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### **Colorado's Recent Transportation Successes, Future Challenges**

The city of Denver and state of Colorado have seen their share of transportation successes in recent years, thanks in large measure to regional cooperation, federal investment, a 2004 tax increase, partnerships with the private sector and some innovative thinking. But the city and state still face numerous challenges in the years ahead.

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### **Disappearing Vets: Veterans a Critical, but Shrinking, Voice in Legislatures**

The number of active duty military members or veterans in Congress has been shrinking for decades. We asked three state legislators how their service in the military has affected them as policymakers and what they think this trend of veterans missing from capitols means for states.

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### **White House Releases Landmark Climate Change Rule**

The Obama administration released the final version of the Clean Power Plan last week at a White House ceremony attended by a crowd of administration officials, members of Congress and environmental advocates. The highly anticipated plan is the first comprehensive federal rule to target carbon emissions from existing, new and modified power plants.

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### **Harm Reduction: Needle-borne Disease and Substance Abuse**

Earlier this year, an unexpected outbreak of HIV in southern Indiana triggered a high-profile emergency response while demonstrating the dangerous link between substance abuse and certain infectious diseases. This FREE eCademy webcast Aug. 18 at 2 p.m. EDT will explore lessons from Indiana's experience, policy options and the latest research on effective treatment of substance abuse.

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### **Average Internet Speeds by State and Internationally**

According to NetIndex, which tracks key metrics related to the Internet, the United States ranks 24th in terms of average Internet speed, however there is great variation among the states. Some states have average download rates similar to the top 10 countries, while other states' rates are comparable to such nations as Macedonia and Kazakhstan.

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### **GlaxoSmithKline Seeks Cure for HIV and AIDS**

Earlier this year, GlaxoSmithKline, a member of CSG's Leadership Circle, announced its collaboration with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to create a center dedicated to finding a cure for HIV and AIDS. The HIV Cure center will be located on the university's campus and is expected to attract top talent from around the world.

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### **Kentucky Saved \$723,000 in 2014 on State Employee Health Care**

Kentucky is taking the lead, using an innovative approach, to provide its 9,000 state employees and their dependents with readily accessible primary care options. The state has health clinics that provide primary care and treatment for allergies, acute infections, strep throat, rashes, cold and flu, and routine wellness and prevention. Since its inception in 2010, state employees have experienced reduced time away from work, increased work productivity and reduced out-of-pocket health care costs.

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### **Colorado Gov. Roy Romer Receives Bettye Fahrenkamp Award**

CSG West awarded the Bettye Fahrenkamp Award for Distinguished Legislative Leadership to former Colorado Gov. Roy Romer. Romer has a distinguished career serving the people of Colorado as a state representative and senator, as well as three terms as governor. The Fahrenkamp Award, named in honor of Alaska state Sen. Bettye Fahrenkamp, recognizes leaders whose legislative careers demonstrate the ability to work beyond the border of their own states in the interest of the West.

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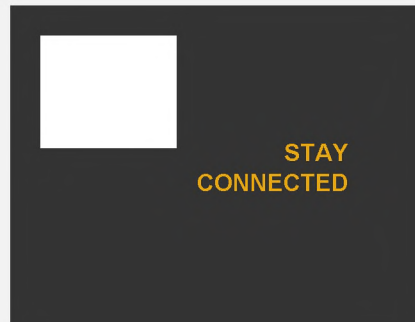
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