

Central Front Range (CFR) TPR Minutes

Date: April 13, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG), 14 S Chestnut St., Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Virtual: Teams

- **10:00 AM – Meeting called to order**
- **Roll Call/Quorum**
- Cañon City, Cripple Creek, El Paso County, Fairplay, Florence, Fremont County, Park County, Teller County, Transit Representatives – Quorum Established
- **Virtual attendees:** Kathleen Collins, Emily Haddaway, George Gromke, Ashley Fox, Becky Frank, Janell Sciacca, Andy Ginning, Lachelle Davis, Kathleen (GAC)
- **In person attendees:** Leo Evans, Jodi Robinson, Eve Metzger, Kathy Lowry, Geoff Guthrie, Rob Frei, Lindsey Jaquez, Scott Skinner, Josh Squires, Danelle Miller, Jared Verner, John Liosatos, John Sanders, Patti Henschen, Pepper Whittlef, Erik Stone, Dwayne McFall, Dave Paul, Julie McGrew

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- **Motion:** approval of minutes from January 12, 2026, meeting
- **Moved by:** Erik Stone and
- **Seconded by:** Dwayne McFall
- **Result:** Motion approved unanimously

3. Legislative & Transportation Commission (TC) Updates – Emily Haddaway

Legislature nearing end of session; budget discussions ongoing.

Key legislation includes:

- HB 1398 & HB 1399 related to MMOF funding
 - Question raised regarding whether changes to HB 1399 would impact existing or future projects
 - CDOT indicated: Too early to determine impacts. Likely reconciliation process similar to prior years. One-year limitation expected to reduce overall impact.

Additional topics:

- Speed camera legislation
- Autonomous commercial motor vehicle regulations
- Infrastructure-related legislation (metal theft, crash reporting)

4. CDOT:

- TC Update
 - 10-Year Plan workshop scheduled for April; anticipated approval in May
 - Greenhouse Gas Plans:
 - Pueblo Area COG and Pikes Peak Area plans accepted
 - Statewide greenhouse gas plan also accepted
- Planning Updates:
 - Fire mitigation funding (~\$10M statewide) under consideration
 - Target corridors include US 24, CO 9, and CO 94
 - Work will include vegetation management, tree removal, and mowing
- HQ CDOT Updates
 - STAC meeting scheduled for May 7, 2026 (in-person, Denver)
 - TPR Administrator meeting to follow in person STAC meeting
 - Staffing update: Spencer York promoted to Land Use Planner
- CDOT Project Updates (Attachment B)
 - Grant funding status for 8 Mile Hill project:

Leo Evans asked about construction timing if grant funding is awarded

 - CDOT indicated design is progressing and fully funded through final design
 - Construction dependent on BUILD grant
 - If awarded, project will proceed on an accelerated schedule; if not, may be shelved

Dwayne McFall inquired about the ongoing environmental remediation for culvert work in Cañon City. Patti Henschen provided an update on the cleanup work that is still taking place and noted that CDOT is still withholding final payment from the Contractor.
 - Erik Stone raised concerns regarding coordination, access, and stakeholder involvement in regard to the design of the US-24 / CO-67 Intersection Improvement Project
 - CDOT confirmed project is in early design and will include additional stakeholder coordination
- CDOT Local Agency Project Updates – Lachelle Davis gave an update on local agency projects (Attachment B)
- Maintenance Updates – no updates
 - Any requests for Maintenance Updates can be sent to Geoff Guthrie or Lindsay Jaquez
- Transit Updates
 - Bustang ridership exceeded pre-pandemic levels in 2025
 - Outrider routes experienced approximately 9% growth
 - Cañon City Bustang stop reopened February 2025

- Leo Evans requested data on boardings and activity at the Cañon City Bustang stop, noting frequent inquiries from local elected officials.
 - CDOT confirmed that boarding data is tracked and can be shared upon request. Tracking of drop-offs and more detailed trip data is still being improved.
- Erik Stone asked about the absence of a Bustang stop in Castle Rock
 - CDOT acknowledged this as a known service gap and under consideration
- Erik Stone asked about tracking unique riders versus repeat users
 - CDOT indicated data exists through ticketing systems and future analysis is planned

5. Other Items –

- Administrative update: Previous administrator departed; replacement in progress
- Fire safety: Region currently under fire restrictions, members encouraged to increase public outreach and awareness
- Grant opportunities:
 - Safe Streets for All funding currently available (Due May 26, 2026).
 - Grant Roundtable scheduled for April 29, 2026, 9 AM- 12 PM (hybrid)- Please contact Karen Rowe, krowe@ppacg.org

6. Next Meeting

- **Date:** Monday, July 13, 2026
- **Time:** 10:00 AM
- **Location:** TBD- Teller County Sheriff's Department training room (Divide) suggested, Erik Stone will confirm availability

7. Adjournment at 11:11 AM

Attached Handouts:

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Updated TPR April 2026 Bustang Update