

## Get to Know State Representative

### Kevin Priola



Kevin Priola was born and raised in Adams County, Colorado. He attended both Regis Jesuit and Horizon High Schools. Kevin attended the University of Colorado at Boulder where he graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Finance/Accounting with a minor in Economics. While at CU, he joined in the Ralphie Handlers Program – the group of college students who train and tend to the University of Colorado mascot, Ralphie. Kevin's business background includes 15 years of business experience at Priola Greenhouses and CAP Property Management. He serves as vice-president and treasurer for both businesses.

In 2008 Kevin was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives for House District 30, representing central Adams County. He serves on both the House Economic/Business Development and Transportation Committees.

Kevin and his wife Michelle live in Henderson with their 3 children. Kevin enjoys baseball, football and running and he and his family are avid skiers and snowboarders.

## Federal-Aid Essentials for Local Agencies

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has released a new online library of short training videos called "Federal-Aid Essentials: for Local Public Agencies". This exciting FHWA website provides education/training to local public agencies and provides information helpful to managing highway project delivery. Each video addresses a single topic of their regulations and requirements. There are currently over 70 videos broken down into 7 main topics including:

- ◆ Federal-Aid Program Overview
- ◆ Finance
- ◆ Right-Of-Way
- ◆ Environment
- ◆ Civil Rights
- ◆ Project Development
- ◆ Project Construction and Contract Administration



Understanding the federal requirements can lead to timely, on budget, safe and high quality projects. In the coming months we will highlight a different section of the Federal-Aid Essentials site to help promote this valuable resource to our local partners.

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

## Chain Season

September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, is the date on which commercial vehicle operators on I-70 from Morrison to Dotsero in Eagle County must begin carrying chains to comply with the chain law. The I-70 corridor chain-carry requirement continues through May 31 each year. The chain law may be put into effect on any Colorado state highway at any time throughout the year.

This year, the quick clearance program, which provides standby heavy wreckers at strategic locations along I-70 from Floyd Hill to Vail Pass, will begin during the Thanksgiving weekend. Chain purchase and chain-up services will be available along I-70 from approved vendors when they are present at chainup stations, also beginning Thanksgiving weekend.

To access a handy one-page reference document that explains all aspects of Colorado's chain law and answers frequently-asked questions, visit: <http://www.coloradodot.info/travel/library/Brochures/ChainTips.pdf>

# Upcoming Events

**Colorado Transportation Commission Workshops/Meeting**  
 September 19-20, 2012  
 CDOT Headquarters in Denver, CO  
 Website: [Toni.Bircher@dot.state.co.us](mailto:Toni.Bircher@dot.state.co.us)

**Colorado Transportation Commission Workshops/Meeting**  
 October 17-18, 2012  
 Workshops at CDOT HQ in Denver, Meeting in Loveland, CO  
 Website: [Toni.Bircher@dot.state.co.us](mailto:Toni.Bircher@dot.state.co.us)

**U.S. Presidential Debate**  
 October 3, 2012  
 Magness Arena, University of Denver in Denver, CO  
 Website: [debate2012.du.edu](http://debate2012.du.edu)

**Election Day**  
 November 6, 2012  
 Statewide

## USA Pro Cycling Challenge

This year's USA Pro Challenge was by all counts a success for the many organizations and entities involved in the planning and staging of this important event. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) played a key role in ensuring the success of this year's event. During the race, members of CDOT's team traveled from city to city to ensure that highways were clean up until the roadways were closed for the racers. CDOT team members also staffed information tents at each end point of the race to provide fans with important closure and traffic information. During the race there were no incidents or crashes due to highway conditions, even during inclement weather. CDOT's emergency project on US 24 north of Leadville on Tennessee Pass to repair a sinkhole that formed when an abandoned railroad tunnel was exposed finished on time, which allowed the race to use its original route.



*CDOT Volunteers help keep the US Pro Challenge moving*

## Transportation Matters: What Transportation Costs

- \$25 million**  
Urban Interchange
- \$750,000**  
/lane mile  
Reconstruct one mile of highway
- \$60 million**  
Annual Snow Removal
- \$275,000**  
2" Asphalt Paving  
Per Lane Mile
- \$1.6 million**  
Replace one rural area bridge