

April 2025 Mobility Program Newsletter

Updates and news on the Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RTCC), the Intermountain Transportation Planning Region (IMTPR), and mobility in Colorado.



RTCC Updates

The next RTCC meeting is scheduled for May 7 from 9-11:30am. We will be meeting in person at the CASTA Spring Conference in Loveland and there is also a **Zoom** option to join. If you're already attending CASTA and want to join us in person, We will be hearing about project updates, including a Bustang Rider train the trainer event, carpooling partnerships with RTAs and mountain enployers, and a community transportation campaign. We will also be working on project plans.

Steamboat Springs to Explore Mountain Rail Locations Steamboat Springs took a significant step toward bringing passenger rail to the Yampa Valley on April 15 as City Council members heard a detailed update from Colorado Department of Transportation officials and ultimately approved a resolution supporting the Mountain Rail project and committing to further study of potential station locations. Read more here.

IMTPR Updates

The IMTPR met on April 18th in Glenwood Springs and saw first drafts of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan and the Coordintated Public Transit and Human Services Plan. Comments are being accepted until May 2 (see below). The public will be able to comment



on these plans starting in July and the IMTPR will officially adopted the plans later in the summer.

The group also received updates on construction projects in the region and how to sign up for text updates through CDOT. We also heard about changes to CDOT's Multimodal Options Funding (MMOF) program. You can find the full meeting notes here.

2050 IMTPR Regional Transportation Plan

Comment on the **draft 2050 IMTPR Regional Transportation Plan**. Comments will be accepted until May 2 through this **Google form**.

This Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the long-range transportation planning document that guides the continuing development of a multimodal transportation system for the Intermountain Transportation Planning Region (TPR). Accompanying the RTP is the region's Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan as an appendix, in accordance with all Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) planning

requirements. The plan communicates the Intermountain TPR's evolving transportation needs and priorities to CDOT and Colorado's Transportation Commission. This plan reflects the TPR members' input, data and background information and public sentiment. While the plan extends out 25 years to 2050, it also helps to inform the development of the 10-Year Plan, which allows decision-makers to consider transportation investments in the Intermountain TPR today, tomorrow and in the future.

Intermountain Coordinated Public Transit & Human Services Plan

Comment on the **draft Intermountain Coordinated Public Transit & Human Services Transportation Plan**. Comments will be accepted until May 2 through this **Google form**.

Every four to five years, CDOT, in coordination with regional planning partners, refreshes the regional transit plans in all rural regions of the state. This 2025 plan refresh builds on the previous plan, completed in 2020, and focuses primarily on updating key components such as textual and data revisions to ensure continued alignment with evolving needs. While a larger overhaul of the Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Plans will occur during the next full update in another four to five years, this refresh will ensure the plan remains relevant and effective in addressing the mobility needs of Coloradans.

CASTA Spring Conference

Registration for the Spring conference is open! This annual event provides training on a variety of topics, including transit management, supervisor development, driver safety, system safety, human services issues, maintenance, and FTA and CDOT policy issues. **Register here**!





Powder and Public Transit

"Going East" is a short film that premired at the 2025 Banff Mountain Film Festival that follows a group of skiers on a mission to travel as far east as possible and ski along the way using only public transportion. As they traverse diverse mountain ranges, immerse themselves in various cultures, and spend over 140 hours in transit, they ultimately realize that the true

essence of these trips lies not just in the skiing, but in the journey itself. Thanks to Transportation Commissioner Bowman for sharing this film!

Sign Up for Text Alerts for Vail Pass Projects

It's construction season! The I-70 West Vail Pass Auxiliary Lanes project is introducing a new way to stay informed of I-70 traffic impacts. Sign up for West Vail Pass text alerts by **texting vailpass (one word, lowercase) to 21000**.





CDOT Updates and News April 3rd Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting <u>Recording</u>

Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan The Draft FY2026 - FY2029 STIP has been released for

public review and comment. You can find the Draft STIP here: https://www.codot.gov/programs/planning/transportation-plansand-studies/stip.

Each State is required to develop a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) document per 23 U.S.C. 135. This plan provides a snapshot of transportation projects that Colorado plans to execute, continue work on, or complete during a four-year timeframe. All transportation projects that are funded with Federal transportation dollars must be included in this document. Please send any comments or questions to **jamie.collins@state.co.us**. Comments will be received until May 9, 2025.

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