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#### **Notice of Proposed Rulemaking**

Transportation Commission of Colorado
Rules Governing Statewide Transportation Planning Process and Transportation Planning Regions
2 CCR 601-22

#### I. Notice

As required by the Colorado Administrative Procedure Act found at section 24-4-103, C.R.S., the Transportation Commission of Colorado (Commission) gives notice of proposed rulemaking.

#### II. Subject

The Commission is considering revisions to the rules governing the statewide transportation planning process and transportation planning regions, 2 CCR 601-22. Specifically, the Commission proposes to establish greenhouse gas (GHG) pollution reduction planning levels for transportation that will improve air quality, reduce smog, and provide more sustainable options for travelers across Colorado. The purpose of the Pollution Reduction Planning Standards is to limit the pollution which would result from the transportation system if the plan was implemented, consistent with the state greenhouse gas pollution reduction roadmap. This will be accomplished by requiring the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to establish plans that meet GHG transportation reduction targets through a mix of transportation projects that limit and mitigate air pollution and improve quality of life and multimodal options. CDOT and MPOs will be required to demonstrate through travel demand modeling and approved air quality modeling that statewide and regional aggregate emissions resulting from its state or regional plans do not exceed a specified emissions level in total. These standards address the Colorado General Assembly's directive to reduce statewide GHG pollution in § 25-7-102(2)(g), C.R.S., as well as the directive for transportation planning to consider environmental stewardship and reducing GHG emissions, § 43-1-1103(5), C.R.S.

Additionally, the Commission proposes to clarify that the Statewide Transportation Plan will include an analysis of how it aligns with Colorado's climate goals and helps reduce, prevent, and mitigate GHG pollution throughout the State. The Commission proposes to include the 10-Year Plan as a required appendix of the Statewide Transportation Plan. The Commission also proposes to establish a State Interagency Consultation Team, consisting of CDOT's Director of the Division of Transportation Development, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Director of Air Pollution Control Division, and the Director of each MPO. The Commission proposes to add nineteen (19) new defined terms relating to the establishment of the GHG pollution reduction planning levels for transportation and to reformat the defined terms into alphabetical order. Finally, the Commission proposes to make other minor changes or updates, such as capitalizing defined terms.

A detailed Statement of Basis, Purpose, and Specific Statutory Authority follows this notice and is incorporated by reference.



### III. Rulemaking Hearings

The Commission plans to hold eight (8) hearings across the State as listed in the below table to hear testimony and receive comments on the proposed rule revisions. The public hearings will be conducted in a hybrid format, both in-person and virtually. All interested and affected parties may choose to attend one (1) or all eight (8) scheduled hearings either in-person or virtually.

Please note that the Commission may hold additional hearings, which will be posted on CDOT's website: https://www.codot.gov/business/rules/proposed-rules.html

Date	Location	Time	Virtual Hearing Registration Links
9/14/202	CDOT Regional Office US160 Maintenance Training Facility 20581 Highway 160 Durango, CO 81301	3-7 p.m.	<u>Virtual Registration Form</u>
9/17/2021	CDOT Regional Office Bookcliff Conference Room 2328 G Road Grand Junction CO 81505	3-7 p.m.	Virtual Registration Form
9/23/2021	Swansea Recreation Center 2650 E. 49th Ave. Denver, CO 80216	3-7 p.m.	<u>Virtual Registration Form</u>
9/24/2021	CDOT Regional Office 1480 Quail Lake Loop #A Colorado Springs, CO 80906	3-7 p.m.	<u>Virtual Registration Link</u>
9/27/2021	South Suburban Sports Complex 4810 E. County Line Rd. Littleton, CO 80126	3-7 p.m.	<u>Virtual Registration Link</u>
9/29/2021	CDOT Regional Office Big Sandy Conference Room 2738 Victory Highway Limon, CO 80828	3-7 p.m.	<u>Virtual Registration Form</u>
9/30/2021	Christ United Methodist Church 301 East Drake Road Fort Collins, CO 80525	3-7 p.m.	Virtual Registration Form
10/4/2021	City Hall City Council Chambers 101 West 8th Street Glenwood Springs, CO 81601	3-7 p.m.	Virtual Registration Form

# How to Register to Attend Hearings Virtually

If you plan to attend any of the scheduled hearings virtually, you must click on the registration link in the above table for each hearing that you wish to attend virtually. The registration links for each hearing are also available on the CDOT's website at

https://www.codot.gov/business/rules/proposed-rules.html. When you register, you must provide your full name and email address. You may also provide your telephone number and the organization that you are representing. Lastly, please indicate whether you plan to testify during the hearing and/or submit written comments. You will receive instructions the day before the scheduled hearing on how to join, listen, and provide testimony if you wish.



