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Get to Know Mayor of Estes Park Bill Pinkham



After years vacationing in Colorado, Bill Pinkham and his wife Sue moved to Estes Park in 2000 and quickly became involved in the community. Bill was elected to the Estes Park Town Board and served as Mayor Pro-Tem. before being first elected as mayor in 2008 and for his second term in 2012.

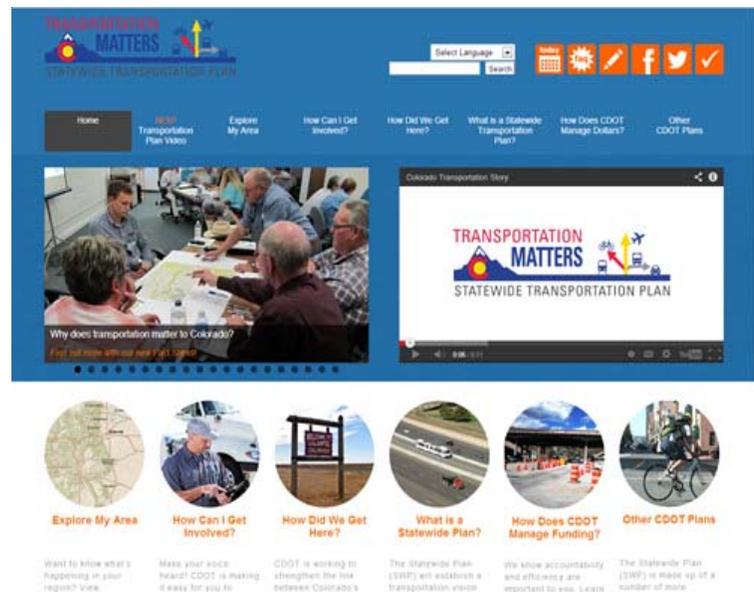
Originally from Massachusetts, Bill graduated from Amherst College with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. He then served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force before his 40 year career with Weyerhaeuser as a Manager of Planning and Analysis working on product development, marketing, management development and communications.

Bill has been a strong voice for the allocation of resources to assist Estes Park and its neighboring communities in post-flood response. He remains active with local post-flood recovery efforts including infrastructure and road reconstruction planning and implementation in and around Estes Park.

Bill and his wife Sue have seven children and five grandchildren. They also both volunteer with the National Park Service and the Larimer County Department of Natural Resources.

The Colorado Transportation Story

As part of the development of the Statewide Transportation Plan, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) recently released a comprehensive video describing background and information related to public involvement in the formation of the plan. “The Colorado Transportation Story” —at <http://coloradotransportationmatters.com/video/>— provides an overview of current and future transportation issues facing our state. The video underscores the importance of the Statewide Transportation Plan.



Screen shot of the website

The public was invited to actively participate in the collaborative plan development process and CDOT extended the response deadline for its Colorado Transportation Survey until the end of December 2013. Since November, 2013 the survey received more than 1,500 responses from the public regarding the future of the state’s transportation system.

“The public response on how they’d like to see us invest in the future of our transportation system is very encouraging,” said CDOT Executive Director Don Hunt.

In addition to watching the video and providing comments via the online survey, visitors to the Statewide Plan website were able to explore the transportation issues facing Colorado, learn more about the vision for the plan and participate in ongoing public involvement activities.

The Statewide Transportation Plan is scheduled to be released in mid-2014.

Stay Connected to CDOT

As an elected official it is important to know what is happening in your area/district. You can stay connected to CDOT and have up to the minute information with several alert and social media options offered by the Colorado Department of Transportation.

1. Updates/Alerts: Sign up for free e-mail and text message alerts. Once you create an account, you can subscribe to the corridors and topics that apply to you and your constituents. Visit <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CODOT/subscriber/new>.



2. CDOT Mobile: CDOT has a free mobile application for travelers called **CDOT Mobile**. Information regarding the I-70 and I-25 corridors is now available. To download CDOT Mobile, simply text "CDOT" to 25827 or search CDOT Mobile in your App Store.



3. Facebook and Twitter: Follow CDOT on Facebook and like us on Facebook for CDOT news and information.



4. CO Trip: Go to www.cotrip.org for live streaming traffic cameras, current road conditions, travel times, weather and helpful links to neighboring states and lots of other information.



2014 Legislative Committee Assignments

Here are the committee assignments for the upcoming legislative session for transportation

House Transportation and Energy:

Chair: Max Tyler, D-Lakewood

Vice-chair: Dominic Moreno, D-Commerce City

Perry Buck, R-Windsor
 Don Coram, R-Montrose
 Justin Everett, R- Littleton
 Randy Fischer, D-Fort Collins
 Joann Ginal, D Fort Collins
 Tracy Kraft-Tharp, D-Arveda
 Polly Lawrence, R-Castle Rock
 Pete Lee, D-Colorado Springs
 Diane Mitsch Bush, D-Craig
 Cherlyn Peniston, D-Westminster
 Ray Scott, R- Grand Junction

Senate Transportation:

Chair: Nancy Todd, D-Aurora

Vice-chair: Cheri Jahn, D-Wheat Ridge

Matt Jones, D-Louisville
 Steve King, R-Grand Junction
 George Rivera, R-Pueblo



Upcoming Events

Opening Session of Colorado General Assembly

January 8, 2014

State Capitol in Denver, CO

Colorado Transportation Commission Workshops/Meeting

January 15-16, 2014

CDOT Headquarters in Denver, CO

Email: Tromila.maile@state.co.us

State of the Union

January 21, 2014

U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C.

Colorado Transportation Commission Workshops/Meeting

February 19-20, 2014

CDOT Headquarters in Denver, CO

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