MMOF project for next year.
- PPACG: Reporting on our October Board meeting, since we didn't meet Nov 11 on Veterans Day. One major project in our region is the MAMSIP, or Mobility Access Mobility Safety Improvement Project, which included the CO94 improvements for Shriever AFB for which we received a BUILD grant last year. We also approved three TIP amendments, transferring funds from out-years for: South Academy Bridge over I-25, I-25 Garden of the Gods surface treatment, and US24 surface treatment, westbound into Teller County. Other items included: an update to the EPA ozone advanced program strategies, we had the GHG Roadmap discussion, and we updated our Strategic Plan one more time. We also approved our 2021 COG budget, and we're having our first legislative roundtable with our 2021 legislators on December 2.
- PACOG: Our project at Hwy 50 west of town at the intersection with Purcell is ongoing; On I-25 the shoulder work and box culvert replacement work in the northern part of Pueblo County and into El Paso County is nearing completion; Our Bike & Pedestrian Plan is scheduled for approval in December; and our Long Range Plan is scheduled for approval at our January meeting; Lastly, we're working to finalize the IGAs for our MMOF projects.
- San Luis Valley: At our November 5 TPR meeting, we approved a Resolution adopting our 2045 Region Plan; We're happy to have a public vehicle charger going into City Hall in Alamosa; We did get approved on our airport's 139 certificate that will allow essential commercial air services through United and Sky West; Hwy17 and 160 intersection signal is still ongoing as is Hwy 17 North; and we'll move to COVID Orange status on Monday; Cottonwood Pass is now closed and Independence Pass will close today; The Town of Buena Vista and Chaffee County have been unable to come up with a location for the

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|  | <p>Bustang Outrider stop; CDOT will continue funding while we try to work that out; The Tennessee Pass conversation is apparently re-energized; We would like to request CDOT work to keep local elected officials informed on these type of discussion, rather than our finding out about them through local media; Poncha Springs proposed the TPR consider shifting RPP funding to plan for the US50/US285 roundabout project to get that shelf ready; Chaffee Co is talking with Region 5 to use some NHFP dollars for access to the County landfill; Buena Vista intersection improvements on US24 south of the airport may be moving ahead sooner than previously thought.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>South Central</u>: No TPR meeting since the last STAC. We're still awaiting execution of the MMOF contracts in the region. Roadway projects and maintenance are proceeding normally. Biggest news here is that the new Elk Mine is opening 30 miles west of Trinidad. Production will begin in July, and will bring over 50 trucks daily along that Hwy 12 route that already has safety issues. We're working with the County to try to get that road ready, though we know there's not enough time to fix road and bridge issues; we are discussing transit services for the 50+ workers and hoping to schedule truck movements around the bus school bus times to avoid those conflicts.</li> <li>● <u>Southeast</u>: (reporting via chat module) In the SE we are excited and thankful for the award for the mobility manager! Transit continues to be a large focus in our area. We have not had a TPR meeting recently; we are planning for a meeting in January. Our Hwy 50 passing lanes project continues. Unfortunately, we've moved to level Orange in many of our counties in our region as we continue to see the virus spike.</li> <li>● <u>Southwest</u>: No TPR meeting since last month. The COVID guidance for transit services is challenging for us but we're trying to be creative to keep ridership costs down. In Durango, we are wrapping up our funding for the Revitalized Main Streets grant program and that had tremendous positive implications for our sales tax revenues. We're also now on Orange status, so businesses are down to 25% capacity.</li> <li>● <u>Upper Front Range</u>: No TPR meeting since September; next one is in December. We're still working with CDOT on the Hwy 52 PEL; The existing conditions report on the PEL is complete and we're in the process of developing the evaluation criteria for the health and performance measures; They've met with communities on the access control plan and getting positive feedback on that; public participation has been strong, so hopefully we'll get good response when the PEL goes public. Our region's top project, the I-76/Hwy52 project is well underway; construction impacts will likely continue there for another year, but we are excited to see our number one RPP project getting done. We are continuing to work with CDOT and the railroads to get the Hwy 85 in a perpetual easement going forward to avoid</li> </ul> |  |
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|   | <p>paying lease fees; that should finish next year; the 2045 Region Plan has been adopted; and we're awaiting CDOT's RPC boundary guidebook.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Southern Ute</u>: No Report</li> <li>● <u>Ute Mountain Ute Tribe</u>: We've not had any recent meetings with CDOT, so not a lot to report there; Off-system road issues under COVID, our road checkpoint is temporary; Lots of confusion around the 491 and Mike Wash Road design and traffic patterns; we've requested a light be installed there and look forward to meeting with Region 5 to find the best solution.</li> <li>● <u>FHWA</u>: John Cater: We completed DRCOG's planning certification last month; many good outcomes that FHWA will share with other regions.</li> <li>● <u>Federal Transit Administration (FTA)</u>: No report</li> </ul> <p>STAC Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bentley Henderson: Can Executive Director Lew provide an overview of the letter she sent in November to transit agencies regarding reprioritization of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery Act of 2009 (FASTER) Transit funds in light of operational funding challenges and restrictions due to COVID? What kind of options are available?</li> <li>● David Krutsinger: The number one priority is safety with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and we're working with CDPHE to clarify those guidelines as they pertain to different transit services and different transit vehicles. Regarding reprioritizing funding, we want to discuss through the Transit and Rail Advisory Committee how we might reprogram the CARES funding set aside for communications, and also if we might convert FASTER funding typically used for capital to augment the operations funding available statewide.</li> </ul> |  |
| <p>State Legislative Report – Andy Karsian, CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations (OPGR)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Post-election: Significant leadership changes seen in the House, while few in the Senate</li> <li>● Senator Donovan is now Senate President Pro-Tem</li> <li>● House Speaker is now Alec Garnet; Majority Leader is Daneya Esgar from Pueblo Area;</li> <li>● Esgar's replacement on Joint Budget Committee (JBC) is Leslie Herod, as well as a new member from the Denver area, Chris Hanson; JBC Chair is Senator Moreno; Senator McCluskie is the JBC Vice-Chair; and Senators Rankin and Ransom are the Republican leaders on JBC.</li> <li>● CDOT is having conversations on fees, impaired driving and off-highway vehicles, but few specifics to share yet.</li> <li>● CDOT provided JBC a briefing; our hearing is coming up the first week of December</li> <li>● Depending on the state of the COVID-19 pandemic, we're waiting to see whether the session gets underway in January or not.</li> </ul> <p>No further STAC discussion.</p>  |  |