#### IV. Statutory Authority

The specific authority under which the Commission shall establish these proposed rule revisions is set forth in §§ 43-1-106(8)(k) and 43-1-1103(5), C.R.S.

# V. Copies of the Notice, Proposed Rule Revisions, and the Statement of Basis, Purpose & Authority

The notice of hearing, the proposed rule revisions, and the proposed statement of basis, purpose and authority are available for review at CDOT's website at <a href="https://www.codot.gov/business/rules/proposed-rules.html">https://www.codot.gov/business/rules/proposed-rules.html</a>.

If there are changes made to the proposed rule revisions before the first scheduled hearing on September 14, 2021, the updated proposed rule revisions will be available to the public and posted on CDOT's website by September 9, 2021.

Please note that the proposed rule revisions being considered are subject to further changes and modifications after the public hearings and the deadline for the submission of written comments.

#### VI. Opportunity to testify and submit written comments

The Commission and CDOT strive to make the rulemaking process inclusive to all. Everyone will have the opportunity to testify and provide written comments concerning the proposed rule revisions. Interested and affected parties are welcome to testify and submit written comments.

Each hearing will have an identical format. The Hearing Officer opens the hearing and provides a brief introduction of the hearing procedures. CDOT will review exhibits to establish that the CDOT on behalf of the Commission met all the procedural requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act. A summary of the proposed rule revisions will be presented by CDOT staff. Interested and affected parties will then have the opportunity to give testimony either in-person or virtually.

#### Testimony

The testimony phase of each hearing will proceed as follows:

- The Hearing Officer will identify the participants who indicated that they plan to testify during the hearing based on the registration records.
- When the Hearing Officer exhausts the list, they will ask whether any additional participants wish to testify.

To ensure that the hearing is prompt and efficient, oral testimony may be time-limited.

#### **Written Comments**

You may submit written comments to <u>dot rules@state.co.us</u> during the comment period between August 13, 2021, and October 15, 2021. All written comments must be received on or before Friday, October 15, 2021, at 5 pm.



Additionally, we will post all written comments to CDOT's website at <a href="https://www.codot.gov/business/rules/proposed-rules.html">https://www.codot.gov/business/rules/proposed-rules.html</a>. However, please note that we will redact the following information for data privacy from the submissions prior to posting online: first and last names, contact information, including business and home addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers.

All written comments will be added to the official rulemaking record.

#### VII. Recording of the Hearings

Each hearing will be recorded. After each hearing concludes, the recording will be available on CDOT's YouTube Channel at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOWFfi0-SE4kV07saKZdueA/videos">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOWFfi0-SE4kV07saKZdueA/videos</a>.

#### VIII. Special Accommodations

If you need special accommodations, please contact CDOT's Rules Administrator at 303.757.9441 or dot rules@state.co.us at least one (1) week prior to the scheduled hearing date.

#### IX. Contact Information

Please contact CDOT's Rules Administrator, at 303.757.9441 or <u>dot\_rules@state.co.us</u> if you have any questions.





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# Transportation Commission of Colorado Rules Governing Statewide Transportation Planning Process and Transportation Planning Regions 2 CCR 601-22

Proposed Statement of Basis and Purpose, Statutory Authority, and Preamble

#### Statement of Basis and Purpose and Preamble

#### <u>Overview</u>

The purpose of the Rules Governing the Statewide Transportation Planning Process and Transportation Planning Regions (Rules) is to prescribe the statewide transportation planning process through which a long-range multimodal, comprehensive Statewide Transportation Plan will be developed, integrated, updated, and amended by the Colorado Department of Transportation (Department or CDOT), in cooperation with local governments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Regional Planning Commissions, Indian tribal governments, relevant state and federal agencies, the private sector, transit and freight operators, and the general public. This cooperative process is designed to coordinate regional transportation planning, guided by the statewide transportation policy set by the Department and the Transportation Commission of Colorado ("Commission"), as a basis for developing the Statewide Transportation Plan. The result of the statewide transportation planning process shall be a long-range, financially feasible, environmentally sound, multimodal transportation system plan for Colorado that will reduce traffic and smog.

