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Please sign in using the chat box



Treasurer's Report



NATA Financial Summary

As of 07/31/2020

100.22300.0282		
Balance at 1/1/20		33,238.83
Receipts		
NATA Dues Received		21,600.00
Payments		
Smart Commute Metro North Transportation Manag.		(36,893.29)
(membership, administrative services/ website and retreat costs)		-
Available Cash Balance @ 07/31/2020		17,945.54
Billed but Unpaid Dues		
Total Account Balance @ 07/31/2020		17,945.54



SCMN Update



- Update on plans for 8th Annual TransForum (virtual event) October 22, 2020
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THE NEXT BIG THING

8th annual
**TRANS
FORUM**



SAVE THE DATE !

Thursday, October 22, 2020

Where: Virtual Event via Zoom

Keynote Speaker: Stay Tuned!



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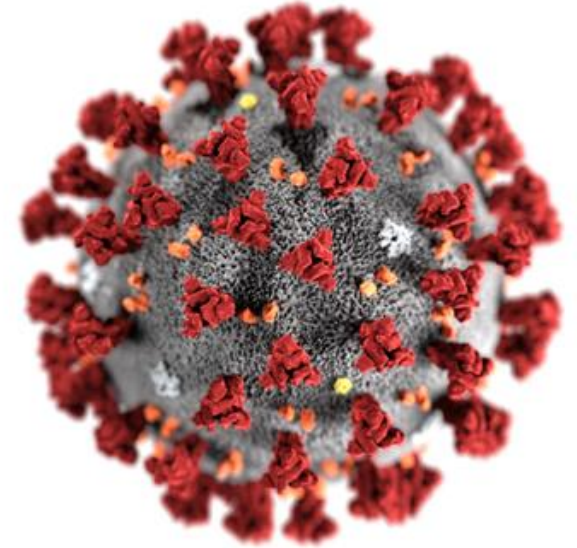


N Line Grand Opening

Pauletta Tonilas, Assistant General Manager, Communications

COVID-19 Has Changed Everything

- COVID-19 didn't come with a playbook
- We've been nimble, flexible, and experts at pivoting
- Event planning has taken on new challenges
 - Limited capacity
 - Temperature checks
 - Masks for everyone
 - Social distancing
- "Partners in Safety" is our new mantra