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|  | <i>Break at 10:11; resumed at 10:20</i>  |                              |
| Transportation Commission Report / Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair                    | <p>Continuing Asset Management discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Policy Directive (PD)14 – they’re particularly looking at vehicle miles of travel (VMT) measures; discussion on how EVs will need to contribute funding to transportation</li> <li>● They heard a presentation on Front Range Passenger Rail – which is gaining momentum with Amtrak committing significant funds</li> <li>● Mobility Systems – They heard from the new Interim Director Kay Kelly</li> <li>● The greenhouse gas (GHG) Roadmap is getting much attention – I encourage members to listen in on those discussions if interested.</li> <li>● Four commissioners dissented from voting on the RPP distribution formula; They approved the 50% pop, 35% lane miles, 15% truck VMT formula, though they may look at this again at a “later date”.</li> <li>● After the meeting, the freight committee is working hard with CDOT to improve safety and mobility on the freight network.</li> </ul> <p>STAC Discussion: None</p> | No action.                   |
| STAC Bylaws Revision – Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion by Terry Hart to adopt revised Bylaws as presented; Seconded by Elise Jones</li> <li>● Approved unanimously, clarifying the one-week notice and requirements for distribution of STAC materials prior to meetings, and for the allowance of emergency items to be considered only upon affirmative vote of STAC.</li> </ul> <p>STAC Discussion: None</p>   | Revised Bylaws adopted       |
| STAC Elections – Rebecca White, Division of Transportation Development, Director | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vince Rogalski turned over the Chair temporarily to Aaron Willis</li> <li>● Dick Elsner nominated Vince Rogalski as candidate for STAC Chair</li> <li>● <u>Motion</u> by Chris Richardson to close nominations; Seconded by Terry Hart</li> <li>● Nominations for Chair closed unanimously</li> <li>● <u>Action</u>: Vince Rogalski being the only nomination, is elected unanimously by voice acclimation to a two-year term as STAC Chair, beginning with the December, 2020 STAC meeting</li> <li>● Norm Steen is term-limited as County Commissioner and therefore not eligible to continue as Vice-Chair</li> <li>● Bentley Henderson nominated Heather Sloop as candidate for STAC Vice-Chair</li> <li>● <u>Motion</u> by Dave Clark moved to close nominations for Vice-Chair; Seconded by Terry Hart; nominations closed unanimously</li> </ul>   | Chair and Vice Chair elected |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Action</u>: Heather Sloop being the only nomination, was elected unanimously by voice acclimation as STAC Vice-Chair for a two-year term beginning with the December, 2020 STAC meeting.</li> <li>● <u>Motion</u> by Terry Hart to close elections; Seconded by Dave Clark; approved unanimously</li> </ul> <p>STAC Discussion: None</p>  |                   |
| <p>1601 Interchange Process Update – Herman Stockinger &amp; Aaron Willis, Division of Transportation Development</p> | <p>Aaron Willis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● STAC was provided a summary of key components and proposed updates to Policy Directive 1601.</li> <li>● Significant outreach and input received on the Policy Directive and the accompanying Procedural Directive, which covers the policies and process for approval of new or modified Interstate and State Highway System interchanges.</li> <li>● Proposed changes include new Travel Demand Management (TDM) components as considerations in the evaluation of interchange additions or modifications; also proposed updates to streamline FHWA’s Region 8 Interchange Access Request procedures.</li> <li>● CDOT anticipates further workshop with the TC in December or January.</li> </ul> <p>STAC Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● John Liosatos: Please add Pikes Peak Area Council of Government’s (PPACG’s) TAC on the outreach schedule</li> <li>● Aaron: agreed, and I am available to attend</li> <li>● Elise Jones: We very much appreciate the care and receptivity given to outreach on the policy.</li> <li>● Roger Partridge: The presentation and outreach on this policy has really been appreciated; there are a lot of concerns for the different challenges in rural and urban area interchanges, so we appreciate all those discussions and opportunities to work through it.</li> <li>● Dean Bressler: We also have appreciated Aaron’s and CDOT’s effort to reach out and include our region in the discussion; we are ok with the current PD changes proposed, but appreciate the attention</li> <li>● Elizabeth Relford: We also invite CDOT to attend December 3<sup>rd</sup> UFR TPR meeting; If we have an interchange that straddles an MPO and rural TPR, which TDM strategies must we follow? We’ll be the first to go through this process, so we need to know which process it will need to follow.</li> <li>● Aaron: CDOT recognizes that your situation is split between categories of interchange processes and will involve Region 4 staff and planning region stakeholders in discussion to outline the process to be followed; We can’t answer that today, but will address that in ongoing discussions.</li> </ul> | <p>No action.</p> |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Relford: In some rural areas, we don't have any of the applicable TDM strategies available, so we need to know what other strategies are to be considered.</li> <li>● Aaron: We clearly need to make some tweaks in the PD to address the rural area TDM strategies so there is flexibility in situations where this is challenging.</li> <li>● Norm Steen: Regarding TDM strategies, should they be scored based on the impact or return on investment (ROI) they provide?</li> <li>● Aaron: Those with the higher point values in the PD are those with greater benefit; we can examine whether those are reflective of relative ROI.</li> </ul>  |            |
| Scenic and Historic Byways Update – Lenore Bates, Colorado Scenic Byways Program Manager                         | <p>Lenore Bates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Staff provided an overview of scenic byways program, including current programs and efforts on the State's byways, including EV charging infrastructure programs</li> <li>● STAC was also provided an overview/summary of the 10-year Pipeline projects (map) on the state's scenic byways</li> </ul> <p>STAC Discussion: None</p>  | No action. |
| Other Business and Recognition of Service to the STAC for Departing Representatives - Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CDOT wished to recognize STAC members Andy Pico, Norm Steen, Roger Partridge, Barbara Kirkmeyer, and Elise Jones who are all term limited and therefore will no longer serve on STAC after the December meeting.</li> <li>● Commissioner Kirkmeyer was not able to attend today, but will attend in December.</li> <li>● Director Lew: Acknowledging the significant role STAC plays in transportation planning, gave a big thanks to all those outgoing members for their many years of contributions and partnership in transportation.</li> <li>● Norm Steen: I've appreciated being part of an organization that listens and takes a passionate approach to its cause. I hope you'll all stay in touch.</li> <li>● Elise Jones: A big thanks to all; I've learned so much and it's been an honor to have been a part of it.</li> <li>● Vince Rogalski: I have much gratitude to all those that have served for so long and I'm looking forward to what new members will join in their place.</li> </ul> |            |
| Other Business / Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Our next STAC meeting will be December 11, 2020 (virtual)</li> </ul>  | No action. |

