



COLORADO Department of Transportation

BRT and Bustang Update - TLRC July 23, 2024



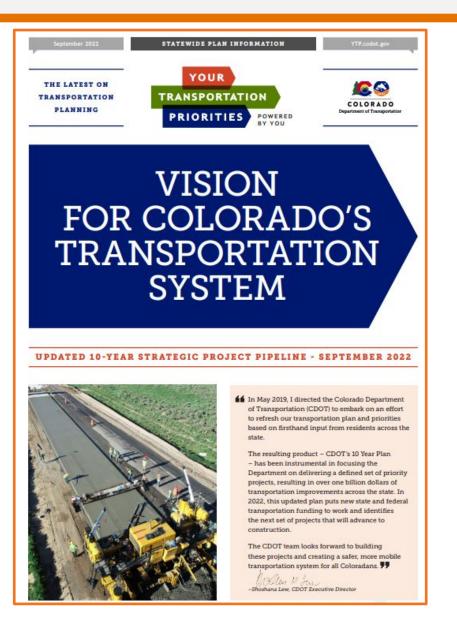
Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Program

- Region 1 (Denver Metro)
- Started in 2023
- 3 FTEs
 - Division of Traffic and Safety
- Work closely with Region 1 specialities and programs
- Coordinate with Division of Transit and Rail
 - Deliver services that integrate statewide, regional, and local transit systems





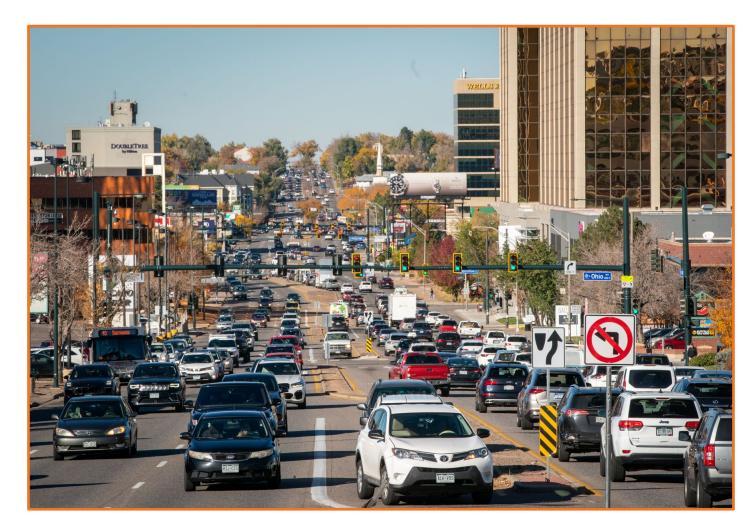
- Enhance transportation options on state highways
- Improve connections to the region's passenger rail system
- Improve transit for existing riders
- Attract new riders
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions





Why BRT on Urban Arterial State Highways?

