Planning & the 2021 Colorado Legislative Session
What Will You Learn Today?

- APA’s work with Colorado’s Legislature
- How we’ve been effective and can be more effective
- What happened in the 2021 legislative session
- New bills important to planning
- All about SB21-260: Sustainability of the Transportation System and what it means moving forward
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Planners from across the state with different perspectives and expertise: Rural/Urban Front Range Mountains Economic Development Transportation Water and Environment Local Government Administration Community...
Legislative Priorities

Tells us what’s important to you and our communities across Colorado.

Helps us focus our efforts on the bills that matter most to planners.

Take the survey soon!
Stay tuned to APA communications channels so you don’t miss the link!
Building Relationships & Voicing Opinions

Our relationships with legislators give weight to APA’s input on bills. They trust our opinions as view us as an important resource.

APA Lobbyist
Written Comments
Testimony
It’s storytime!

We’re using stories to communicate with legislators...

70% of learning is consumed through storytelling

Stories are 22 times more memorable than facts
Policy is about people and communities.

We tell stories to highlight impacts and make the needs understandable.

“If I had heard from just one constituent…”
Tx Rep Richard Raymond

Your Mission:
Help us tell your community’s stories.

Planner’s Day @
The Capitol

- Talk to your legislator/hear from a legislator
- Learn what legislation is active
- Discuss impacts on planning

Google APA Colorado YouTube or
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcXmXPgj3ingStgBJbbp8tw
Working beyond the state to influence national policy and build relationships with our federal legislators
The 2021 Legislative Session

- COVID: Session & Funding Impacts
- 293 senate Bills 330 house bills (623 total)
56 Bills
Tracked

- 33 bills passed
- APA actively supported 15 bills
What Should We Take Away from the 2021 Session?

- Budget situation was better than anticipated 😊
- Climate Change efforts had energy, but more is anticipated
- Affordable Housing bills had a couple of key passages, sets the stage for 2022
- Transportation had a big year with a successful funding bill ⭐
We have new tools for local governments to promote affordable housing. Expect to see more next session.

- HB21-1028 Annual Public Report Affordable Housing
- HB21-1117 Local Government Authority Promote Affordable Housing Units
- HB21-1271 DOLA Innovative Affordable Housing Strategies
There were big efforts, not all successful, implementing the Roadmap was a central topic, more to come next year.

- HB21-1242 Create Agricultural Drought And Climate Resilience Office
- HB21-1286 Energy Performance For Buildings
- SB21-161 Voluntary Reduce Greenhouse Gas Natural Gas Utility
- SB21-200 Reduce Greenhouse Gases Increase Environmental Justice
- SB21-264 Adopt Programs Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions Utilities
Water issues were important, but not a central topic. Focus was on quantity and implementing State Water Plan.

- HB21-1046 Water Share Right Mutual Ditch Corporation
- HB21-1260 General Fund Transfer Implement State Water Plan
- HB21-1268 Study Emerging Technologies For Water Management
COVID showed needs for economic and resiliency issues. The legislature started to address these needs, will continue in 2022.

- Multiple Stimulus Funding Bills
- HB21-1061 Residential Land Property Tax Classification
- HB21-1208 Natural Disaster Mitigation Enterprise
- SB21-060 Expand Broadband Service
This was a big year for transportation. Colorado efforts will help us leverage future federal funding.

- HB21-1095 811 Locate Exemption For County Road Maintenance
- HB21-1186 Regional Transportation District Operation
- SB21-238 Create Front Range Passenger Rail District
- SB21-260 Sustainability Of The Transportation System
Let’s learn more about SB260 from the Bill Sponsor!

Representative Matt Gray

- District 33 – Broomfield, Superior, Western Erie
- Transportation & Local Government Committee Vice Chair, Finance Committee Member
- Former District Attorney, Public Finance expert
- Eternally optimistic about the Broncos
Thank You!
Shaida Libhart, Scott Bressler, Sol Malick

Let’s answer your questions!

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