Further, the purpose of the Rules is to define the state's Transportation Planning Regions for which long-range Regional Transportation Plans are developed, prescribe the process for conducting and initiating transportation planning in the non-MPO Transportation Planning Regions and coordinating with the MPOs for planning in the metropolitan areas. Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) that serve as the Metropolitan Planning Agreements (MPAs) pursuant to 23 C.F.R. § 450 between the Department, each MPO, and applicable transit provider(s) further prescribe the transportation planning process in the MPO Transportation Planning Regions. In addition, the purpose of the Rules is to describe the organization and function of the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) as established by § 43-1-1104, Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.).

The Rules are promulgated to meet the intent of both the U.S. Congress and the Colorado General Assembly for conducting a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive statewide performance-based multimodal transportation planning process for producing a Statewide Transportation Plan and Regional Transportation Plans that address the transportation needs of the State. This planning process, through comprehensive input, results in systematic project prioritization and resource allocation.

The Rules, governing the statewide planning process, emphasize Colorado's continually greater integration of multimodal, cost-effective, and environmentally sound means of transportation which leads to cleaner air and reduced traffic. The Rules reflect the Commission's and the Department's focus on multimodal transportation projects including highways, transit, rail, bicycles and pedestrians. Section 8 of these Rules establishes an ongoing administrative process for identifying, measuring, confirming, and verifying those best practices and their impacts, so that CDOT and MPOs can easily apply them to their plans in order to achieve the pollution reduction levels required by these Rules.



The specific purpose of this rulemaking is to establish Greenhouse Gas (GHG) pollution reduction planning levels for transportation within Section 8 of these Rules that will improve air quality, reduce smog, and provide more sustainable options for travelers across Colorado. The purpose of these requirements is to limit the GHG pollution which would result from the transportation system if the plan was implemented, consistent with the state greenhouse gas pollution reduction roadmap. This is accomplished by requiring CDOT and MPOs to establish plans that meet targets through a mix of projects that limit and mitigate air pollution and improve quality of life and Multimodal options. CDOT and MPOs will be required to demonstrate through travel demand modeling and approved air quality modeling that statewide and regional aggregate emissions resulting from its state or regional plans do not exceed a specified emissions level in total. In the event that a plan fails to comply, CDOT and MPOs have the option to commit to implementing GHG Mitigation Measures that provide travelers with cleaner and more equitable transportation options such as safer pedestrian crossings and sidewalks, better transit and transit-access, or infrastructure that supports access to housing, jobs, and retail.

Examples of these types of mitigations, which also benefit quality of place and the economic resilience of communities, will include but not be limited to: adding bus rapid transit facilities and services, enhancing first-and-last mile connections to transit, adding bike-sharing services including electric bikes, improving pedestrian facilities like sidewalks and safe accessible crosswalks, investments that support vibrant downtown density and local zoning decisions that favor sustainable building codes and inclusive multi-use facilities downtown, and more. The process of identifying and approving mitigations will be established by a policy process that allows for ongoing innovations from local governments and other partners to be considered on an iterative basis.

If compliance still cannot be demonstrated, even after committing to GHG Mitigation Measures, the Commission shall restrict the use of certain funds, requiring that dollars be focused on projects that help reduce transportation emissions and are recognized as approved mitigations. These requirements address the Colorado General Assembly's directive to reduce statewide GHG pollution in § 25-7-102(2)(g), C.R.S., as well as the directive for transportation planning to consider environmental stewardship and reducing GHG emissions, § 43-1-1103(5), C.R.S.

Additionally, the Commission proposes to clarify that the Statewide Transportation Plan will include an analysis of how it aligns with Colorado's climate goals and helps reduce, prevent, and mitigate GHG pollution throughout the State. The Commission proposes to include the 10-Year Plan as a required appendix of the Statewide Transportation Plan. The Commission also proposes to establish a State Interagency Consultation Team, consisting of CDOT's Director of the Division of Transportation Development, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Director of Air Pollution Control Division, and the Director of each MPO. The Commission proposes to add nineteen (19) new defined terms relating to the establishment of the GHG pollution reduction planning levels for transportation and to reformat the defined terms into alphabetical order. Finally, the Commission proposes to make other minor changes or updates, such as capitalizing defined terms.