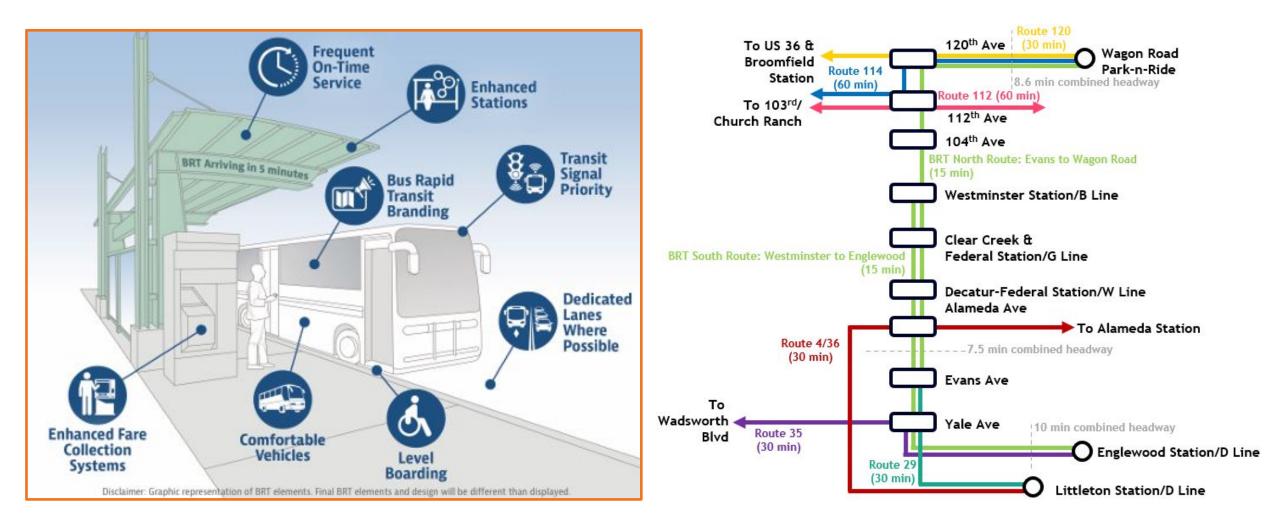
- RTD's highest ridership bus routes
- Buses currently experience significant delays and long travel times
- Initial studies predict high demand for service and local support
- High potential for federal funding support



Colorado Blvd. 10/28/22 (Credit: Hart Van Denburg/CPR News)



BRT Infrastructure and Service

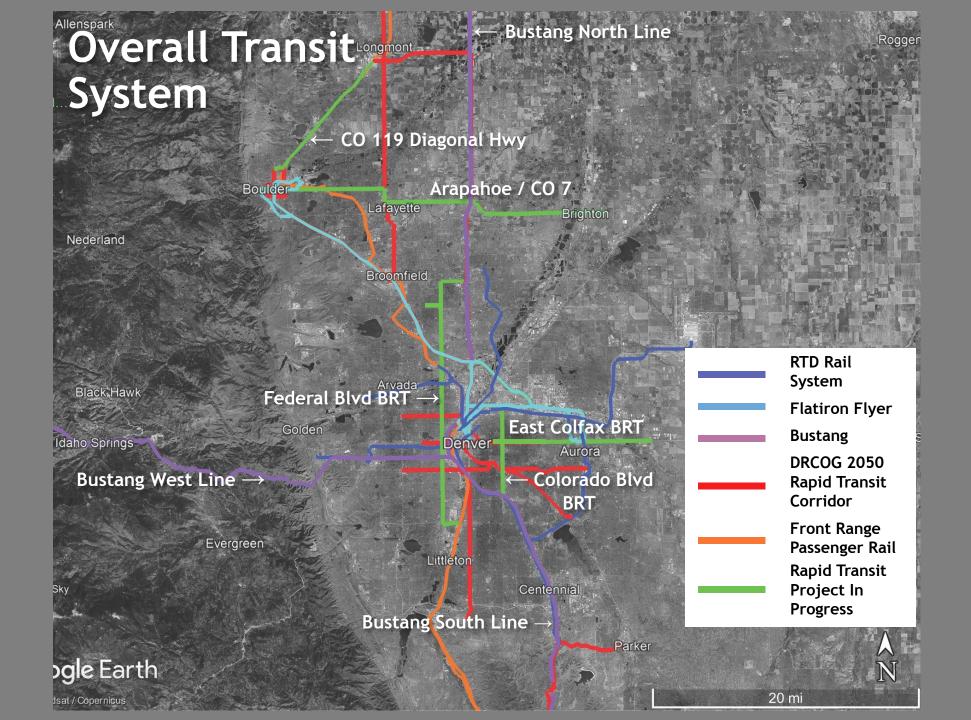




CDOT-led BRT Implementation Timeline

BRT Corridor	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
CO-119 (Region 4)	Design		Construct	ion			
Federal Blvd.	NEPA and Preliminary Design		Design		Construction		
(120 th Ave Dartmouth Ave.)	Secure Funding		Finalize Funding				
Colorado Blvd. (East 40th Ave Buchtel Blvd.)	Corridor Study/Alternatives Analysis		atives				
			NEPA and Preliminary Design		Design	Constr	uction
		Sec	ure Funding	Finalize	e Funding		

