

**Get to Know
Park County Commissioner
Mark Dowaliby**



Mark Dowaliby has a long history of service in his local community. Mark is currently a County Commissioner in Park County having served in that role since 2008. He also was previously the Mayor of Alma, Colorado (*one of the highest altitude municipalites in the United States*) and served as a member of the Alma Town Board of Trustees. During his time on the Alma Board of Trustees, Mark served in several leadership roles, including Streets Commissioner. Mark has also served 5 years on the Park County Planning Commission rising to the level of Vice Chairman.

Mark is very involved in the development of a bike path to connect Alma to Breckenridge and connecting to four other bike trail systems, as well as a larger plan to develop a path from Fairplay to Buena Vista along U.S. 285.

As an active cyclist, skier and fisherman Mark enjoys the outdoors and all that his community has to offer. Mark has been married for 35 years and is a self-described family man.

Transportation and the Election

While this election season was dominated by several high profile contests, we take a look at the transportation related questions that were before voters this election. Here in Colorado, there were a handful of local transportation issues up for consideration. Voters in El Paso County passed the 10 year renewal of the .55% sales tax to support various capital projects for the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority by a wide margin (79% margin). The city of Aurora failed to pass Measure 2B which sought to generate \$75 million for streets, bike/ped improvements and add light rail parking by extending an existing mill levy/property tax. Firestone voters turned down a 1cent sales tax that would have generated \$1.5 million/yr for 15 years to pay for infrastructure improvements, including transportation. Denver and Castle Pines asked voters to retain revenue under TABOR to support a variety of needs, including transportation. Both questions passed by more than 70%.

Following on the disappointing results in the the high profile Georgia transportation tax earlier this summer, there were at least 22 transportation related measures being voted on by local jurisdictions in 12 states across the county. The majority of transportation questions this year were sales tax or transit related. Only 1 jurisdiction had a gas tax related measure. Here is a closer look at a few key contests.

The single gas tax related measure considered this year was in Memphis TN, where voters defeated a 1cent/gallon increase on gasoline to support the Memphis Area Transit Authority. Elsewhere, Los Angeles voters failed to gain the 66% super majority need to pass Measure J that would extend a 30 year ½ cent sales tax that funds transportation improvements in Los Angeles County beyond the current 2039 expiration to 2069. Also in California, Alameda County asked voters for a ½ cent sales tax increase that would raise \$7.8 billion over 30 years for transit, road and bike/ped improvements. The measure sought to double the current tax and also failed to meet the supermajority threshold. Meanwhile, in Houston, Texas voters were also asked to continue a 25% diversion of the local transit authority 1 penny sales tax, that pays for roadway construction /maintenance including signs, lights and bridges. Houston voters overwhelmingly approved the measure. In Arlington County, Virginia voters passed a \$31 million bond proposal to support capital projects for the Washington Metro Area Transit Authority along with other pedestrian and road projects.

See our election memo at: <http://intranet/business/policy-government-relations>.

Upcoming Events

Veterans Day

November 12, 2012
CDOT Offices Closed

Colorado Transportation Commission Workshops/Meeting

November 15, 2012
CDOT Headquarters in Denver, CO
Email: Toni.Bircher@state.co.us

AASHTO

November 15-19, 2012
Westin Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA
Website: <http://www.aashtoannualmeeting.org/>

Colorado Transportation Commission Workshops/Meeting

December 20, 2012
CDOT Headquarters in Denver, CO
Email: Toni.Bircher@state.co.us

Federal Aid-Essentials

As part of our on-going series highlighting the new Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) online library of short training videos called “Federal-Aid Essentials: for Local Public Agencies”. This month will focus on the section titled: Civil Rights: Title VI/Nondiscrimination.



Screen shot from Fed Aid Essentials

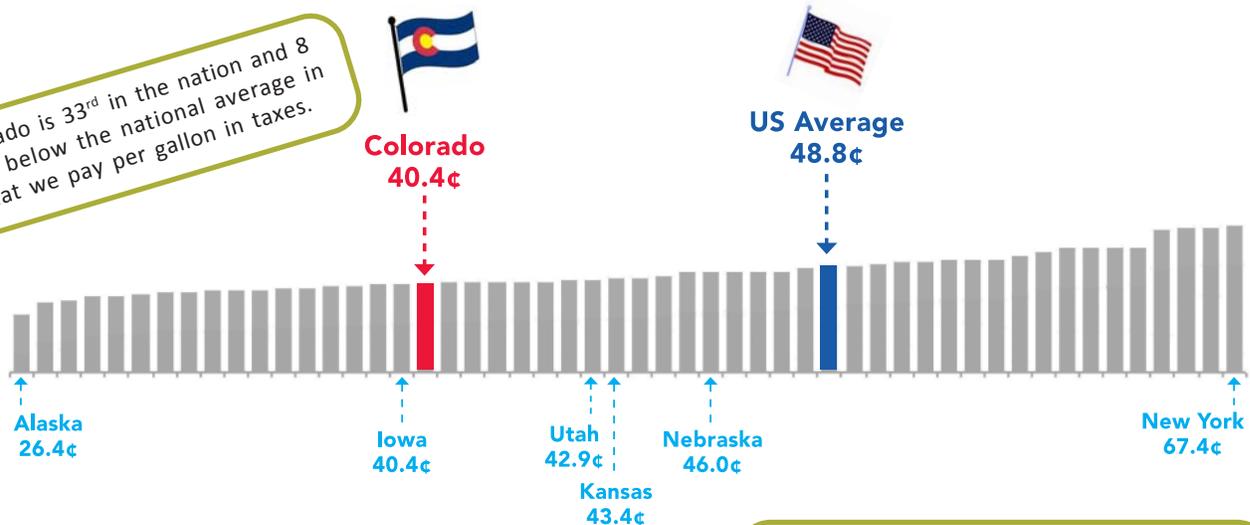
This segment of the series focuses on the historical context of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and how it relates to Federal-aid program requirements. The segment includes videos on Nondiscrimination Requirements on Construction Contracts, with detailed subsections describing the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program.

To visit the site go to: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials/>

Transportation Matters: Colorado Motor Fuel Taxes Comparison

Gasoline Motor Fuel Taxes as of January 1, 2012⁸

Colorado is 33rd in the nation and 8 cents below the national average in what we pay per gallon in taxes.



⁸American Petroleum Institute



In Colorado, where we have some of the costliest maintenance challenges and highest mountain passes— we pay less than states like Kansas and Nebraska and the same as Iowa.

If your organization would like to learn more about Transportation Matters, please contact Herman Stockinger— Director of the CDOT Office of Policy & Government Relations at (303)-757-9077.