



COLORADO

Department of Transportation

CDOT Grant Program Calls: TAP, SRTS, and Activating Communities

DRCOG

August 2026



State & Federal Multimodal Funding

August 30th:

- Safe Routes Activating Communities Program

Early October:

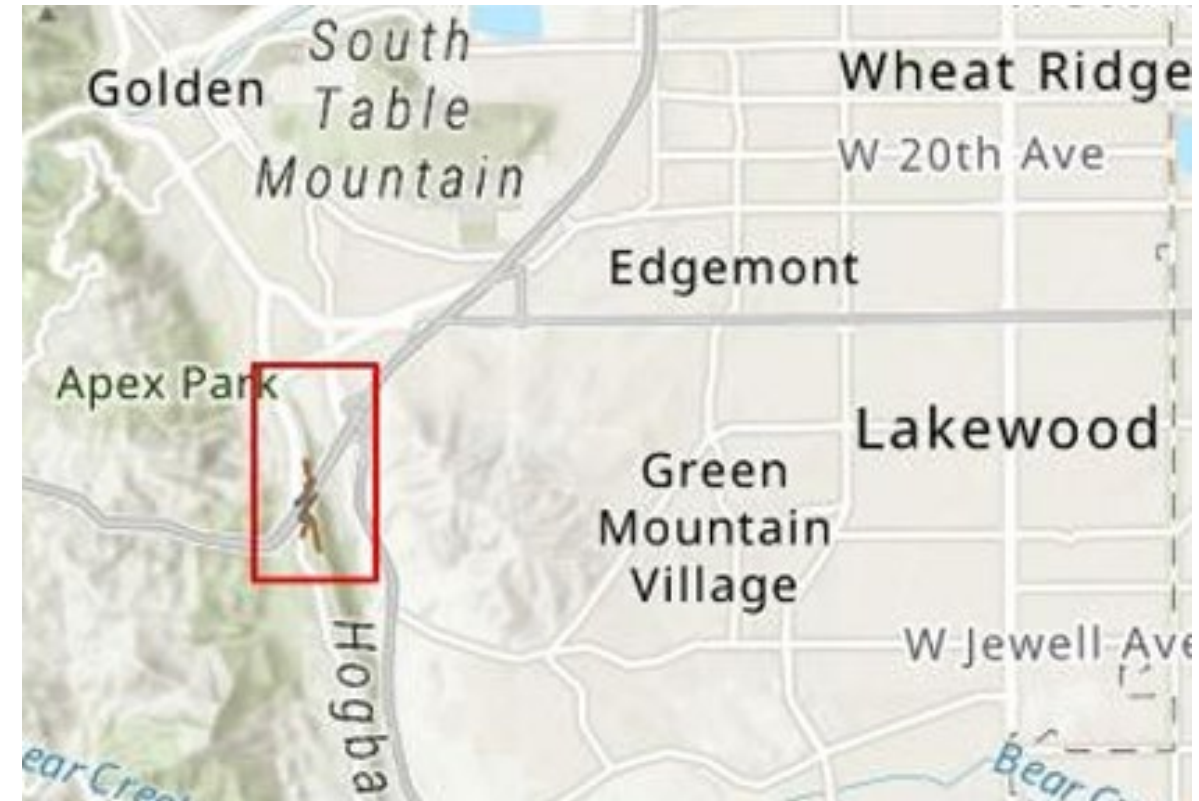
- SRTS - Safe Routes to School
- TAP - Transportation Alternatives Program



These 3 CDOT grants

Details

- Applicants can be:
 - local and tribal governments,
 - Schools and school districts,
 - Local or regional government entity accountable for oversight of transportation (ex: business improvement districts, public land agency, etc.)
- Reimbursement grant
- Follow federal requirements





