



Transportation Funding

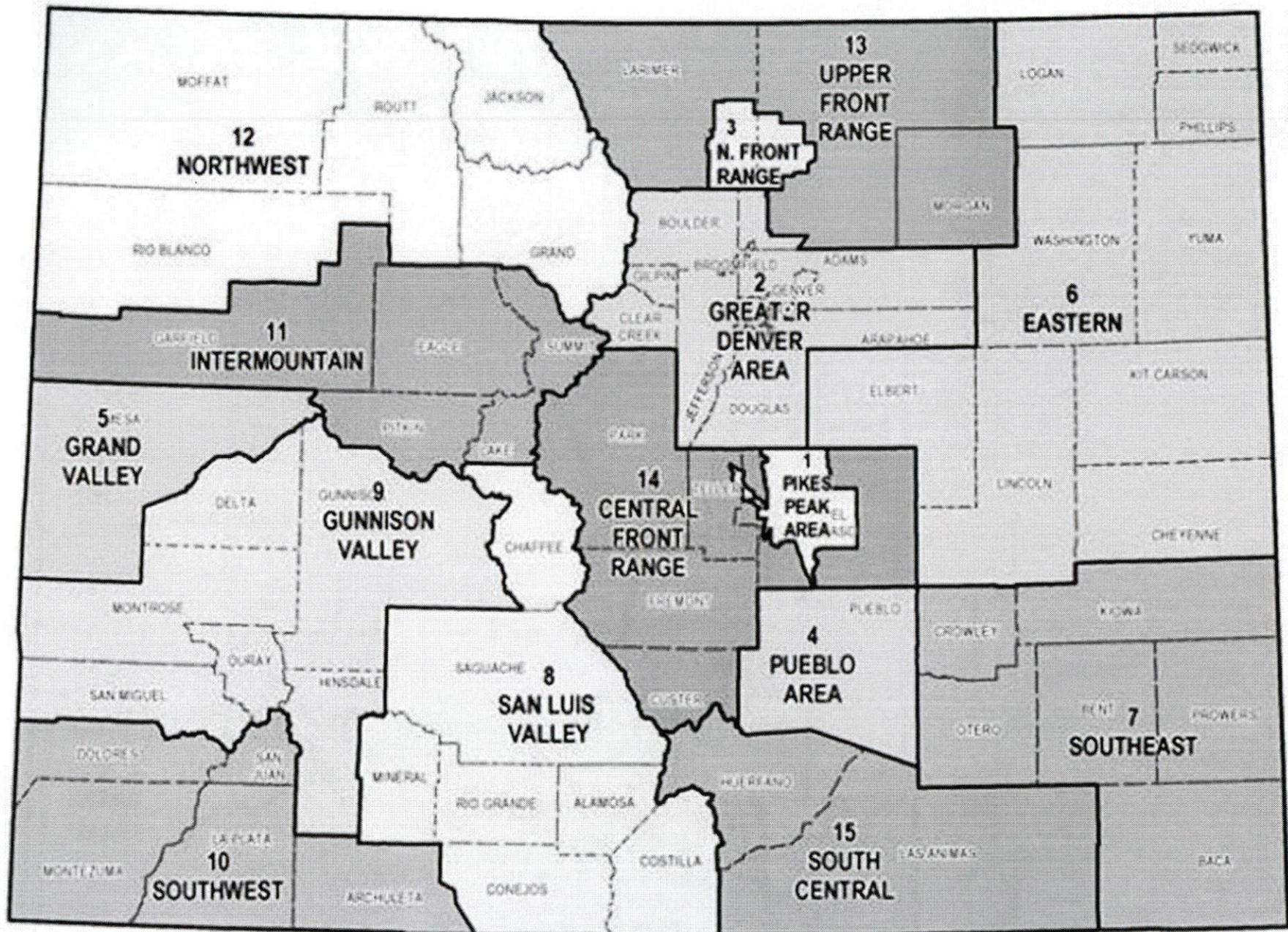
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Intermountain Transportation Planning Region
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Vail Pass-Elevation 10,603





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Transportation Planning Regions



