

**Get to Know
State Representative
Millie Hamner**



Millie Hamner moved to the mountains of Colorado from Cleveland, Ohio in 2001. She holds a Doctorate in Curriculum and Leadership from the University of Denver and has served as an Adjunct Professor for both The University of Denver and Adams State College. She was also the past Superintendent of Summit County Schools.

In late 2010 Millie was chosen by a vacancy committee to fill the House District (HD) 56 seat that was vacated by the departure of Representative Christine Scanlon who left to work in the Governor's Office. Her district includes Eagle, Lake and Summit counties.

As a State Representative Millie sits on the House Transportation Committee and was the prime sponsor of HB 11-1210 that requires the Colorado Department of Transportation to make prioritized recommendations regarding actions that may be taken prior to July 1, 2014 to improve mobility along the Interstate 70 (I-70) Mountain Corridor. Being a long time resident and now representative, Millie understands the challenges and needs of the I-70 corridor and is working to find solutions.

Millie is committed to public service and community involvement. She serves on The Summit Foundation Board of Trustees and is active in the Summit County Rotary Club. Millie also sits on the Keystone Foundation Board of Trustees.

New Regional Transportation Directors

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has named new Regional Transportation Directors (RTD) for CDOT Regions 2 and 5. Region 2 is in south eastern Colorado and covers 13 counties including the cities of Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Lamar. Region 5 is in the southwestern part of the state and includes all or part of 16 counties, including the cities of Durango, Alamosa and two Tribal Nations.

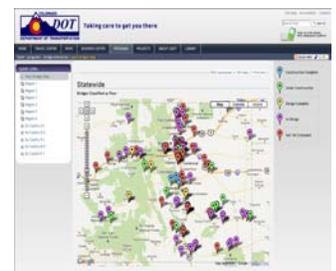
In Region 2, Tom Wrona replaces Tim Harris who has been promoted to the post of Chief Engineer. Tom has been with CDOT for 28 years. Prior to becoming RTD, he was Region 2's South Program Engineer for 13 years, overseeing CDOT's construction projects in several counties in southeastern Colorado. Before that, he was a Resident Engineer in the Pueblo area. Tom received his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Colorado - Boulder. He became a Registered Professional Engineer in Colorado in 1988.

In Region 5, Kerrie Neet replaces former RTD Richard Reynolds, who retired from CDOT in June. Kerrie joined CDOT in 2002 as the Region 5 Planning and Environmental Manager, a position she has held since that time. She previously worked as Mining and Minerals Bureau Chief in the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resource Department for the state of New Mexico. Prior to that, she was a hydrogeologist and Superfund Program Manager in the New Mexico Environment Department. She has also worked in environmental consulting and for a water utility in Phoenix, Arizona. Kerrie holds a Bachelor's degree in Geology from Ohio State University and a Master's in Geology from Arizona State University.

In their new posts, Tom and Kerrie will oversee all CDOT activities in their regions, including construction and maintenance. Join us in congratulating Tom and Kerrie as they begin their new roles as Regional Transportation Directors.

Bridge Info Website

The Bridge Enterprise website has a new look and a host of helpful information. The site includes an interactive map with the current status of every Bridge Enterprise project in the state and the ability to sort projects by county or region. The site also features a list of frequently asked questions, quarterly reports and a description of the bond issuance. In all, these changes make for a more accessible site that helps explain how *FASTER* dollars are being put to work across Colorado. Visit the site at: <http://www.coloradodot.info/programs/BridgeEnterprise/poor-bridges>



Discretionary Grants

Colorado has received \$15.3 million in discretionary grants from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Due to the elimination of earmarks in transportation appropriations, there was \$415 million left over after the normal funding allocations. The USDOT then sought projects from the States to competitively select the projects to be awarded. Colorado was proportionately the 4th most successful state in that we received 296% more than we would have received under the 'formula' scenario.

Projects vary in scope and scale and include a variety of types ranging from traditional construction and mobility improvements to workforce training and congestion mitigation. For a list of Colorado's discretionary grants contact CDOT Federal Liaison, Mickey Ferrell at 303-757-9755.

Process Improvement Director Appointed

Gary Vansuch has been appointed to the newly-created position of Director of Process Improvement for the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). In his new position he will be responsible for analyzing how CDOT conducts business in order to meet Colorado's short and long-term strategic transportation needs. As a part of his responsibilities he will review CDOT's current organizational structure, process timelines, level of customer service, available resources, and established strategies and processes. In his role he will compile findings and present a report on those findings to CDOT executive leadership and will then be responsible for leading implementation of approved changes.

Gary joins CDOT after working for the past two and one-half years as Senior Quality Manager and Principal Administrator of Quality at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden. He previously worked in various quality improvement and best practices implementation positions for Oppenheimer Funds, J.P. Morgan Chase, Inc., Wells Fargo and Company, and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Gary holds Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Industrial Engineering from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee. Gary has also served as a Senior Examiner for the Malcolm Baldrige National Performance Excellence Program. Gary lives in Centennial, CO.

Upcoming Events

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

High Performance Transportation Enterprise

September 20, 2011

CDOT Headquarters in Denver, CO

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Colorado Transportation Commission Meetings

September 21-22, 2011

CDOT Headquarters in Denver, CO

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Colorado Transportation Commission Workshops

October 19, 2011

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Colorado Transportation Commission Meeting

October 20, 2011

In Breckenridge, CO

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