Safe Routes Activating Communities Program

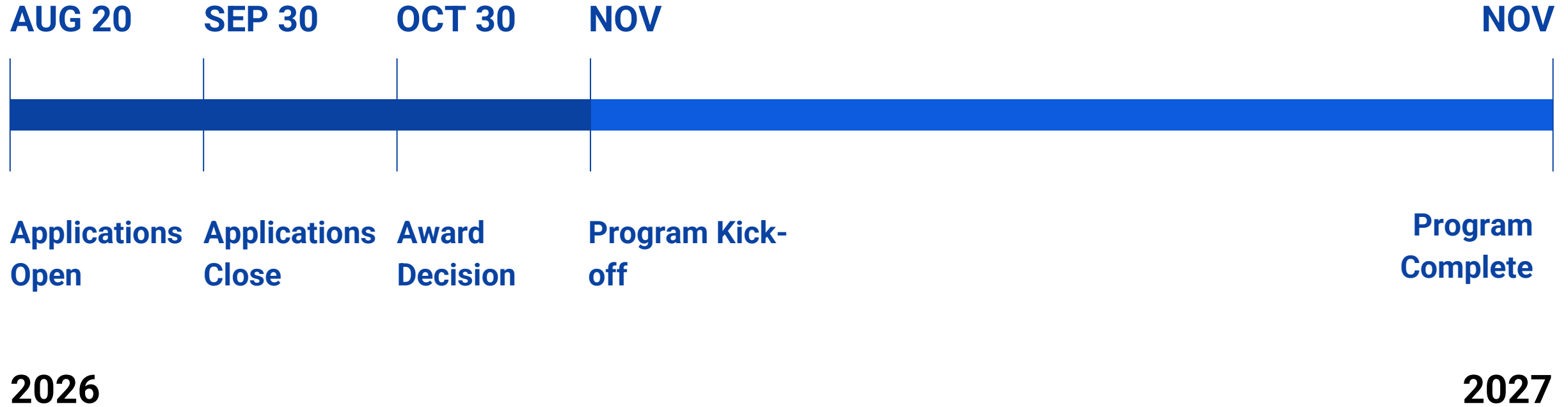
Overview

A 12-month program to enhance the capacity of **small and lower-resourced communities** in developing safer walking, biking and rolling routes to your everyday destinations.

- **Peer Learning:** Six virtual “Community of Practice” sessions
- **Expert Guidance:** Up to 10 hours of individual technical assistance to develop a customized safe routes action plan
- **You will walk away with:**
 - A local **Safe Routes Action Plan**
 - **Early Action Funding:** \$10,000 to implement community engagement or data collection
 - *No match required.*



Safe Routes Activating Communities Program





Planning for Federally Funded Programs

Surface Transportation Funding Bill

- Legislative process for setting the multi-year policies, priorities, and funding levels for the federal surface transportation program which includes federally funded transportation grants.
- IIJA is the current funding authorization bill - expires on September 30, 2026
 - This includes TAP, SRTS, STBG and more
- Status
 - BUILD 250 is in draft...
 - Reauthorization process will impact grants





Colorado TAP Allocation

Awarding Entities

Funds are distributed based on a formula. Projects are selected by a competitive process.

34.5%

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)

- 34.5% is available to award by MPOs with an urbanized population of over 200,000 (NFR, DRCOG & PPACG)

58%

Colorado DOT (CDOT)

- 58% is divided between the CDOT regions
- Divided into regions via a formula of: 45% VMT, 40% lane miles, 15% truck VMT.

7.5%

Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW)

- 7.5% is allocated to the Recreation Trails grant program



New to TAP and SRTS for applicants

- 1 One application - two funding programs
- 2 Applications submission is online
- 3 Fewer attachments
- 4 All applicants will be required to submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) and receive engineering and compliance review prior to application submission



Planning for SRTS Projects

SRTS Eligible Project Types
Must be within 2 miles of a k-12 school

Construction (Infrastructure)

- Pedestrian and bicycle paths
- Wayfinding and speed enforcement signage
- Traffic calming elements
- Bike parking

Programming (Non-Infrastructure)

- Education, training and materials
- Program coordination
- Events and encouragement activities





Planning for TAP Projects

TAP Eligible Project Types

Pedestrian and Bike

- Pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- **Safe routes to schools**
- Vulnerable road user safety assessments
- Conversion of abandoned railway corridors to trails