#### Context of Section 8 of these Rules Within Statewide Objectives

The passage of House Bill (HB)19-1261 set Colorado on a course to dramatically reduce GHG emissions across all sectors of the economy. In HB 19-1261, now codified in part at §§ 25-7-102(2) and 105(1)(e), C.R.S., the General Assembly declared that "climate change adversely affects Colorado's economy, air quality and public health, ecosystems, natural resources, and quality of life[,]" acknowledged that "Colorado is already experiencing harmful climate impacts[,]" and that "many of these impacts disproportionately affect" certain Disproportionately Impacted Communities. see § 25-7-102(2), C.R.S. The General Assembly also recognized that "[b]y reducing [GHG] pollution, Colorado will also reduce other harmful air pollutants, which will, in turn, improve public health, reduce health care costs, improve air quality, and help sustain the environment." see § 25-7-102(2)(d), C.R.S.



Since 2019, the State has been rigorously developing a plan to achieve the ambitious GHG pollution reduction goals in § 25-7-102(2)(g), C.R.S. In January 2021, the State published its Greenhouse Gas Pollution Reduction Roadmap (Roadmap). Available at:

https://energyoffice.colorado.gov/climate-energy/ghg-pollution-reduction-roadmap. The Roadmap identified the transportation sector as the single largest source of statewide GHG pollution as of 2020, with passenger vehicles the largest contributor within the transportation sector. Additionally, the Roadmap determined that emissions from transportation are a "significant contributor to local air pollution that disproportionately impacts lower-income communities and communities of color." see Roadmap, p. XII.

A key finding in the Roadmap recognized that "[m]aking changes to transportation planning and infrastructure to reduce growth in driving is an important tool" to meet the statewide GHG pollution reduction goals. see Roadmap, p. 32. Section 8 of these Rules also advances the State's goals to reduce emissions of other harmful air pollutants, including ozone.

#### Why the Commission is Taking This Action

Senate Bill 21-260, signed into law by the Governor on June 17, 2021, and effective upon signature, includes a new § 43-1-128, C.R.S., which directs CDOT and MPOs to engage in an enhanced level of planning, modeling and other analysis to minimize the adverse environmental and health impacts of planned transportation capacity projects. Section 43-1-128, C.R.S. also directs CDOT and the Commission to take steps to account for the impacts of transportation capacity projects on GHG pollution and Vehicle Miles Traveled and to help achieve statewide GHG pollution targets established in § 25-7-102(2)(g), C.R.S.

Under Colorado law governing transportation planning, CDOT is charged with and identified as the proper body for "developing and maintaining the state transportation planning process and the state transportation plan" in cooperation with Regional Planning Commissions and local government officials. see § 43-1-1101, C.R.S.

The Commission is responsible for formulating policy with respect to transportation systems in the State and promulgating and adopting all CDOT financial budgets for construction based on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Programs. see § 43-1-106(8), C.R.S. The Commission is statutorily charged "to assure that the preservation and enhancement of Colorado's environment, safety, mobility and economics be considered in the planning, selection, construction and operation of all transportation projects in Colorado." see § 43-1-106(8)(b), C.R.S. In addition, the Commission is generally authorized "to make all necessary and reasonable orders, rules and regulations in order to carry out the provisions of this part . . ." see § 43-1-106(8)(k), C.R.S.

As such, CDOT and the Commission are primarily responsible for ensuring compliance with GHG reductions in transportation planning.