STAC ADJOURNED at 11:31am





DATE: December 9, 2020  
TO: Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)  
FROM: Rebecca White, Division of Transportation Development, Director  
SUBJECT: Update on Current Topics for STAC Members

### **Purpose**

In place of the December STAC meeting, CDOT staff has prepared the following briefing memo to keep STAC members up-to-date on current CDOT issues. Below please find updates on 2020 crash data, recent grant programs, and an update from CDOT's Office of Government Relations.

### **2020 Crash Data**

- Overall crash numbers in 2020 appear to be impacted by the COVID pandemic. An analysis of crash data indicates there was a drop in overall crash numbers starting in March and slowly returning to previous crash numbers by June.
- Additionally, a number of law enforcement agencies went on accident alert. This means that property damage crashes were self-reported by drivers to the Department of Revenue. Due to current legislation and DOR policy, these reports are not available in the crash dataset.
- CDOT has completed the coding process for the first half of the 2020 crash data set. This data is now available for local agencies, TPR's and MPO's upon request.
- Please note, the data is still considered preliminary as additional records will continue to be submitted in the coming months.
- There may be some anomalies due to the various data systems which make up the crash data. It is recommended that any analysis or use of the data should include an examination of crash data from previous years to verify that the crash history is consistent for the study locations.
- Fatal crashes can take several months for law enforcement to complete investigations and submit reports to the Department of Revenue. The most current fatal data may be requested from CDOT's crash data unit for safety analyses.
- To request crash data, email: Alisa Babler, [alisa.babler@state.co.us](mailto:alisa.babler@state.co.us) Additional information on Colorado's crash data and the data request process can be found on the CDOT website: <https://www.codot.gov/safety/traffic-safety/assets/crash-data/crash-data-request-process>

### **CDOT Grant Programs Update**

- Please see the attached one-page summary update for the Revitalizing Main Streets grant and the Community Telework Challenge. The staff has also provided a PowerPoint presentation update for both programs.

### **Office of Government Relations Update**

- The General Assembly completed a three-day special session last week focusing their attention on a narrow set of legislation dealing with emergency impacts from the pandemic. Transportation was not part of the discussions, as small business assistance and public health policies took priority.
- The regular legislative session is approaching fast, beginning on January 13th, 2021. As of this moment, leadership in the House and Senate has not identified the new committee

assignments. The House Transportation and Local Government Committee may see significant turnover with new legislators coming into the chamber, which generally leads to shuffling committee members. The Senate Transportation and Energy Committee will see at least one new Democratic member and maybe a new Republican Senator join.

- There are multiple ongoing conversations about what transportation legislation the state will see this year during the session. Obviously, funding is always at the forefront of some legislators' minds. There will be conversations about continuing the third tranche of SB267 funds (\$500 million), as well as several fees to generate funding for transportation and environmental programs designed to reduce VMT and emissions along the Front Range.
- Other transportation policies that legislators will discuss this session include public project limits for CDOT, Front Range rail governance options, how CDOT contracts out projects, the distribution of funding in the 10-year plan, as well as many climate change bills designed to reduce the impacts of transportation on greenhouse gas emissions in the state.

### **Next STAC Meeting**

The January STAC meeting will be hosted virtually on January 15, 2021.

### **Attachments**

- November 2020 STAC Meeting Minutes
- November Transportation Commission Notes
- Can Do Grant Update and Presentation
- Update memo on CDOT's Interchange Approval Process Policy Directive
- Special STAC Service Recognition for State Senator-Elect Barbara Kirkmeyer

STAC Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2021

Location: Via Web Conference

Date/Time: January 15, 2021; 9:00 a.m.

Chairman: Vince Rogalski, Gunnison Valley TPR Chair

Attendance:

Denver Area: Ashley Stolzmann, Tammy Maurer, Ron Papsdorf

Central Front Range: Dick Elsner

Eastern: Chris Richardson

Grand Valley: Dana Brosig, Dean Bressler

Intermountain: Bentley Henderson

North Front Range: Dave Clark, Becky Karasko, Suzette Mallette

Northwest: Heather Sloop, Kristen Manguso

Pikes Peak Area: Holly Williams, Erik Stone, John Liosatos

Pueblo Area: Chris Wiseman

Gunnison Valley: Roger Rash

San Luis Valley: Michael Yohn, Keith Baker, Vern Heersink

South Central: Walt Boulden

Southeast: Jim Baldwin

Southwest: Sarah Dodson Hill

Upper Front Range: Scott James, Elizabeth Relford

Southern Ute Tribe: Doug McDonald

Ute Mountain Ute Tribe: Archie House, Jr., Bernadette Cuthair

FHWA: John Cater

FTA: not represented

Eula Adams (Transportation Commissioner),  
Sidny Zink (Transportation Commissioner),  
Kathy Hall (Transportation Commissioner)  
Shannon Gifford (Transportation Commissioner)  
Rebecca White (CDOT Director, Division of Transportation Development),  
Matt Inzeo (CDOT Communications Director)  
David Krutsinger (CDOT Director, Division of Transit & Rail),  
Heather Paddock (CDOT Region 4 RTD),  
Mike McVaugh (CDOT Region 5 RTD),  
Richard Zamora (CDOT Region 2 RTD),  
Herman Stockinger (CDOT Deputy Executive Director)  
John Lorme (CDOT Operations and Maintenance Director)  
Keith Stefanik (CDOT Deputy Chief Engineer)  
Sally Chafee ( CDOT Chief of Staff)