- Federal Blvd. BRT
 - Submit rating application to FTA for Small Starts grant later this year
 - Finish 30% Design and NEPA by Summer of 2025
- Colorado Blvd. BRT
 - Starting Alternatives Analysis/selection, traffic modeling
 - Finish 30% Design and NEPA by Summer of 2026

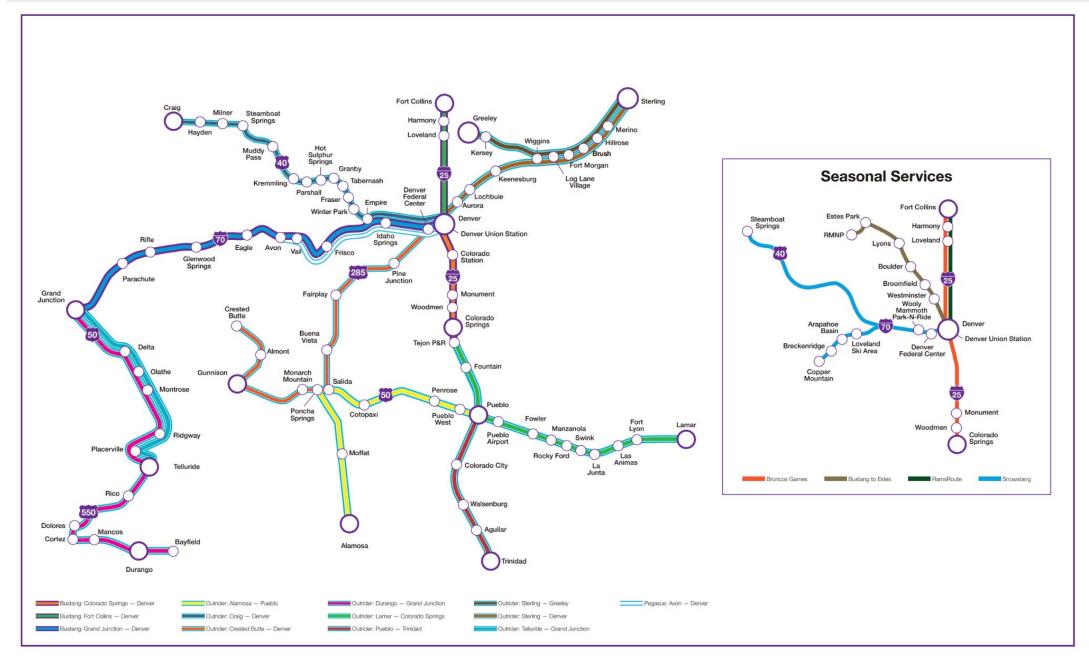




Bustang History

- Bustang "Main Lines" service launched in July 2015 as a Mon-Fri, mostly commuter-focused service serving the Front Range I-25 corridor
 - One trip each weekday between Denver and the I-70 Mountain Corridor
- Rural-focused Bustang Outrider network launched in 2018
 - Currently eight different routes throughout Colorado
- Seasonal services, Snowstang and Bustang to Estes Park, both launched in 2019
- Pegasus shuttle service launched in 2022, offering more frequent service between Denver and Vail using smaller (non-CDL) vehicles