#### What Relevant Regulations Currently Apply to Transportation Planning

Transportation planning is subject to both state and federal requirements. Under federal law governing transportation planning and federal-aid highways, it is declared to be in the national interest to promote transportation systems that accomplish a number of mobility objectives "while minimizing transportation-related fuel consumption and air pollution through metropolitan and statewide transportation planning processes..." see 23 U.S.C. § 134; see also 23 U.S.C. § 135(a)(1). In the metropolitan planning process, consideration must be given to projects and strategies that will "protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life..." see 23 U.S.C. § 134(h)(1)(E); see also 23 C.F.R. Part 450, Subpart B (federal regulations governing statewide transportation planning and programming). The same planning objective applies to statewide transportation planning. see 23 U.S.C. § 135(d)(1)(E); see also 23 C.F.R. Part 450, Subpart C (governing metropolitan transportation planning and programming). Further, the Statewide Transportation Plan shall be developed, as appropriate, in



consultation with State...local agencies responsible for...environmental protection..." see 23 U.S.C. \$ 135(f)(2)(D)(i).

Under conforming Colorado law, the Statewide Transportation Plan is developed by integrating and consolidating Regional Transportation Plans developed by MPOs and regional transportation planning organizations into a "comprehensive statewide transportation plan" pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission. *see* § 43-1-1103(5), C.R.S. The Statewide Transportation Plan must address a number of factors including, but not limited to, "environmental stewardship" and "reduction of greenhouse gas emissions." *see* § 43-1-1103(5)(h) and (j), C.R.S.

Regional Transportation Plans must account for the "expected environmental, social, and economic impacts of the recommendations in the plan, including a full range of reasonable transportation alternatives...in order to provide for the transportation and environmental needs of the area in a safe and efficient manner." see § 43-1-1103(1)(d), C.R.S. Further, in developing Regional Transportation Plans, MPOs "[s]hall assist other agencies in developing transportation control measures for utilization in accordance with state...regulations...and shall identify and evaluate measures that show promise of supporting clean air objectives." see § 43-1-1103(1)(e), C.R.S.

#### Putting Section 8 of these Rules into Perspective

Section 8 establishes GHG regulatory requirements that are among the first of their kind in the U.S. However, from an air pollutant standpoint, connecting transportation planning to emissions is not a new policy area. In fact, transportation conformity provisions within the Clean Air Act approach ozone much the same way. Transportation conformity ensures that federally funded or approved highway and transit activities within a Nonattainment Area are consistent with or "conform to" a state's plan to reduce emissions. Colorado's front range has been in ozone nonattainment for many years, which has required the North Front Range and the Denver Regional Council of Governments' MPOs to demonstrate conformity with each plan adoption and amendment.

However, because the transportation sector encompasses the millions of individual choices people make every day that have an impact on climate, a variety of strategies are necessary to achieve the State's climate goals. Section 8 of these Rules is one of many steps needed to achieve the totality of reduction goals for the transportation sector.

#### Purpose of GHG Mitigation Measures

The transportation modeling conducted for this rulemaking may demonstrate that certain projects increase GHG pollution for a variety of reasons. These reasons may include factors such as induced demand as a result of additional lane mileage attracting additional vehicular traffic, or additional traffic facilitated by access to new commercial or residential development in the absence of public transit options or bicycle/pedestrian access that provides consumers with other non-driving options. Transportation infrastructure itself can also increase or decrease GHG and other air pollutants by virtue of factors like certain construction materials, removal or addition of tree cover that captures carbon pollution, or integration with vertical construction templates of various efficiencies that result in higher or lower levels of per capita energy use. The pollution impacts of various infrastructure projects will vary significantly depending on their specifics and must be modeled in a manner that is context-sensitive to a range of issues such as location, footprint of existing infrastructure, design, and how it fits together with transportation alternatives.

Of note, many types of infrastructure have been demonstrated not to generate significant induced demand or increased emissions. For example, the state of California conducted a study of project types that should be considered "neutral" from the perspective of GHG pollution -- due to their use being related primarily to issues like safety and utility for emergency services. See here:



https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/transportation-planning/documents/sb-743/2020-09-10-1 st-edition-tac-fnl-a11v.pdf

Furthermore, other aspects of transportation infrastructure can facilitate reductions in emissions and thus serve as mitigations rather than contributors to pollution. For example, the addition of transit resources in a manner that can displace Vehicle Miles Traveled can reduce emissions. Moreover, improving downtown pedestrian and bike access, particularly in areas that allow individuals to shift multiple daily trips for everything from work to dining to retail, can improve both emissions and quality of life.

There is an increasing array of proven best practices for reducing pollution and smog and improving economies and neighborhoods that can help streamline decision-making for state and local agencies developing plans and programs of projects.