| Agenda Item / Presenter (Affiliation)   | Presentation Highlights   | Actions                 |
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| <p>Introductions &amp; STAC Minutes / Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair</p>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Motion</u> by Bentley Henderson to approve the November 13, 2020 STAC meeting minutes, seconded by Heather Sloop.</li> <li>● Minutes approved unanimously.</li> </ul>   | <p>Minutes approved</p> |
| <p>CDOT Update on Current Events – Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Director</p>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CDOT is expecting \$500 million in Year 3 - SB267 funding to be available in April; STAC and TC will begin discussions on the add-back projects scenario for those funds in March.</li> <li>● CDOT is releasing our Rural Roads Report soon. That will detail what is the single largest investment into our rural roads in the state’s history, including 41 projects across 580 miles of roads.</li> <li>● CDOT is seeking approval to hire several additional temporary staff to support the contracting and administration of the high number of projects being implemented through the recent stimulus, SB267 and Multimodal Options Funds (MMOF) funding.</li> <li>● Karen Schneiders, Region 4 Planner, will retire from CDOT. Karen’s last day on the job is February 2, 2021.</li> <li>● Mike McVaugh, RTD in Region 5, will retire in mid-February.</li> </ul> <p>STAC Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sidney Zink: We’re really going to miss Mike McVaugh in our region, he’s always had an answer for any problem, and he’s helped me and our region a lot.</li> <li>● Vince Rogalski: Mike has done a lot for the Gunnison Valley region too and has been able to secure a lot of funding for our region over the years, when we typically do not receive that much. We’ll miss him.</li> <li>● Bentley Henderson: I worked with Mike in two regions now, and in particular I’m grateful for the contributions he’s made in successfully completing the project on the formerly infamous “bridge to nowhere” on US160. I’ve appreciated working with him over the years.</li> </ul> |                         |
| <p>Transportation Commission Report (Informational Update) – Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Commission heard a Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) presentation on how that’s captured and used.</li> <li>● Another presentation was heard on truck freight safety.</li> <li>● The Scenic Byways overview provided history of how that program and byways have progressed; It was very informative - I encourage members to view the presentation if they can.</li> <li>● Their January 4th meeting was to consider and pass a resolution approving projects for the stimulus funding; There was some confusion regarding the exchange of funds between some projects – I encourage you to read the details if you’re interested; The resolution was approved by all but one Commissioner - Commissioner Thiebaut.</li> </ul>   |                         |

