

**Get to Know  
La Plata County Commissioner  
Bobby Lieb, Jr.**



Robert (Bobby) A. Lieb, Jr. was born in Newport Beach, California. As a child, Bobby and his family lived in Switzerland for two years before the family settled in Durango and have been an important part of the community since. Bobby is very involved in transportation and is the Chairman of the Southwest Transportation Planning Region and serves as their representative to the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee.

Bobby began his interest in politics early, acting as Senior Class President at Durango High School. After graduation, Bobby continued his education at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ, graduating in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science in International Marketing.

Bobby's career has also included owning a retail clothing business, and acting as the Executive Director of La Plata Economic Development Action Partnership (LEAD) and was eventually hired as joint director for both LEAD and the Durango Chamber of Commerce as the two organizations merged operationally. Bobby left the Chamber/LEAD to become project manager for Durango Commercial Development, LLC for the proposed new business park located adjacent to the Durango/La Plata County Airport. He was elected to County Commissioner in 2011.

Bobby and his wife Meredith have three children. He enjoys soccer, skiing, mountain biking, cooking and playing the guitar.

## Highway Trust Fund

CDOT continues to monitor the status of the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) insolvency issue which could require a delay in reimbursements to states for funds already committed. During the current federal fiscal year, HTF will spend \$53 billion as authorized under MAP-21, the 27 month authorization bill providing spending authority through September, 2014. HTF is expected to collect \$38 billion in revenue creating a \$15B deficit.

At this point, the House majority leadership indicated that a transfer from the General Fund to the HTF is not likely. CDOT could face delays to further construction as early as October 1, 2014. In this case, CDOT plans to use Advance Construction, a Federal-Aid funding tool that will allow the Department to fund both large and small projects, even with the absence of full Federal-Aid obligation authority. If Congress does not take action to back fill the HTF for the next fiscal year that starts at the beginning of October, then the Department will have to rely on its cash balance to replace those missing federal dollars to fund projects that are already underway. At this point, new projects will be put on hold. If several months into Federal FY 2015 there is still no foreseeable solution from Congress, CDOT will have to begin to consider further project cutbacks.

Should you have questions, please contact Kurt Morrison, Office of Policy & Government Relations, at (303) 757-9703 or [kurtis.morrison@state.co.us](mailto:kurtis.morrison@state.co.us).

## Hold That TIGER

The U.S. Department of Transportation received a total of 797 applications for the current round of Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants. Those applications ask for a total of \$9.5 billion, 15 times more than the \$600 million USDOT has allocated this round of the program.

The TIGER program, now in its sixth round, provides grants to applicants on a competitive basis to help fund capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure that have major impacts on the community and/or nation as a whole.

Projects that qualify for the funding include certain highway, bridge, public transportation, freight rail, high-speed and intercity passenger rail, and port infrastructure investments.



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## Transportation Commission Calendar

**Workshops/Meeting**  
June 18-19, 2014

**Workshops/Meeting**  
August 20-21, 2014

All meetings scheduled for  
CDOT Headquarters in Denver, CO

**Workshops/Meeting**  
July 16-17, 2014

**Workshops/Meeting**  
September 17-18, 2014

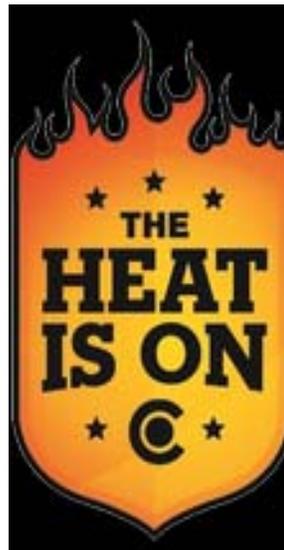
## Feeling the Heat

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and law enforcement throughout the state remain committed to stopping two major causes of death on Colorado roadways: impaired driving and driving unbuckled. During a recent two-week *Click It or Ticket* seat belt enforcement campaign running from May 12 - 25, a total of 7,554 seat belt violations were reported to CDOT. But even with the heightened *Click It or Ticket* education and enforcement, there were 10 unbuckled fatalities that occurred during that timeframe, representing a 25 percent increase from the same enforcement period in 2013.

Over the recent Memorial Day Weekend through *The Heat Is On* DUI enforcement period, law enforcement removed 397 impaired drivers from Colorado roadways. And during this year's DUI enforcement period which ran from May 23 - 27, there were two alcohol- and/or drug-related fatalities on Colorado roadways, representing a 67 percent decrease in fatalities from the same time period in 2013.

Increased summer-long DUI enforcement means that users of Colorado roadways should proceed with caution when planning summer festivities. The state's NoDUIColorado.org website is a great resource for helpful tips on decisions you can make whether you host a party or attend a festivity that includes alcohol.

The next *Click It or Ticket* seat belt enforcement campaign, with efforts focused on nighttime hours, will take place from July 21 - 27. The next *The Heat Is On* DUI enforcement period will focus on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, running July 3 - 7. More details about the DUI enforcement plans and arrest results can be found at [HeatIsOnColorado.com](http://HeatIsOnColorado.com) and more details about the seat belt enforcement arrests can be found at [SeatBeltsColorado.com](http://SeatBeltsColorado.com).



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To date, the previous five rounds of the TIGER program have assisted 270 projects in all 50 states, D.C., and Puerto Rico with a total of \$3.5 billion, while more than 5,300 applications asking for more than \$115 billion have been received. A total of 5 projects were approved by the Colorado Transportation Commission for submission by The Colorado Department of Transportation for TIGER VI. A decision is expected from the United States Department of Transportation in late summer/early fall.