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Colorado Will Factor Bus Rapid Transit into Plans for New Highway Construction

DENVER—The board of the Colorado High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) adopted a new policy that supports planning for multimodal transportation on tolled highway lanes as they are developed in the state, effective July 16.

The policy requires that HPTE consider including bus rapid transit for all new toll lanes. It also requires HPTE to consider using toll revenues to support the capital and operating costs of transit service.

“This new policy ensures that the state will at least consider a fast and efficient bus service as well as other modes of transit that help reduce traffic and clogged highways as our population grows,” said Will Toor, director of transportation programs for the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEEP). SWEEP proposed the policy language that ultimately was adopted by the board.

Toor noted that most new highway capacity in Colorado will be tolled lanes, so the new policy takes a big step forward in maximizing the added capacity.

The Southwest Energy Efficiency Project is a public interest organization dedicated to advancing energy efficiency in AZ, CO, NV, NM, UT and WY.

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