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| <p>TPR &amp; Federal Partner Reports</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>DRCOG</u>: New STAC members introduced themselves: Ashley Stolzman of Broomfield, and Tammy Maurer of Centennial. The MPO has been managing our TIP for projects delayed due to COVID-19. At the November meeting we approved project program investment priorities will be the foundation for projects in the Regional Transportation Plan; That includes \$12 billion of multimodal investments over the next 30 years, plans to develop a regional bus rapid transit network and significant investments in safety. That will be adopted in April. We've awarded \$59 million to 30 Safer Main Streets projects; CDOT has committed to allocating the last \$18 million of those funds in February.</li> <li>● <u>CFR</u>: There's not a lot going on in our region currently. US285 closed today due to winds. We always appreciate CDOT's efforts to keep our roads open.</li> <li>● <u>Eastern</u>: It's a quiet time of year; we're not even dealing with any snow removal this year.</li> <li>● <u>Grand Valley</u>: On February 1 Greyhound and Bustang are relocating to a new downtown location at the Grand Valley Transit Operations Center. At our January 13<sup>th</sup> TAC meeting we discussed projects that'll be presented to the TC; and we'll continue reviewing with CDOT Region 3, our TAC and Board how to apply the RPP funding that will be replaced by the stimulus funding. Grand Valley finally received the Multimodal Options Fund (MMOF) contract, so we'll take that to our Board in a couple weeks; We'll aggressively move that forward along with the additional Revitalizing Main Streets (RMS) projects we've been awarded. There's a lot of excitement for these, so we thank CDOT for bringing those funds to our local community.</li> <li>● <u>Gunnison Valley</u>: At our TPR meeting on December 3, we discussed the US50 Blue Creek Canyon project. This is a \$40 million project that will be a challenging traffic management issue from Montrose to Gunnison; That is starting in April, and will result in single lanes during the weekdays, open on weekends, and closed at night; The detour uses Hwy92, which is beautiful but slower. Our remaining MMOF funds were approved for an additional pedestrian project in Gunnison to connect the college with downtown and schools. We're elected a new STAC Alternate, Roger Rash (Montrose). Roger: Thanks to CDOT for the new paving that's getting done in our area. This will have a positive economic impact, with new businesses opening, due somewhat to the new roadway investments in the area. I'll be leaving the meeting shortly as I am going to Nucla right now for COVID vaccination clinic.</li> <li>● <u>Intermountain</u>: Things are quiet; weather makes it tough for construction. We badly need snow. The Phase I Hwy9 reconstruction finished, making 4 lanes Frisco to Breckenridge; The Hanging Lake tunnels project is done. Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) sent out the survey request on funding initiatives the legislature is considering. I encourage all County reps to fill that out as it speaks to proposed structural changes to the funding of our highways.</li> </ul> | <p>No action</p> |
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- North Front Range: Planning Council met in December and January; Our 2021 officers were elected, including Chair Don McLeod, Mayor of Severance; Vice Chair is Berthoud Mayor Will Karspek (*sp*); Dave Clark remains as STAC Representative. At the December meeting new pavement condition measures were approved as well as safety performance targets for 2017-2021. We're beginning an update to our strategic 10-year projects list to keep that current should additional funding come. The Berthoud Mobility Hub is now fully funded due to the stimulus funding. Work on North I-25 continues; they just poured concrete for the bridge over the Big Thompson River. We want to give a big thanks to Karen Schneiders for her contributions and support to our region for so many years.
- Northwest: It is NOT snowing! Steamboat Springs Innovative Transportation Task Force trying to involve the County and the ski area in long-range regional transportation conversation, especially considering the news that the power plant is shutting down. We are looking at possible short rail service from Craig to Steamboat and considering whether that is even viable. Our next TPR meeting is in February when we will appoint or reappoint representatives to STAC.
