

December Mobility Program Newsletter

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

Dear IMTPR and RTCC members,

As we conclude 2024, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your dedication and hard work throughout the year. Your efforts have significantly contributed to improving mobility in our region. Let's celebrate some key accomplishments:



Intermountain Transportation Planning Region (IMTPR)

- Successfully administered quarterly meetings throughout 2024.

- Drafted new Bylaws and Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) for the IMTPR, to be approved in 2025, once the TPR bounadry decision has been made.

- Developed the Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) application process in collaboration with IMTPR leadership and CDOT.

- Planned 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) meetings in conjunction with CDOT and IMTPR leadership.

-Developed priority project list for the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan, which will be approved by the IMTPR in January 2025.

Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RTCC)

- Administered quarterly meetings throughout 2024.

- Planned and executed the RTCC Summit in Frisco, September 2024, with 50 attendees, fostering statewide partnerships.

- Developed a new RTCC strategic plan with action items and goals, finalized in November 2024.

- Revised RTCC Operating Procedures and redefined roles of members and elected seats.

- Initiated exploratory conversations for new transit routes.

Your commitment to improving mobility for all residents in the Northwest region is truly commendable. These achievements have laid a strong foundation for enhanced regional transportation and mobility services.

As we look forward to 2025, I'm excited about the continued innovation and collaboration that will drive our success. Thank you for your invaluable contributions to our mobility program.

Warm regards,

Dana Wood Mobility Director Northwest Colorado Council of Governments



Transportation Legislation Taking Effect January 1

Hands-free driving law

 Drivers will be prohibited from using a mobile electronic device while driving, unless they use a hands-free accessory. This includes making phone

calls or using GPS. The law expands on the state's existing ban on texting while driving.

- The law applies to drivers 18 years of age or older.
- The law does not apply to commercial drivers operating commercial vehicles.
- The law has some exemptions, including emergencies and contacting public safety.
- The first offense fine is \$75, and two points will be deducted from the driver's license. Penalties increase for subsequent offenses.
- Police can only issue a ticket if the driver is holding their phone while committing a primary traffic offense.
- Drivers can use hands-free devices like dashboard phone mounts, Apple CarPlay/Android Auto, or built-in car speaker systems.

Child safety law

- Children under 13 years of age should always ride in the back seat.
- Parents and caregivers can have their car seats checked for free by a certified technician.
- CarSeatsColorado.com can help you locate a car seat inspection location.

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