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Hey Chris,

I wanted to follow up on the question your boss raised with Secretary Duffy during the hearing regarding work zone crashes in Colorado and share some additional information.

The Federal-aid highway program is a Federally-funded, state-administered program. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) provides risk-based oversight to monitor the effective and efficient use of these funds. This oversight is outlined in Colorado's Stewardship and Oversight Agreement,^[1] which includes mechanisms for ensuring work zone safety. For example, FHWA's Colorado Division Office participates in CDOT's annual work zone Traffic Control Review (TCR), reviewing a random sample of projects across the state. In addition, FHWA's Division Office reviews Colorado's annual TCR report, which summarizes the findings and observations from these reviews. These TCRs provide an opportunity for FHWA to ensure that CDOT's work zones comply with 23 CFR 630 Subparts J and K, which set forth requirements for addressing safety and mobility impacts in work zones on Federal-aid highway projects.

The DOT and FHWA are committed to enhancing work zone safety. For example, FHWA has issued an updated Work Zone Safety and Mobility and Temporary Traffic Control Devices rule,^[2] which took effect on December 2, 2024. This final rule was the first update to the regulation in 20 years. Among other things, the rule requires the use of positive protection devices, such as temporary concrete barriers, to protect workers from traffic operating at high speeds in work zones in certain scenarios. The FHWA Colorado Division will continue to work closely with CDOT, including to update Colorado's Work Zone Safety and Mobility Policy in alignment with the new federal requirements and guidelines. These new requirements also mandate that States identify safety and mobility performance measures to monitor and manage work zone performance.

Moreover, for 25 years, FHWA has worked with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) to coordinate and sponsor National Work Zone Awareness Week each Spring. This public awareness campaign brings nationwide attention to work zone safety, and highlights steps that road users can take to be more vigilant in work zones.

[1] <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federalaid/stewardship/agreements/co.pdf>

[2] 23 CFR Part 630; <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/11/01/2024-25065/work-zone-safety-and-mobility-and-temporary-traffic-control-devices>

Let me know if you have any questions!

Thanks,

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