- PPACG: Our Board met Wednesday to approve funding for the Powers/Research Interchange. The safety project on Hwy94 near Schriever and Petersen Air Force Bases has been completed. We learned we were passed over as the location for Space command; We're now having conversation with the new President Biden, Our Governor and Senator Bennet, working to correct that political decision. We have a new representative, Erik Stone who's now here. He's the new County Commissioner replacing Norm Steen. Erik Stone: Thank you for this opportunity to work together on our transportation issues, especially the Hwy24 artery that leads to our mountains and ski areas for our region and those coming from the east of us. Today is the first day for Norm Steen as the District Director for Doug Lamborn.
- PACOG: Chris Wiseman has replaced Terry Hart as Commissioner and STAC Representative. The US50 West project is progressing, as is the North I-25 shoulder and box culvert, which is nearing completion.
- San Luis Valley: We've had three snow events, but not big. The Hwy17 & US160 project is complete and traffic is flowing well. Hwy17 from Mosca to Moffat paving is complete. A big thanks to Mike McVaugh for all he's done for our region. We have a new STAC member Vern Heersink; he's the new commissioner in Alamosa.
- South Central: The Hwy12 Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) study has reenergizing interest in moving safety projects along on this scenic byway designation.
- Southeast: At the January 27 TPR meeting we'll elect a Chair and Representative. We'll also have the application and advertisement ready for a new area transportation manager.

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Southwest</u>: We elected new officers in December: Sarah Hill was elected Chair, and Vice Chair and Alternate is Jim Candelaria from Montezuma County. The wall repairs project on US550 has wrapped up, adding some shoulder widening south of Ouray, as well as chain up stations on six different mountain passes in the region. In Durango we're moving ahead with projects funded by SB267, Multimodal Options Fund (MMOF) and our Revitalizing Main Streets grant.</li> <li>● <u>Upper Front Range</u>: We've lost two long time champions of transportation – Tom Donnelly and Barbara Kirkmeier, who is now at the State Senate. Scott James is the new Chair and STAC representative; He carries 20 years' experience as planning and zoning chair, Councilman and Mayor in Johnstown, and now as Weld County Commissioner. At our last Regional Planning Commission (RPC) meeting we heard a presentation on Colorado's greenhouse gas roadmap. Aaron Willis presented on the PD1601 interchange policy update; We appreciate the opportunity to include our comments. We also approved a Wellington roundabout project being funded with FY2021 CMAQ funds. We also approved an amendment to the recently adopted 2045 Plan to include the I-76/County Road 8 multimodal transfer facility project.</li> <li>● <u>Southern Ute</u>: We're gearing up for several local paving projects this summer and initiating plans for 160 miles of local access road improvements that aren't maintained by anybody currently. We'll be participating economically on a wildlife crossing project that passes through a small portion of our reservation on US160. We are thankful to Mike McVaugh and all he's done for our region. He will be missed.</li> <li>● <u>Ute Mountain Ute Tribe</u>: There is not a lot new to report. It's been very dry.</li> <li>● <u>FHWA</u>: Following passage of the Omnibus and stimulus bill, guidance for those funds will be coming out next week; Department transitions are getting underway with the new administration, and several new initiatives are getting underway. We want to give a big thanks to Mike McVaugh and his contributions.</li> <li>● <u>Federal Transit Administration (FTA)</u>: No report</li> </ul> <p>STAC Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None</li> </ul> |                  |
| <p>State Legislative Report – Andy Karsian, CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations (OPGR)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Legislature's first topics will be related to COVID stimulus and legislative rules, processes and schedules that need to be changed to accommodate business during the pandemic.</li> <li>● Topics expected this session include transportation fees, equity and parity in use fees, including increases for delivery trucks; also greenhouse gas (GHG) and vehicle miles of travel (VMT) reduction initiatives.</li> <li>● CDOT has a Bill to raise the dollar limit to allow us to perform maintenance projects up to \$500,000 in size.</li> </ul>  | <p>No Action</p> |