Intermountain Transportation Planning Region



- *Rural Resort Counties: Eagle, Garfield, Lake, Pitkin and Summit*
 - Ski Resorts: 13
 - Airports: 5
 - Transit Providers: 9
- **Year-round destination communities are major traffic generators*
 - 2011 Population: 161,038 (3.1% of state)
 - 2011 Lane Miles: 1,532 (6.7% of State)
 - 2011 VMT: 1,977 million (7.1% of state)

*Source: CDOT

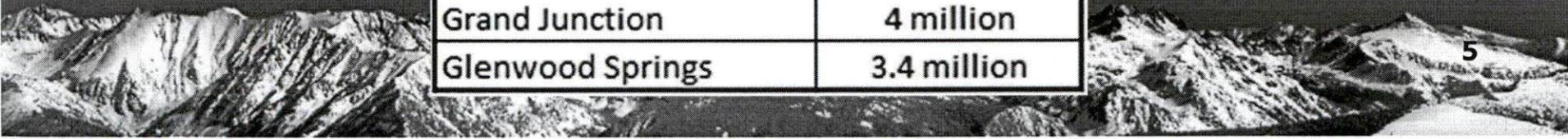


Major Traffic Generators/Equivalent Population

Rocky Mountain Rail Authority – High-speed Rail Feasibility Study



| Key Locations for Intercity Trips | |
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| Total Trips Colorado | 99 million |
| Denver | 36.6 million |
| Colorado Springs | 7.3 million |
| Fort Collins | 3.6 million |
| Boulder | 3.6 million |
| Pueblo | 1.8 million |
| Destination Communities | |
| Black Hawk/Central City | 12 million |
| Breckenridge | 8.2 million |
| Vail | 7.9 million |
| Aspen | 7.4 million |
| Keystone | 5.7 million |
| Steamboat Springs | 5.1 million |
| Copper Mountain | 4.7 million |
| Beaver Creek (Avon) | 4.6 million |
| Grand Junction | 4 million |
| Glenwood Springs | 3.4 million |





Unique Attributes

Rural Communities

- Less year-round residents more road miles to maintain
- Higher fatalities per VMT * CDOT 2012 Annual Safety Report
- Resort destinations an economic driver for CO
 - Easy and safe access for visitors
- I-70 communities provide respite for commercial trucks and travelers passing through



Funding Challenges



- CDOT has become primarily a maintenance organization
- SB-228 and TABOR Triggers
- 2014 Regional Priority Project (RPP) funding formula change resulted in a 20% reduction in funds for Region 3. IMTPR 2016-2019 RPP STIP has \$87M in needs & \$9M available

(FORMULA: Population/Lane Miles/Truck VMT (50/35/15))

- State and Federal Gas Tax



Strategy: Public-Public Partnerships



Recent contributions to CDOT projects, Eagle County and local partners: \$6.33M

1. 2009 Edwards Interchange Phase I - \$640K
2. 2009 Edwards Interchange Phase I Construction - \$1M land donation
3. 2009-2011 Eagle To Edwards Shoulder Addition Project - \$2.35M
4. 2013 Dotsero Roundabout \$410K
5. 2014 Edwards/Avon Shoulder Addition Project: \$530K
6. 2015 Edwards Interchange Phase II Design - \$500K
7. Edwards Interchange Phase II Construction - \$600K
8. Grand Ave Bridge Replacement - \$300K

- *Not all local governments have funds to leverage CDOT dollars.*
- *For those that can, there are significant opportunity costs.*



Case Study of Local Impacts



- West US 6 in Edwards
 - Much needed affordable housing development
 - Roadway infrastructure – LOS F in the 10 years
 - West US 6 road segment at capacity (need lane expansion)
 - Edwards Spur Road/US 6 Intersection





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Recommendations



- Support Governor's 5 Point Plan to promote SB-228 funding for transportation
- Help CDOT secure a regular funding mechanism for infrastructure improvements
- Support Faster Safety and Faster Transit
- Support an increase in the state gas tax
- Continue to support grass-root processes (RPP)
- Continue to fund the I-70 Winter Ops Plan
- Pass a passenger vehicle tire tread bill





Thank You!

