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## **Traffic Gridlock Caused By Funding Gridlock**

*Free Webinar Illustrates Current Transportation Funding Challenges, Plot Path Forward*

**Denver – Feb. 28, 2014** – Traffic – whether it’s congestion on our commute to work or nightmare six-hour weekend backups on I-70 through the mountains – it’s easy to see our current transportation network is stretched beyond capacity.

You also find congestion when it comes to funding relief. Colorado is boxed in by:

- Voter approved measures like the Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights (TABOR) that prevent lawmakers from raising taxes without a vote of the people,
- An obsolete and inadequate funding stream through the gas tax that since last updated more than a decade ago has lost 60 percent of its purchasing power through inflation, and
- A federal government stuck in gridlock of its own that is unwilling or unable to provide support.

In light of these challenges, and the recent controversy over the Public-Private Partnership on the US 36 Managed Lanes Project, event sponsors Move Colorado and Ports-to-Plains Alliance invite you to participate in a free webinar presented by nationally recognized transportation funding expert Jack Schenendorf. This hour-long session will provide participants with:

- An understanding of current transportation funding issues,
- Understanding of how we arrived at this point,
- A projection of how the federal government is likely to approach future transportation funding for states, and
- A candid examination of options we have to address these issues for Colorado.

**When:** Friday, March 7, 2014 | 10 a.m. MST

**Registration:** Online via [www.MoveColorado.org](http://www.MoveColorado.org). Space is limited, so sign-up now!

**Move Colorado** is a private industry organization that provides information, sponsors education programs and supports the efforts of Colorado community, business and political leaders to solve transportation funding issues. For more information, visit [www.movecolorado.org](http://www.movecolorado.org).

**Ports-to-Plains** is a grassroots alliance of communities and businesses whose mission is to advocate for a robust transportation infrastructure to promote economic security and prosperity throughout North America's energy and agricultural heartland. Their website is [www.portstoplains.com](http://www.portstoplains.com).

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*Move Colorado's Free Transportation Funding Webinar*

**Jack Schenendorf** is Of Counsel with the law firm of Covington & Burling LLP in Washington, D.C. His practice concentrates on transportation and government affairs with a particular focus on legislative strategy, legislative procedure, and the federal budget process. He recently served as Vice-Chairman of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission, which was established by Congress in the SAFETEA-LU legislation. After more than two years of study, the Commission issued its Report in 2008. For nearly 25 years, Schenendorf served on the staff of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives. He was Chief of Staff from 1995 to 2001. Prior to joining the firm in 2001, Schenendorf served on the Bush/Cheney Transition where he was Chief of the Transition Policy Team for the U.S. Department of Transportation and was responsible for reviewing all transportation policies and issues for the incoming Administration. Schenendorf is a graduate of Union College and Georgetown University Law Center. He also served in the U.S. Navy as an officer in Admiral Rickover's Nuclear Submarine Program for more than five years prior to law school.

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