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|   | <p>STAC Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holly Williams: Is there expected to be conversation to raise the gas tax or other revenue increase initiatives?</li> <li>• Andy K: We need to find solid reliable sources of funding. Unfortunately, nobody has the appetite for gas tax increase right now. There's the "zombie" ballot measure, which was tied to the original Senate Bill 1 which included a ballot measure the next year - that did not go forward but is still on the books; We're not expecting it to be seen, however. We don't think it's going away, because it's still used as a bargaining chip for others. We'll see what happens.</li> <li>• Vince Rogalski: Is there anything on the ideas coming out of the Governor's committees last summer about fees to fund transportation?</li> <li>• Andy K: There is nothing on that yet, but there is discussion about delivery vehicle fees and maybe electric vehicle fees. Registration fees have been talked about for years to determine what a light truck would pay, and to consider where those fees would go.</li> </ul> <p><i>Break at 10:02; resumed at 10:10</i></p>  |                  |
| <p>Statewide Plan Implementation Update - Rebecca White, Division of Transportation Development (DTD), Director &amp; Marissa Gaughan, Multimodal Planning Branch Manager</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff provided an overview of progress and developments since the adoption of the current 2045 Statewide Transportation Plan, including:</li> <li>• Many opportunities have been made available to invest in priority projects with the stimulus funding, and continuation of the Senate Bill 267 funding.</li> <li>• Several tools have been developed providing information and tracking progress on the individual projects in the 10-Year Plan, including online story maps (<a href="http://ytp.codot.gov">ytp.codot.gov</a>) that include project fact sheets, periodic report cards, and links to accountability and transparency tracking tools to ensure we are making progress on the strategies and goals in the Plan.</li> <li>• Since the Plan's adoption, 19 highway projects have been completed or are near completion, with an additional 40 projects approved and ready to go to advertisement.</li> <li>• Of the 45 transit projects approved for SB267 funding, four are complete or nearing completion, and an additional five are in the design phase.</li> <li>• 580 miles of rural roads have seen improvements in 97 projects during 2020; this is the largest investment in Colorado's rural roads in recent history.</li> <li>• Multiple investments have been made in Transit Mobility Hubs and other transit facilities statewide, in wildlife safety, and on pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements.</li> </ul> <p>STAC Discussion: None</p> | <p>No Action</p> |



