

# Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects FFY 2025

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### **Purpose of Report**

On December 4, 2015, President Obama signed a law known as the Fixing Americas Surface Transportation ACT (FAST ACT). To increase transparency of the disbursement of Federal transportation fund, Section 450.334 of FAST Act requires DOTs and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's) to publish an annual list of projects which utilize Federal funds that were obligated during the year. More specifically, the law states:

"(a) In metropolitan planning areas, on an annual basis, no later than 90 calendar days following the end of the program year, the State, public transportation operator(s), and the MPO shall cooperatively develop a listing of projects (including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) for which funds under 23 U.S.C. or 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 were obligated in the preceding program year (b). The listing shall be prepared in accordance with Sec. 450.314(a) and shall include all federally funded projects authorized or revised to increase obligations in the preceding program year and shall at a minimum include the TIP information under Sec. 450.326(g)(1) and (4) and identify, for each project the amount of Federal funds requested in the TIP, the Federal funding that was obligated during the preceding year, and the Federal funding remaining and available for subsequent years (c) The listing shall be published or to otherwise made available in accordance with the MPOS's public participation criteria for the TIP."

The Federal Highway Administrations (FHWA) defines "obligation" as "the federal government's legal commitment (promise) to pay or reimburse the States or other entities for the Federal share of a project's eligible costs."<sup>1</sup>

Per FAST ACT requirements, this report lists all transportation projects in Colorado's Pueblo metropolitan region for which federal transportation funds were obligated during federal fiscal year 2025 (October 1, 2024 – September 30,2025).

## Background

The Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG) region encompasses all of Pueblo County as shown in Figure 1. The planning area contains the population centers of Pueblo, Pueblo West, Colorado City, Beulah Valley, Avondale, Boone and other. The City of Pueblo dominates the MPO, whose region has a population totaling over 170,00 people. Located at the confluence of the Arkansas River and Fountain Creek, it has been an important crossroads for transportation and trading for more than 150 years, making it the economic hub of southeastern Colorado. Pueblo is also an important city in Colorado's Front Range Urban Corridor. The Historic Arkansas River Project (HARP) is a notable river walk in the Union Avenue Historic Commercial District of Pueblo. Over the last twenty years, the population of the regions has increased, and its economy has become more diverse. Interstate-25 and U.S. Highway 50 are the key connection to other Colorado cities and to the nation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Financing Federal Aid Highways Glossary. <a href="https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/glossary/">https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/glossary/</a>, December 22,2021

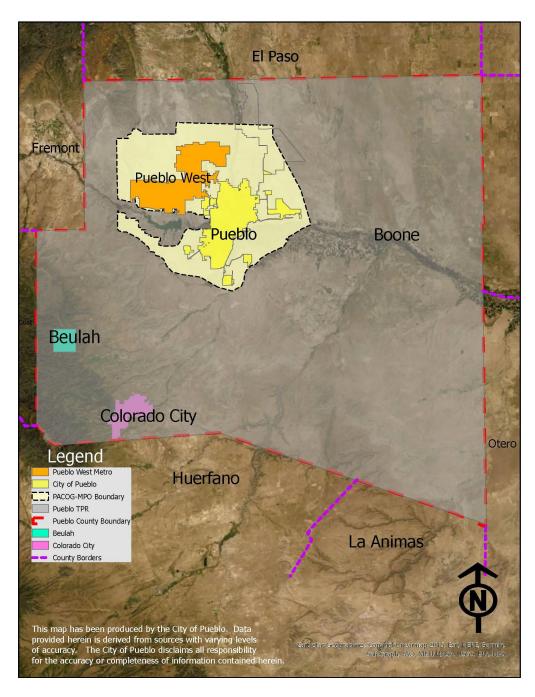


Figure 1.

#### Regional Transportation Plan

The PACOG MPO develops a 25-year transportation plan (RTP) that includes all projects, currently funded or not, the MPO would like to see completed. The total of all the projects is called the vision plan which covers the entire 25-year period that is included in the RTP. The vision plan is categorized into four different categories which are as follows:

- > 10- Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects which are funded by CDOT,
- State/Federally funded projects that are not found within the 10-year CIP
- Locally funded projects, and
- Developer driven projects

The 10-Year CIP covers from FY 2022-FY 2025 and lists the projects which are funded with CDOT money. Although the CIP covers a 10-year span of projects, not all projects within are guaranteed to be funded and constructed. The first four year of the 10-year CIP make up the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which is discussed below and known as the fiscally constrained portion. The remaining six years of the 10-year CIP is comprised of projects that will be moved into the TIP each year as funding becomes available. This six-year period contains only projects which are considered eligible for state and federal funding each year as new funds become available.

Many projects exist that are state and federally funded but are not programmed to the 10-year CIP. These are projects which fall on state/federally highways, but funds have not yet become available to allow them to be placed on the 10-year CIP.

Locally funded projects are those which are not on a state/federal highway system and cannot be paid for using any state or federal monies. They are projects which are truly local to the region.

Lastly, the developer driven projects are those which will be funded through developer funds as more businesses come into the region. Theoretically, if a business wants to come into the region, access to their industry will be needed, and the connection from a main road to their business will have to be established and paid for by the developer. These projects are in areas that are thought to be good industrial and business sites which will require further expansion of roads to accommodate incoming industries.