Historic/Scenic Activities

- Outdoor advertising management
- Historic preservation & rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities
- Scenic turnouts and overlooks

Environmental Mitigation

- Vegetation management
- Archaeological activities
- Stormwater mitigation
- Wildlife management

Boulevards*

- Converting a former interstate system or divided highways into low-speed boulevards

**note: category with narrow eligibility*

Planning for TAP & SRTS Calls

Call to be released October of 2026

- Covering FY27, 28, 29
- Will follow a similar review and scoring process to the last call
- Specific state and federal requirements will define scoring rubric



New to TAP scoring

Neighborhood Centers

- Voluntary designation by local gov'ts. Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) process for review and approval.
- Current or planned transit corridors, downtowns, main streets, or other walkable mixed-use neighborhoods
- These places often have unique needs for:
 - Context sensitive design
 - Complete streets
 - Pedestrian and bicyclist safety



New to TAP & SRTS scoring

State of Colorado Executive Order D 2025 011 Strategic Growth Laws



DOLA monitors compliance (7 laws) on the [Compliance Dashboard](#)

Jurisdictional compliance statuses as of **July 1, 2026** For more information about the classifications in this dashboard, please visit: [Compliance Framework and Guidelines Executive Order D 2025 005](#)

July 2026 Update - Local Compliance Status with 2024 and 2025 Strategic Growth Laws

Jurisdiction

	Jurisdiction	HB24-1007 Residential Occupancy Required Date: 7/1/2024	HB24-1304 Parking Required Date: 6/30/2025	HB24-1152 ADU Reporting Due: 6/30/2025	HB24-1313: Preliminary Transit- Oriented Community Assessment Report Reporting Due: 6/30/2025	HB24-1313: Housing Opportunity Goal Report Reporting Due: 12/31/2026	HB24-1313: Housing Opportunity Goal Compliance Reporting Due: 12/31/2027	SB24-174: Housing Needs Assessments (HNAs) Reporting Due: 12/31/2026	SB24-174: Local Housing Action Plans (LHAPs) Reporting Due: 1/1/2028	SB24-174: Comprehensive Plan Elements Reporting Due: 12/31/2026	SB25-002: Shall Not Impose More Restrictive Standards Required Date: 5/8/2025	SB25-002: Shall Not Exclude Factory- Built Structures Required Date: 7/1/2026	HB25-1273: Stair Modernization Required Date: 12/1/2027
1.	Adams County	Assumed Compliance; Reporting Not Required	Assumed Compliance; Reporting Not Required	Compliant	Compliant	N/A Deadline Not Passed	N/A Deadline Not Passed	Compliant	N/A Deadline Not Passed	N/A Deadline Not Passed	Assumed Compliance; Reporting Not Required	N/A Deadline Not Passed	Not Applicable
2.	Alamosa County	Assumed Compliance; Reporting Not Required	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Conditional: Pending Comp Plan Submission to DOLA	Assumed Compliance; Reporting Not Required	N/A Deadline Not Passed	Not Applicable
3.	Arapahoe County	Assumed Compliance; Reporting Not Required	Assumed Compliance; Reporting Not Required	Not Applicable	Compliant	N/A Deadline Not Passed	N/A Deadline Not Passed	Compliant	N/A Deadline Not Passed	N/A Deadline Not Passed	Assumed Compliance; Reporting Not Required	N/A Deadline Not Passed	Not Applicable
4.	Archuleta County	Assumed Compliance; Reporting Not Required	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Compliant	N/A Deadline Not Passed	N/A Deadline Not Passed	Assumed Compliance; Reporting Not Required	N/A Deadline Not Passed	Not Applicable