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| <p>Stimulus Proposal &amp; SB 267 3rd Year Update - Rebecca White, DTD, Director and Jeff Sudmeier, Chief Financial Officer</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Staff presented an overview of near-term transportation funding opportunities, including the January assignment of projects using the federal stimulus and FY21 federal appropriations funds.</li> <li>● Year 3 proceeds of SB267 funds are expected in April.</li> <li>● STAC discussion will take place in February and March to select projects to be funded.</li> <li>● Investment of the funds will focus on achieving statewide equity with projects in Regions 1, 2, 3 and 5, with discussion based on the add-back scenario presented in July, 2020.</li> </ul> <p>STAC Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dave Clark: The 4-year plan for SB267 achieved equity across regions and we had a large chunk of money on I-25 north; About \$100 million was pulled from it to achieve more equity statewide when COVID hit; Are we trying to get back to the original equity in the 4-year plan?</li> <li>● Rebecca W: For any given year of revenues, we may have inequity; We'll achieve this as best we can with year 3 revenues, selecting from projects that are ready to go. Stimulus funding is distributed statewide to stimulate the economy as is intended and it funded some of those 4-year plan projects; Year 3 investments will work to achieve overall equity.</li> <li>● Dave Clark: I'm wondering how you're putting that all together and if you could maybe present a chart showing how projects were funded year by year and how this achieves equity overall. Some projects were funded by Stimulus, but those funds raise the total funds.</li> <li>● Rebecca W: Marissa and I will present a spreadsheet that shows just what you described.</li> <li>● Vince: What we need to make clear is that some money was shifted away from I-25 on the ongoing project, and some of this other funding is going to go to them.</li> <li>● Dave Clark: That's correct. \$100 million was taken out, and we're pursuing a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan to cover it; This needs to reflect that.</li> <li>● Ashley Stolzman: I think we heard that Rebecca will come back with a chart to show how everyone is made whole with all the funding that's come recently.</li> </ul> | <p>No Action</p>  |
| <p>Grant Programs Update (Informational Update) - Molly Bly, Can Do Grant Program Manager</p>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Molly Bly</li> <li>● Staff provided a status and summary of the Can Do Programs.</li> <li>● Revitalizing Main Streets (RMS) program received an additional \$2 million funding this year; a total of \$6.1 million total.</li> <li>● A total of 64 projects were awarded RMS funding for a total of \$2.84 million.</li> <li>● The grant limit for the Community Telework program was raised from \$5,000 to \$10,000 in January.</li> <li>● 27 projects were awarded funding for a total of \$124,000.</li> <li>● \$176,000 of Community Telework funds remain available in 2021.</li> </ul>  | <p>No action.</p> |

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|   | <p>STAC Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Liosatos: What types of projects eligible for Telework; are broadband projects eligible?</li> <li>• Molly: The cost of broadband is often prohibitive; however, some buses have been fitted with broadband support</li> <li>• Sarah Hill: Kudos to Molly and this program; Durango has seen increased sales tax revenues in the area we're implementing these projects already.</li> <li>• Molly: We will be collecting some of those metrics soon, so we'll be reaching out for just that kind of information.</li> <li>• Vince R: Many people are moving to their rural second homes, away from urban areas; Broadband is becoming more important than ever.</li> </ul>   |                   |
| <p>Interchange Approval Process Update – Aaron Willis, Transportation Planner</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aaron Willis provided a summary of key components and proposed updates to Policy Directive 1601.</li> <li>• Significant outreach and input received on the Policy Directive and the accompanying Procedural Directive, which covers the policies and process for approval of new or modified Interstate and State Highway System interchanges.</li> <li>• Proposed changes include new Travel Demand Management (TDM) components as considerations in the evaluation of interchange additions or modifications; there are also proposed updates to streamline FHWA's Region 8 Interchange Access Request procedures.</li> <li>• Following additional discussion and input, CDOT staff has clarified language to include TDM requirements for interchanges within Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) (urban) areas and to include consideration for TDM strategies on adjacent facilities where appropriate.</li> <li>• The full presentation is scheduled for discussion at a Transportation Commission workshop next week; Follow up discussions will continue through February before consideration for final adoption.</li> <li>• Overview of background and outreach conversations to update the policy;</li> </ul> <p>STAC Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Herman Stockinger: Staff felt we were ready to take this to the Commission back in August or September; Director Lew asked us to take this back out for additional outreach. I want to commend Aaron Willis for the great work he's done in carrying out this effort to provide opportunities to give additional input and make a great product.</li> </ul> | <p>No action.</p> |

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| <p>Other Business / Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There are STAC representative openings for the Freight Advisory Committee and Safe Routes to Schools Committees. FAC has 35 plus members, established in 2016; They have effectively furthered our freight interests in Colorado and we need to continue to put emphasis on freight movement's importance; STAC needs someone to continue to serve on the committee representing STAC.</li> <li>● STAC needs a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) selection committee member also.</li> <li>● Heather Sloop – I've been a SRTS rep for a few years now; They asked if I would sign back up. I'm asking if there are others on STAC that are interested instead. I'm happy to continue to serve otherwise, and it's not an overwhelming time commitment.</li> <li>● Dean Bressler: I've been on the SRTS committee for 4-5 years; I'm not sure if my term is coming to an end or not. I too would welcome another MPO representative if they're interested but will continue if that's desired.</li> <li>● Anyone interested should send a letter and resume to Melissa Houghton at <a href="mailto:melissa.houghton@state.co.us">melissa.houghton@state.co.us</a></li> <li>● Ashley Stolzman: I recommend Heather continue as SRTS committee member.</li> <li>● Vince R: Everyone needs to look at how their individual county is handling vaccinations; ours is currently doing random selection of eligible people.</li> <li>● Rebecca White: DTD will provide training and resources to all STAC new members.</li> <li>● The next meeting is February 12, hosted via Zoom</li> </ul> | <p>No action.</p> |
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