

**Get to Know
U.S. Representative
Jared Polis**



Congressman Jared Polis is a Colorado native and was born in Boulder Colorado. He attended Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. Jared has a business background and established several successful and lucrative internet based companies.

Jared got his start in politics in 2000 when he was elected to the State Board of Education, later going on to serve as Chairman of that body. He also co-chaired two successful ballot initiatives at the state and local levels. The statewide effort led to the passage of the Ethics in Government measure (Amendment 41) which established the Colorado Ethics Commission.

In 2008 Jared won the race for Colorado's 2nd Congressional District representing NW Suburban areas of Denver, including Boulder and extending to Idaho Springs, Vail and Grand Lake. He currently serves on the House Committee on Rules. Jared is actively supportive of transportation improvement efforts in Colorado such as those being undertaken on U.S. 36 and I-70 West.

Jared and his partner Marlon live in Boulder and Washington D.C.

Federal Authorization Bill Introduced

Congress has introduced the latest highway authorization bill. This bipartisan proposal is known as Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). It will replace the current highway funding authorization which went into effect in 2005 known as Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) which officially expired in 2009 (but has been extended several times).

MAP-21 will continue to provide the majority of funding to the states via funding formulas. Under SAFETEA-LU there were 7 categories; MAP-21 will have 5. The new program areas are National Highway Performance, Transportation Mobility, National Freight, Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality and Highway Safety Improvement. MAP-21 will be comprised of broad program areas that leave flexibility for states to fund projects as they see fit.

The Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program will be further expanded upon in MAP-21. TIFIA provides direct loans, guarantees and lines of credit to projects of significant regional and/or national impact at rates that are better than those available in the private sector. Under MAP-21 TIFIA will increase from \$122 million/year to \$1 billion/year. There will also be set asides for rural areas in the TIFIA program of \$100 million per year.

Under the MAP-21 proposal, Colorado would maintain its current level of federal funding of approximately \$500 million per year. For more information contact the Colorado Department of Transportation Federal Liaison, Mickey Ferrell at 303-757-9755.

Elected Officials Guide to CDOT

The Office of Policy & Government Relations produces the Elected Officials Guide to the Colorado Department of Transportation. This publication is an indispensable resource for local, state and federal elected officials. The guide provides information on all aspects of the department from boards and commissions to funding, planning and engineering in straight forward and easy to understand language. The guide is available online at <http://www.coloradodot.info/about/governmentrelations/news-publications/EOG%202011%20FINAL.pdf/view>



Leadership Changes at CDOT

On July 1st the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) filled three top level posts.

Debra Perkins-Smith has joined CDOT as the Director of the Division of Transportation Development (DTD). She has over 30 years of experience in transportation and environmental planning working for a number of private sector engineering consulting firms on large public projects. As the Director of DTD, Debra will be responsible for long-range multimodal transportation planning, grant administration, environmental policy and various data information systems in support of planning, project delivery and research.

Tim Harris will serve as the department's Chief Engineer. Tim had served as the CDOT Region 2 (SE Colorado) Director. With 31-years at CDOT Tim has been a registered engineer in the State of Colorado for more than 25 years. As Chief Engineer, he will be responsible for overseeing the Divisions of Engineering and Maintenance, including all of the department's maintenance operations and engineering functions in addition to construction and consulting contracts.



Debra Perkins-Smith

Herman Stockinger will serve as CDOT's Deputy Executive Director. The Deputy Executive Director role will rotate on an annual basis as determined by the Executive Director. Herman continues in his post as the Director of the CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations, a position he has held for four years. Having been with the Department since 2000, he has also served as CDOT's Legislative Liaison and a Regional Transportation Planner. He has 20 years of legislative and government relations experience.

Join us in welcoming Debra to the CDOT family and in congratulating Tim, and Herman on their new assignments. Debra, Tim and Herman replace the retiring Jennifer Finch, Pam Hutton and Peggy Catlin in their respective roles.

Upcoming Events

Statehood Day

August 1, 2011
Colorado
CDOT Offices Open

National Conference of State Legislatures-Annual Summit

August 8-11, 2011
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, TX
Website: www.NCSL.org

Transportation Legislation Review Committee

August 9, 2011
State Capitol in Denver, CO
Phone: 303-866-8140

Colorado Transportation Commission Meetings

August 17-18, 2011
CDOT Headquarters in Denver, CO
E-Mail: Toni.Kelly@dot.state.co.us

Club 20 Fall Meeting

September 9-10, 2011
Colorado Mesa University in Grand Jct, CO
Website: www.club20.org

Progressive 15 Fall Conference

September 14-16, 2011
Long Meadow Event Center in Wiggins, CO
Website: www.progressive15.org

American Public Works Assoc.-Public Works Congress

September 18-21, 2011
Colorado Convention Center in Denver, CO
Website: www.APWP.net

Colorado Transportation Commission Meetings

September 21-22, 2011
CDOT Headquarters in Denver, CO
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