TAP Call Review Committee

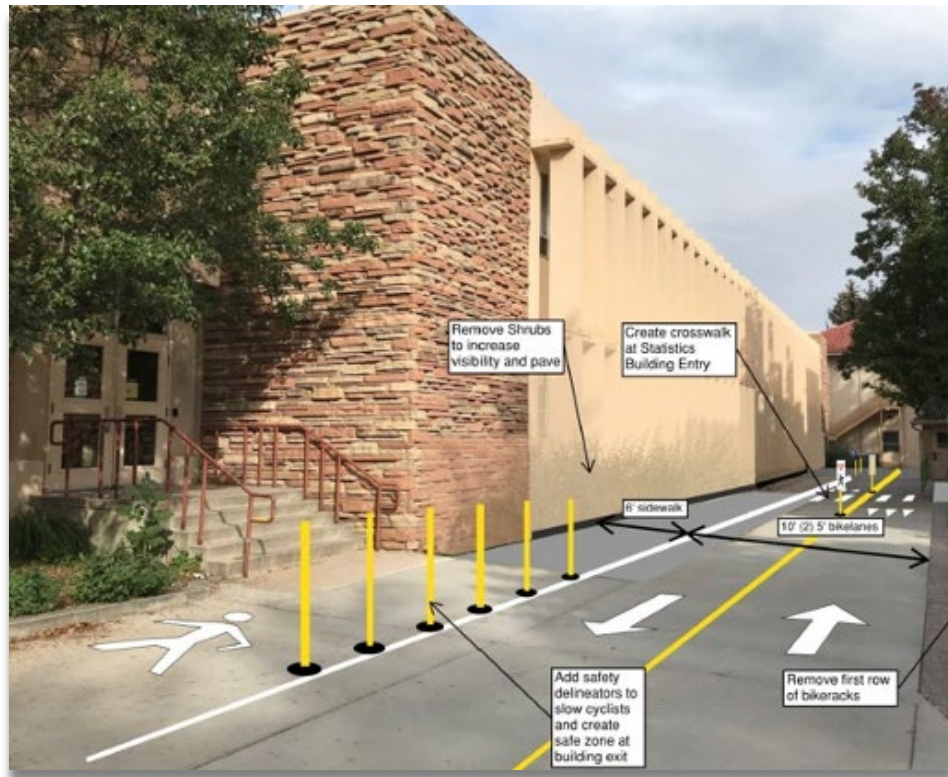
Regionally based review committees with local experts

CDOT expert in transit

CDOT expert in active transportation

CDOT regional representative

Representative from each TPR





Scoring Committee Tasks

- Objectively and equitably **reviewing, evaluating, and scoring grant applications** according to evaluation scoring criteria by established deadlines
- Applying your knowledge by **assessing the feasibility, significance, potential impact, and innovation in approach** to achieve key outcomes related to TAP goals
- **Attending** the scheduled review committee meetings and pre-review training
- Formally **recommending** which applications should receive grant funding to CDOT executive leadership



Scoring Committee Responsibilities

- **Adhere to a conflict avoidance practice.** Members are expected to declare a potential conflict of interest and to recuse themselves from any decision-making role which presents a potential or perceived conflict
- **Maintain confidentiality** in the review confidential time period
- **Present comments, based on factual knowledge,** regarding the application and its connection to the outcomes outlined in the scoring sheet



Planning for TAP & SRTS Calls

Getting Prepared

Designing the right intervention - Join us:

- September 21 & 22: Fort Collins - Northside Aztlan Community Center
- September 24 & 25: Denver - Wellington E Webb Building

[Pedestrian Facility Design Training \(TETP\)](#): learn about safety concerns and countermeasures to deliver safe and comfortable pedestrian facilities along highways and arterial roads.

[Bicycle Facility Design Training \(TETP\)](#): learn the design needs of a variety of bikeway users and shared best practices in safe and comfortable bikeways.

Subrecipient Grant Training

- **101**: This virtual 15 minute recording provides a high level overview of CDOT's grant process. Learn the steps to stay in compliance and where to find resources when working through a transportation grant.

Takeaways



Are you considering applying for TAP or SRTS funds?

1. Attend trainings applicable to your role
2. Know your strategic growth compliance status
3. Consider applying for Neighborhood Center designation
4. Ensure your project is fully ready:
 - a. Vetted & right-sized budget
 - b. Choose a top priority project with a clear transportation benefit
 - c. Ensure you have strong local support
 - d. Know the value in numbers
5. Join our e-newsletter list to receive the notifications

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For active transportation funding questions, contact active.insights@state.co.us

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