Transportation Advisory Committee

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December 2025 High Wind Event

Agenda item type: Informational briefing

Summary
Overview of the impacts from the December 2025 High Wind Event on the Denver region and the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) response.

Background
This presentation provides an overview of the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) response to the December 2025 windstorms. With information indicating foothill wind gusts exceeding 100 mph and Xcel Energy initiating Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) to mitigate wildfire risks across five Front Range counties, CDOT proactively closed critical foothill corridors to prevent vehicle rollovers, preserve evacuation routes, and ensure clear access for emergency responders.

The shutoffs left 10 corridors in Region 1 without power and caused 49 intersections to go dark for multiple days. The presentation also covers lessons learned and how the agency is preparing for future such events.

Action by others
None

Previous discussion/action
None

Recommendation
None

Attachment
Staff presentation

For more information
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