#### Transportation Improvement Program

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the adopted list of public transit, highway, bicycle, and pedestrian projects programmed to revive federal and state transportation funds in the next four years. The TIP implements the fiscally constrained portion of the RTP. The TIP is updated on a yearly basis to include projects for the next four years.

The PACOG MPO approved the FY 2025-FY 2028 TIP on May 23, 2024. It is updated as needed with amendments provided by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and other governmental agencies.

#### Public Involvement

The PACOG MPO engages the public in the regional transportation planning process and ensures it meets federal requirements that MPOs provide complete information timely public notice, public access to key decisions, and early and continuing involvement in developing the RTP, TIP and other products. The PACOG MPO has held public meetings allowing for public input on key issues, continues to update the PACOG website (<a href="www.pacog.net">www.pacog.net</a>) and posts important information to the local newspaper and PACOG social media pages to allow the public to contact the MPO and voice their concerns.

#### **Obligation Report**

The project specific tables presented herein show the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) WBS identification number, project code number, the CDOT (or TIP) project description, project sponsor, the federal obligations amount, and the amount, if any, of funding associated with advance construction for each project. A description of each of these items is presented below.

- The STIP WBS I.D. is a work breakdown structure identification number assigned to each project selected for inclusion in the TIP and STIP.
- The Project Code Number on highway-related projects is a tracking number assigned by CDOT for financial management purposes. FTA assigns the identification number for Transit projects.
- The Project Sponsor is the agency responsible for initiating, managing, and completing the project and, in many if not all cases, for providing matching funds.
- The Federal Obligation is the approved federal portion available during the federal fiscal year.
  The obligation amounts for each of the projects are summed to show the total obligation by TIP funding category.
- The Federal Advance Construction amount is related to arrangements made to begin projects without a guarantee of federal funds but with federal approval of the project in anticipation federal funds will become available in the future. The state may later apply to have the project converted to federal-aid funding.

## FY 2025 Listing Federally

# **Obligated Projects**

	Federal Highway Administration		
Project Name	Fund Type	STIP	Federal-Aid Funds
HIGHWAYUS 50			
US 50AOverlay MP296 to 309, Pueblo County	National Highway Performance	SR25216.160	\$ 7,967.00
US 50APueblo Regional Pond EMpo 311.5	Surface Transportation	SPB70004.999	\$ (150,241.00)
US 50C Drainage Improvements	National Highway Performance	SR26867.059	\$ 699,999.00
I-25			
I-25 at US 50B Reconstruction	Highway Safety Improvements	SPB3865.999	\$ 5,988,038.00
I-25 at US 50B Reconstruction	National Highway Freight	SPB3865.999	\$ 8,500,000.00
I-25 at US 50B Reconstruction	National Highway Performance	SPB3865.999	\$ 1,400.00
I-25APueblo Interchange IMP at Exit 108	National Highway Performance	SR26867.119	\$ 1,520,993.00
I-25APueblo Pavement Rehab MP 92-102.6	National Highway Performance	SR25216.178	\$ 15,939,618.00
I-25APueblo Resurfacing MP 64-79.6	National Highway Performance	SR25216.171	\$ 9,088,421.50
14-I-25 Through Pueblo New Freeway	National Highway Performance	SST7099.005	\$ 5,031,945.00
2565-I-25 At Exit 104 – Dillon Drive Imp	Surface Transportation	SST7099.004	\$ 1,414,661.00
SH45 &47			
SH47APueblo Area Microsurfacing	Surface Transportation	SR25216.161	\$ 503,853.00
CO 45 & Mirror Signal Project	Highway Safety Improvements	SR26644.108	\$ 4,055.00
OFF CORRIDOR			
Joe Martinez Trail	Transportation Alternatives	SR25079.079	\$ 100,730.00
City of Pueblo Northern Avenue Phase 3	Transportation Alternatives	SR25079.078	\$ 4,641.00
City of Pueblo Dillon Roundabout	Highway Safety Improvements	SR26644.101	\$ 100,800.00
Adams and Jackson Roundabout	Highway Safety Improvements	SR26644.104	\$ 468,324.00
FREIGHT			
R2 Freight Corridor Timber Brgs Retrofit	National Highway Freight	SR25164.076	\$ 518,981.00
REGIONAL			

Region 2 Culverts Program	Surface Transportation	SR26710.048	\$ 143,275.00
CPG			
M25-6.03 FY2025 RPAPueblo Area COG	State Planning & Research	SST7002.999	\$ 859.00
FY25 Consolidated Planning Grant	Metro Planning	SST5274.007	\$ 380,732.00
TOTAL			\$ 50,269,051.50

## <u>Pueblo Transit</u>

Application Number	Application Description	Contract Award Date	Status	Total Obligation Amount
CO-2025-003	FY20 & 23 Section 5307 – Operating, PM & Paratransit	1/27/2025	Active (Executed)	\$2,862,090
CO-2025-020	FY2025 5307 Small Urban – Operating, Preventive Maintenance & ADA Paratransit	7/24/2025	Active (Executed)	\$3,181,584
			Total	\$6,043,674