Outdoor Event Restrictions and Parameters

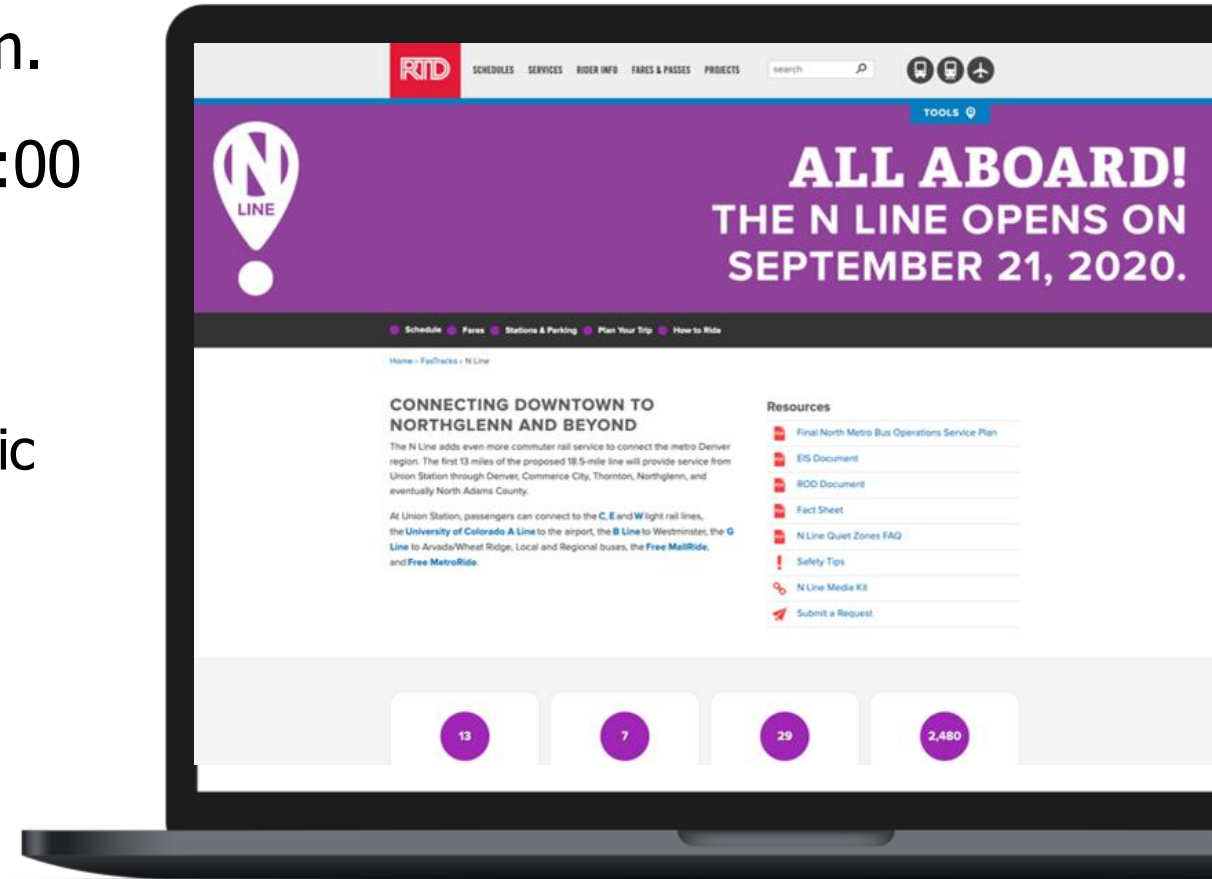


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- Must maintain 12-foot grid spacing
- Must provide for contact tracing
- Additional cleaning requirements

In-Person, Live-Streamed Event

- Progressive Train Ride – 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- Ceremony at 124th/Eastlake – 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- Invite-only event
 - Not able to accommodate guests, public
- Live stream available via Facebook Live
- Free rides – 12:00 noon



N Line Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 17

- RTD Board, Corridor VIP and Media Train Rides

Monday, September 21

- Progressive Train Ride – 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- Grand Opening Ceremony – 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- Free Rides – Begin at 12 noon

Tuesday, September 22 – Sunday, September 27

- Free Rides on N Line

Monday, September 28 – Fare Pilot Program Begins

- Promotional Fare lasts for six months



Final Thoughts

- Grand opening will look different
- Live-stream allows for widespread participation
- Safety of everyone is paramount
- Finally opening the N Line!



A purple-tinted photograph of a busy train station platform. People are waiting on the platform, and a train is visible on the right. An information sign is visible on the left.

Questions?



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VISION FOR COLORADO'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM



2045 Statewide Transportation Plan

Update for NATA-August 27 2020



Value of Transportation Planning

CDOT's job is to make every plan better than the last one. Our focus for this plan was to:

- Expand in-person outreach
- Hear from new voices
- Create one set of conversations around all modes and deliberately co-create this plan with the Statewide Transit Plan
- Retain focus on key corridors but also identify specific prioritized projects that would be feasible to deliver





Statewide Plan Documents

1) The 10-Year Vision

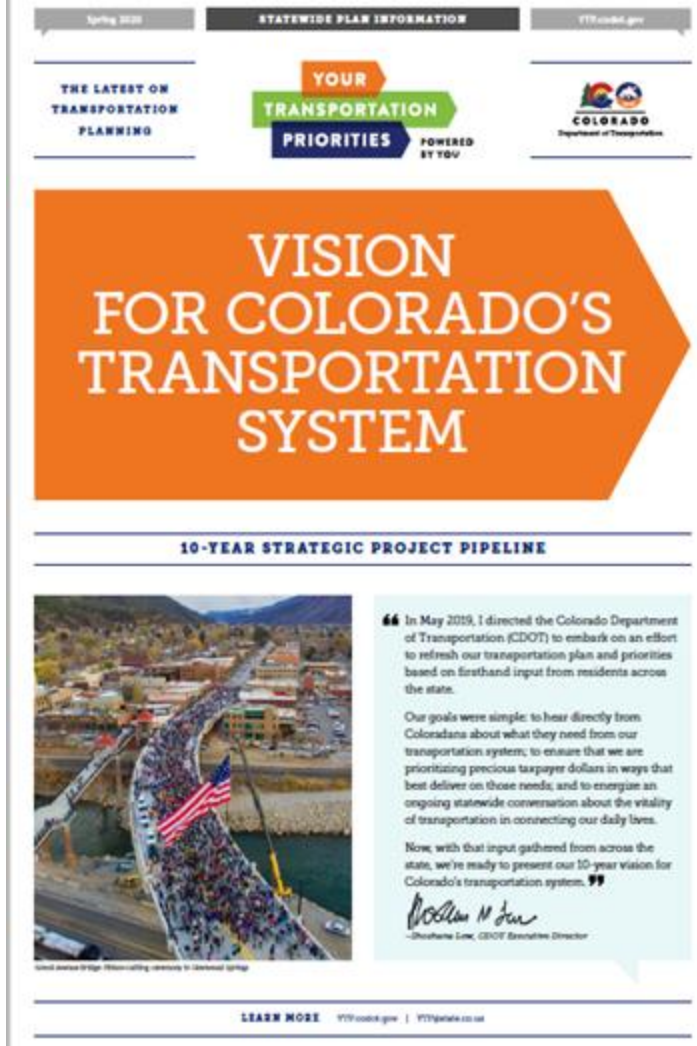
- Focuses on a more tangible timeframe
- Lists specific projects across the state (Strategic Pipeline of Projects)
- Describes outcomes according to the themes we heard during outreach process (e.g. fixing rural roads)
- Includes projects identified for SB267 (next four years)

2) 10 Rural Transportation Plans

- Heavily directed by the Transportation Planning Regions but drafted by CDOT.
- Each of the 5 MPOs also have long-term plans but those are created by MPO staff in coordination with CDOT.

