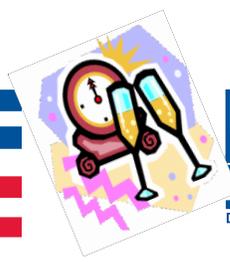




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Get to Know State Representative Angela Williams



Angela Williams Represents Colorado House District 7, which encompasses northeast Denver, including Denver International Airport. In the legislature she currently serves on both the House Transportation and Economic and Business Development Committees.

Originally from Okmulgee, Oklahoma, Angela holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK. She is also a graduate of both the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program and the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women Leadership Institute.

Angela's career includes work with the YMCA in Denver and Providence, RI, US West/Qwest Communications and Cisco Systems. She is now, a business owner of an Allstate Insurance and Financial Services business. She volunteers on numerous boards and civic organizations including the Governor's Small Business Advisory Board, the Downtown Denver Partnership Board, Stapleton United Neighbors Board and the Black Chamber of Commerce.

Angela lives in Denver's Stapleton neighborhood and is an avid equestrian.

Rules Review

When he took office last year, Governor John Hickenlooper included in his top priorities the requirement that all state agencies take steps to lessen the number of legal requirements on local governments. Through Executive Order D 2011-005, he required all state agencies prior to adopting new rules to consider whether they constituted unfunded mandates on local governments, and whether there was another way of achieving the goals of the state agency other than through rules.

In keeping with the spirit of this initiative, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Executive Director Don Hunt commenced a review of all existing rules. At the beginning of 2011, CDOT had 29 rules, some of which had not been reviewed or updated in more than twenty years. Many were out of date, contained incorrect statutory references, and detailed processes that no longer exist. The department undertook a first-ever effort to review every rule to ensure they are up-to-date, with an eye towards making them more uniform in format and more understandable. For more information on rules reform contact Mary Frances Nevans, CDOT Rules Administrator at 303-757-9723.

EJMT Fire Suppression System

Recognizing the important role of the Eisenhower-Johnson Memorial Tunnels (EJMT) as a critical link in both the Colorado and national transportation system the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is working with our congressional delegation to secure funding for a fire suppression system for the tunnels. CDOT is seeking to install a \$20 million water-mist fire suppression system. This type of system would quickly cool air temperatures increasing time that fire fighters can control incidents and evacuate the tunnels as well as reducing the impact to the tunnels.



Fire on the approach to EJMT

A major fire could close or severely damage this vital asset and could potentially result in injuries and/or fatalities. A severe fire could threaten the structural integrity of the facility. The estimated replacement cost of the EJMT is around \$1.5 billion.

CDOT will continue to work with our congressional delegation in the coming months to pursue all avenues of funding for this project including requesting that the President include this project as a part of his FY 2013 budget to congress. For more information on the EJMT fire suppression system contact Region 1 Regional Transportation Director, Tony DeVito at 303-365-7001.

North I-25 Record of Decision Signed

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recently signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the North I-25 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which analyzed potential transportation improvements along the corridor between North Metro Denver to Fort Collins/Wellington as well as US 85 and US 287. The ROD is the federal document that describes the transportation project, explains the rationale for the project decision, responds to public comments received during the Final EIS comment period, and makes commitments as to how the project will mitigate impacted environmental resources. It also allows the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to seek federal funding and begin planning projects to implement the improvements. The EIS is the culmination of a decade of cooperative work involving up to 45 agencies and or local governments.

The Preferred Alternative for the corridor in the Final EIS is estimated to cost \$2.18 billion and includes: General Purposes Lanes, Tolled Express Lanes, Interchange Upgrades, Express Bus, Commuter Rail, Commuter Bus and Congestion Management.

FHWA and CDOT intend to work toward implementing the Preferred Alternative in its entirety, but due to funding limitations, the Preferred Alternative will need to be constructed in phases over time. Phase 1 is estimated to cost \$670 million and is scheduled to be complete by 2035 based on current funding. Phase 1 includes:

General Purpose Acceleration/Deceleration Lanes - Reconstructing and widen I-25 between SH 14 and SH 392.

Tolled Express Lanes – in each direction on I-25 between SH 56 and SH 66, and between 120th Avenue and US 36.

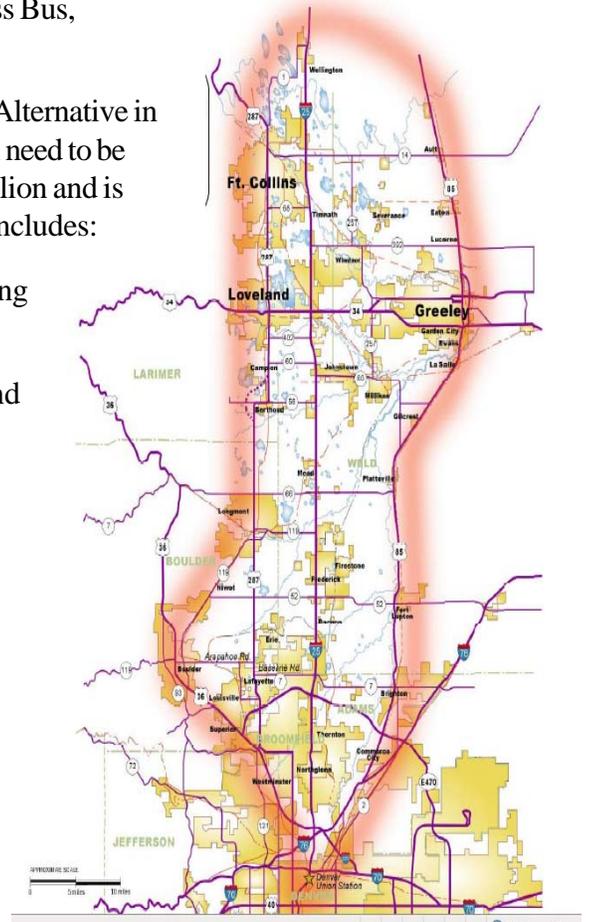
Interchange Upgrades – Upgrades to six interchanges along I-25.

Express Bus – Initial express bus service with six stations/stops along I-25, US 34 and Harmony Road with service from Fort Collins and Greeley to downtown Denver and DIA.

Commuter Bus - Commuter bus service along US 85 connecting Greeley to downtown Denver.

Carpool Lots - Constructing six carpool lots along I-25, several of which will be shared with the I-25 express bus transit stations.

Right-of-Way Acquisition- right-of-way for future commuter rail implementation.



N-I-25 Corridor from north metro Denver to past Fort Collins

For more information on the N I-25 ROD, contact CDOT Local Liaison, Angie Drumm at 303-757-9105.

Upcoming Events

Opening 68th General Assembly-2nd Session

January 11, 2012
Colorado State Capitol in Denver, CO
website: www.leg.state.co.us

State of the State Address

January 12, 2012
Colorado State Capitol in Denver, CO
website: www.colorado.gov/governor

Colorado Transportation Commission Workshops/Meeting

January 18-19, 2012
CDOT Headquarters in Denver, CO
E-Mail: Toni.Kelly@dot.state.co.us

Colorado Municipal League-Newly Elected Officials Workshop

February 3, 2012
CML Buildings in Denver, CO
Phone: 303-831-6411