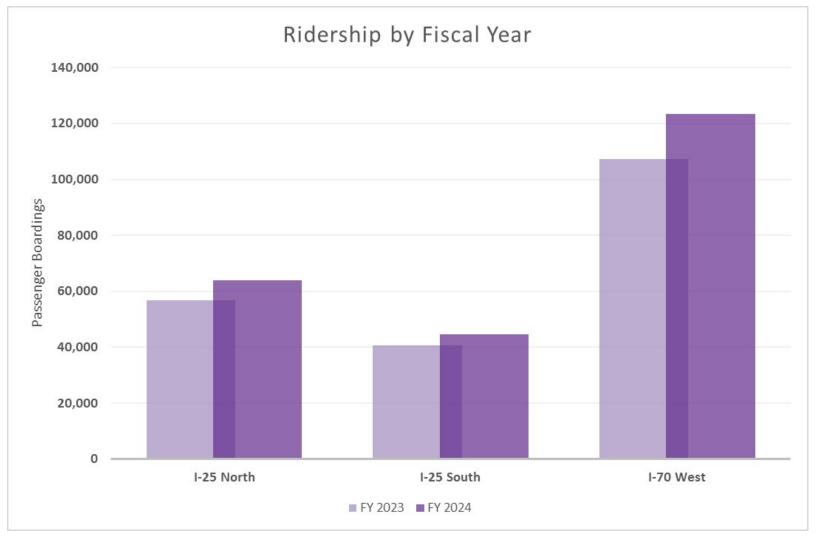






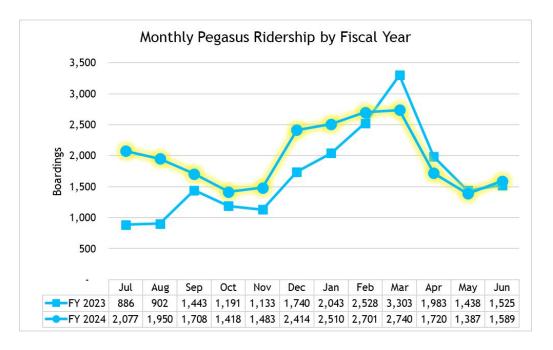
Bustang Ridership Update

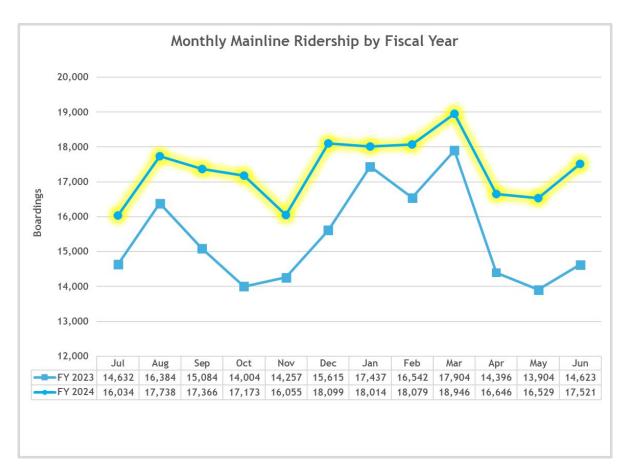
- Overall ridership has increased 11% from FY 2023
- Ridership on I-70 West corridor up 14%





- Ridership for State Fiscal Year 2024 (7/2023-6/2024):
 - Full Bustang Family of Services: 290,700 (+11%)
 - West Line: 99,800 (+11%)
 - Pegasus: 23,700 (+18%)
 - Snowstang: 8,000 (+2%)







Colorado SB 22-180 (signed May 2022) provided \$30 million over three years to implement a pilot service expansion program

Corridor	Before SB 22-180	Current Service	Full Expansion Service (Winter 2024)
I-25 North Fort Collins to Denver	6 Daily Round Trips Mon-Fri 2 Daily Round Trips Sat-Sun	8 Daily Round Trips Mon-Fri3 Daily Round Trips Sat-Sun	12 Daily Round Trips Mon-Fri 6 Daily Round Trips Sat-Sun
I-25 South Colorado Spgs. to Denver	6 Daily Round Trips Mon-Fri 2 Daily Round Trips Sat-Sun	8 Daily Round Trips Mon-Fri 3 Daily Round Trips Sat-Sun	12 Daily Round Trips Mon-Fri 6 Daily Round Trips Sat-Sun
I-70 West (Bustang) Grand Junction to Denver	 4 Daily Round Trips 2 Denver-Grand Junction 1 Denver-Glenwood Spgs 1 Denver-Avon 	 7 Daily Round Trips 3 Denver-Grand Junction 4 Denver-Glenwood Spgs 	15 Daily Round TripsSplits TBD
I-70 West (Pegasus) Denver to Avon	Did not exist	10 Daily Round Trips Fri-Sun6 Daily Round Trips Mon-Thurs	Maintain Current Service

