



May 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

Quarterly meeting: The RTCC met on May 7th and had a great discussion about RTCC project updates and RTCC partner matching funds. The group is determining options to

increase their pool of funding to go towards priority projects identified on the 2024 strategic plan. There was a breakout session where members had time to work on their projects and fill out their work plans. You can find the meeting notes [here](#).

Silverthorne to Kremmling Bus Route Conversation: Several representatives from Kremmling, Silverthorne, Summit County, and Grand County met on May 16th to discuss a potential bus route from Silverthorne to Kremmling. The group discussed many options, including carpooling, to increase transportation for community members in Kremmling. The group also discussed the Mountain to Rail project and how these efforts could align. Kremmling Town Council will be discussing this topic at their June work session to determine the next steps.

Down Valley Transportation Campaign: The Western Colorado Alliance and their community coalition are aiming for 300 additional surveys on transportation from folks in Rifle in Silt. Please share this bus survey link with friends, neighbors, and coworkers in those areas:

Bus survey in English

Bus survey in Spanish

RFTA Rides will be Free for October and November 2025: Roaring Fork Valley bus riders will get a break from fares this coming fall.

The elected officials transportation committee (EOTC) approved funding for the program at their Thursday, May 15, Aspen meeting.

EOTC is comprised of elected officials from various government boards in the valley. They approved \$275,000 of the \$550,000 that Roaring Fork Transportation Authority needed for the program unanimously, displaying alignment from a variety of municipalities in the valley. Read the full article [here](#).



**GET ON BOARD WITH
CONFIDENCE!**

**BUSTANG RIDER TRAINING & TRAIN-
THE-TRAINER EVENT**

Craig Chamber of Commerce
775 Yampa Ave, Suite 103, Craig
Thursday, June 26, 2025
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Join us for a free, hands-on Rider Training and Train-the-Trainer event designed to help community members, service providers, and mobility professionals feel confident navigating the Bustang system. The event will include:

- Step-by-step guidance on how to ride the Bustang
- Tips and tools to train others in your community
- Personal stories of riding the Bustang
- How to connect to other ride services from Bustang

Snacks, lunch, and materials provided.

Space is limited—RSVP by June 19th to
Hope Hunt hope@nwcci.org

Event Partners:



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CDOT

CASTA Support and Technical Assistance - FTA FY25 5339(b) and 5339(c)

On May 14, 2025, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) **announced** the availability of \$1.1 billion in competitive grants for the fiscal year (FY) **2025 Low or No Emission Grant Program (Low-No Program)** under Federal Assistance Listing Number 20.526 and approximately \$398 million in competitive grants for the FY 2025 **Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program (Bus Program)**. Applications are due by Monday, July 14, 2025.



Similar to previous years, CASTA is offering support and technical assistance to any interested agency. This support includes a review of your agencies' application(s) for completeness, suggestions on where to add more detail and/or how to bolster your message, a technical edit, organization of all attachments in preparation for upload to grants.gov (for rural applicants submitting as a part of CDOT's consolidated application), and securing letters of support from CDOT.

It is important to note that there have not been significant changes to the grant programs themselves. However, the Justice40 requirements are no longer part of the evaluation criteria. Instead, there is now an increased emphasis on family and community benefits, specifically asking applicants to: *"Describe how the project will improve the accessibility of transportation to families with young children, to include improved access to jobs, healthcare facilities, recreational activities, and commercial activity. Describe how the project will improve the quality of life, raise the standard of living, or enable fuller participation in the economy by families."* As such, it will continue to be critical for applicants to clearly highlight any improvements or enhancements as a result of successful grant applications in previous years. Additionally, sharing specific examples of these improvements can help strengthen your application and tell a more compelling story for funding support!

If your agency would like this type of support, please be mindful of the following milestones:

- **May 14** – NOFO released by the FTA
- By **Monday, May 19** – FHU to send grant opportunity announcement email and CASTA webinar invitation
- **TBD** – FTA's General Webinar
- **TBD** – FTA's Webinar (rural and tribal focus)
- **Wednesday, May 28**, at 11 AM MST – CASTA's Informational Webinar hosted by FHU
- By **Friday, June 6** – agencies to confirm intent to utilize CASTA's consultant support
- By **Monday, June 16** – agencies submit draft application to FHU who will coordinate with CDOT on "shovel-ready" project evaluation
- By **Friday, June 20** – Applications that meet "shovel-ready" evaluation undergo FHU review
- By **Friday, June 27** – Comments and suggestions from FHU to agencies
- By **Thursday, July 3** – Final files from agencies to FHU
- By **Thursday, July 10** – FHU to provide all final files to CDOT
- CDOT will upload all rural proposals to grants.gov by Monday, July 14

The supplemental form, the same for both grant opportunities, is **here** for your review. Agencies can use this same form to apply to one or both programs.

Please email Rocio Ramirez rocio.ramirez@fhueng.com or Ann Rajewski executivedirector@coloradotransit.com if you have questions.



CDOT Updates and News

May 1st Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting **Recording**

CDOT Telephone Town Halls

The Colorado Department of Transportation is taking a fresh look at Colorado's transportation investment priorities. As part of the Your Transportation Plan effort, CDOT will be hosting telephone town halls across the state.

The telephone town halls will allow Coloradans to speak directly with transportation decision makers for their area. The Town Hall for Chaffee, Delta, Eagle, Garfield, Gunnison, Lake, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray, Pitkin &

Summit is on June 9th. **Register here.**

All telephone town halls will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to call in directly to the town hall that covers your area of the state please dial: English: 855-962-1493 or Spanish: 833-305-1688 to join.

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