3) The 2045 Statewide Plan

- Essentially the “mother plan” because it incorporates the above documents.
- Meets state and federal requirements.
- Is performance based and describes CDOT’s budget.
- Integrates all the various modal and functional plans under one umbrella. The Statewide Transit Plan was created in tandem with the Statewide Plan.





Public Comment Period

- Public Comment Period was held June 1 - July 30
- We used a variety of methods/tools to encourage public comment, including:
 - Social Media
 - Email distributions
 - Stakeholder/community help to spread the word using email and other virtual/electronic means of communication
 - Circling back with stakeholder groups we engaged with during the beginning of the planning process to make sure we got it right. (Freight Advisory Committee, Transit and Rail Advisory Committee, Club 20, etc.)
 - Engagement with Spanish communities - Given Colorado's demographics, Spanish outreach is critical. Not only is it state and federally required, it's the right thing to do for the public good. More on this in following slides.
- We received comments from about 100 commenters in total, including thoughtful letters from many partner agencies and stakeholder groups.



Key Themes from Public Comments

Safety

- Consider roadway design as a strategy to reduce severe crashes
 - For example, lane and shoulder widths
 - However, avoid roundabouts and widening because it encourages speeding
- Prioritize the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists
- Widening does not support sustainability and safety

Mobility

- Many comments about reducing VMT
- Increase transit options, more buses & links between providers
- Strong viability for commuter rail, especially along the Front Range
- Higher gas tax to reduce driving and emissions
- Concerns about induced travel - additional capacity to highways will increase congestion and urban sprawl into natural lands and open spaces
- Environment/human health costs of over reliance on auto use; Interest in seeing environmental topics more prominent in the planning documents



Key Themes from Public Comments

Asset Management

- Routine maintenance of CDOT's existing roadways is critical.
- Worn off or faded striping contributes to traffic crashes and fatalities; especially important considering our aging population.
- Many positive comments about the emphasis on maintaining our existing infrastructure, including a large investment in rural paving.
- Well-maintained roads benefit everyone from trucks to buses to bicycle users of the roadway.
- With the proper design standards, a newly paved road would also include safer pedestrian crossings and sidewalks.



How Public Comments were Addressed

- Minor spot edits (grammar, etc.)
- Minor project detail clarifications in pipeline and corridor profiles
- Some themes we reinforced slightly in the Plan document by making certain sentences bold, adding a callout box, etc. The intent being to emphasize language that was already in the Plan.





Examples of Plan Edits

- Minor edits to emphasize CDOT's vision of zero deaths and serious injuries
- References to transportation systems maps in the Appendix
- One additional sentence to emphasize electrification commitments
- Ensuring addressing needs for people with disabilities are included at four key points
- Enhance corridor profiles to emphasize continuity with neighboring states



Adopting a Plan in Uncertain Times

- Planning for the worst, preparing for the best.
- We have a strong plan (10-yr pipeline of projects)
- Serves as mutually developed “north star” for future investment.
- CDOT stands ready to take action as we recover from this global crisis.





Next Steps

- Our work is not done - CDOT will never stop planning and building for a better tomorrow.
- The Statewide Plan is a living document that we can amend.
- We will keep the momentum going by:
 - Maintaining strong partnerships
 - Keeping the conversation going - CDOT is still listening
 - Conducting a lessons learned assessment (What worked well, what could be done better, etc.)
 - Building resiliency into the Statewide Plan as we recover from the pandemic
 - Evaluating our performance - Adjusting for updates to PD-14 & investment strategy goals
 - Continuing to develop data-driven tools to allow TPRs and MPOs to make informed decisions



Transparency and Accountability

Just as important as establishing a project pipeline is creating transparency and accountability structures that let the public see the progress on these projects and how dollars are being spent. Measures include:

- Increasing project transparency through public reporting on project management and project costs.
- Setting new spending targets to maximize dollars going to transportation improvements that people can see.
- Clearly showing expenses that track multiple years.
- Spending every dollar — across the department — as wisely as possible by cutting discretionary costs within CDOT.





External Dashboards

- Dashboards for CDOT Senate Bill funded projects launched in June providing a transparent view into CDOT's reporting on project management and project costs
- Program Summary dashboard is focused on showing the status of each project in terms of delivering per schedule and budget
- Program Financial Summary dashboard is focused on showing the breakdown of project costs into the various types of project expenditures so the public can see where project dollars are going



- <https://www.codot.gov/programs/your-transportation-priorities/projects-funded>



Thank You

Website Link: <https://www.codot.gov/programs/your-transportation-priorities>

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