New Bustang Fleet









New Bustang Vehicle Wraps







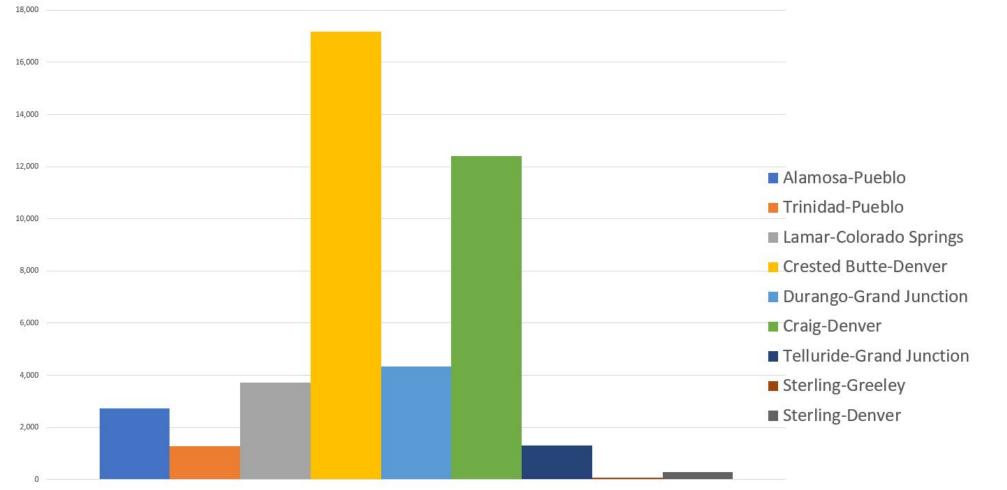
Bustang Partnerships

Project	Partners
Digital Mobility Hub Project (Formerly Connected Colorado)	Bustang, All Points Transit (Montrose), Clear Creek County, Town of Winter Park
Multi-Agency Ticketing and Trip Planning Integration	FTA, RTD, Bustang, Transit App, Masabi, Lyft, Lone Tree Link, Boulder B-Cycle
Coping Panels Project Partnership	Bustang, RTD
Bustang Outrider Service Operators	ACE Express Coaches Alpine Express (CO West Transportation) Senior Resource Development Agency (SRDA) Southern Colorado Community Action Agency (SoCoCAA) Northeastern Colorado Association of Local Governments (NECALG) South Central Council of Governments (SCCOG)