#### **Statutory Authority**

The statutory authority is as follows:

- House Bill 19-1261 enacted into law on May 30, 2019.
- Senate Bill 20-260 enacted into law on June 17, 2021.
- § 25-7-102(2), C.R.S., which sets forth the legislative declaration to reduce statewide GHG pollution and establishes statewide GHG pollution targets.
- § 43-1-128, C.R.S., which directs CDOT and MPOs to engage in an enhanced level of planning, modeling, and other analysis to minimize the adverse environmental and health impacts of planned transportation capacity projects. Also directs CDOT and the Commission to take steps to account for the impacts of transportation capacity projects on GHG pollution and vehicle miles traveled and to help achieve statewide GHG pollution targets established in § 25-7-102(2)(g), C.R.S.
- § 43-1-1101, C.R.S., which authorizes CDOT to develop and maintain the state transportation planning process and the State Transportation Plan in cooperation with Regional Planning Commissions and local government.
- § 43-1-1103(5), C.R.S., which authorizes the Commission to promulgate rules to establish the formation of the Statewide Transportation Plan and the statewide planning process. Also requires the consideration of environmental stewardship and reducing GHG emissions as part of transportation planning.
- § 43-1-106(8), C.R.S, which authorizes the Commission to formulate policy with respect to transportation systems in the State and promulgate and adopt all CDOT financial budgets for construction based on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Programs.
- § 43-1-106(8)(b), C.R.S., which requires the Commission to assure that the preservation and enhancement of Colorado's environment, safety, mobility and economics be considered in the planning, selection, construction and operation of all transportation projects in Colorado.
- § 43-1-106(8)(k), C.R.S., which authorizes the Commission to make all necessary and reasonable order, rules and regulations.



# Greenhouse Gas Pollution Reduction for Transportation **Planning Proposed Standards**

# **OVERVIEW**

CDOT is proposing a new standard to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector, improve air quality and reduce smog, and provide more travel options. The standard would require CDOT and the state's five Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to determine the total GHG emissions expected from future transportation projects and take steps to ensure that greenhouse gas (GHG) emission levels do not exceed set GHG reduction amounts. This proposed standard recognizes that the projects we build have an impact on how Coloradans travel and will help bring about a transportation system that provides more choices for travelers across the state.

## PROPOSED RULE SCHEDULE

#### **Engagement and Rule** Concept Development Winter-Summer 2021

Early outreach on purpose of rule and overall framework. Input rulemaking sought through dozens of development and rule is meetings with a broad range of stakeholders.

## **Formal Processes** Begin

**Summer 2021** 

Transportation **Commission authorizes** 

noticed with Secretary of State.

# **Public Rulemaking** Hearings

Fall 2021: 60-Day Review Period Eight virtual and inperson hearings held across the state with opportunity for public testimony and submission of written comment.

#### **Adopt Rules**

#### Fall 2021

The Transportation **Commission considers** the proposed rule for adoption.

# **Rules Take Effect and Implementation**

Winter 2022

If adopted by the Transportation Commission, the rule becomes effective with implementation.

# BENEFITS AND BACKGROUND

The GHG Pollution Reduction Planning Standard is one of several transportation strategies identified in the state's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Pollution Reduction Roadmap and is a key requirement established in the 2021 state transportation funding bill (SB260). The standard builds on the state's effort to rapidly deploy electric vehicles by encouraging a future transportation system that improves transit, biking and walking options. The focus is on large transportation projects that make a fundamental change to our transportation system. The basic repair and maintenance of our roads and bridges is not impacted.

The benefits made possible by this standard are meaningful; equivalent to burning 169 million fewer gallons of gasoline or taking approximately 300,000 cars off the road for a year. These benefits directly improve air quality by also reducing the harmful pollutants that cause ozone and smog.

# **GET INVOLVED**

CDOT will hold eight public hearings across the state to provide opportunities for public comment on the standard. These meetings will have options to participate either in-person or virtually and offer Spanish interpretation. Comments also are accepted in writing via dot\_rules@state.co.us. We welcome your feedback.

Visit our website for more information on public meetings and the rulemaking: https://www.codot.gov/programs/environmental/greenhouse-gas

Questions? Contact: CDOT\_transportationghg@state.co.us