Outrider Ridership

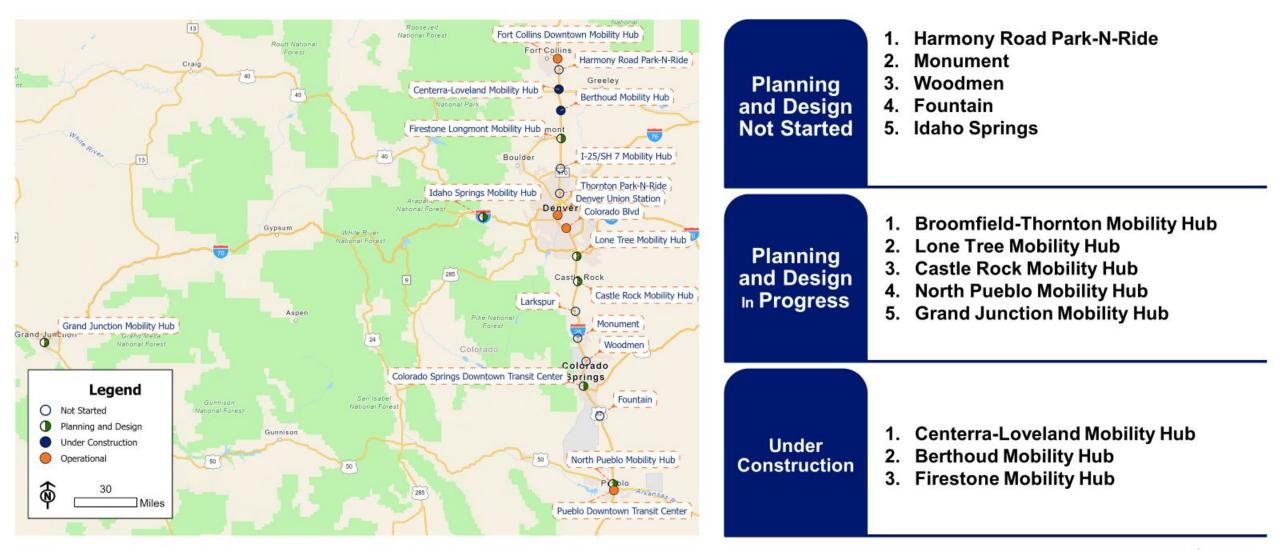




¹² Month Ridership per Route-Total Ridership 42,965

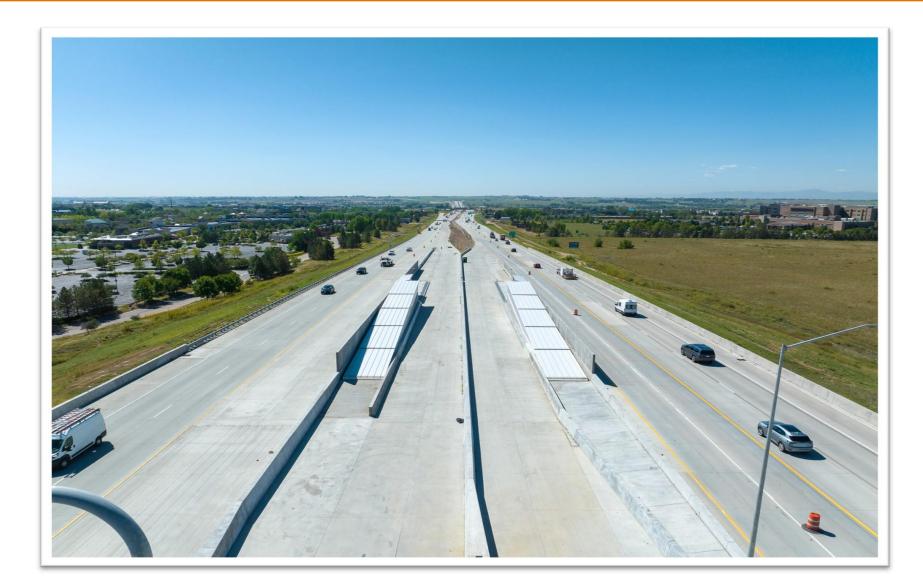


Statewide Mobility Hubs



Centerra-Loveland Mobility Hub





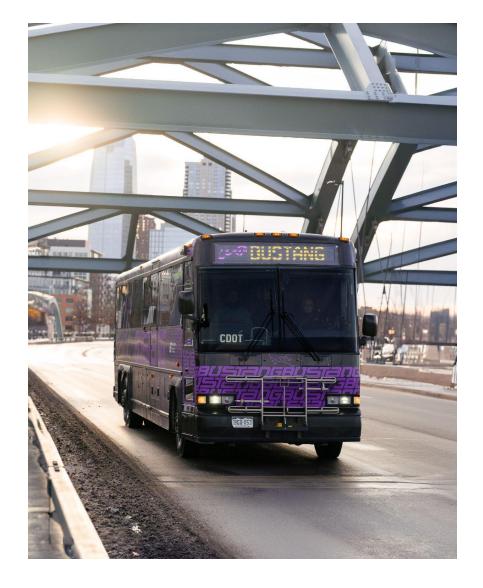


- Phase III Levels of Service November 2024
- Transit Connections Study
- Bustang Business Plan
- Bustang Asset Management Plan
- Outrider Stop Improvements





Questions and Discussion



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