

## **Director Shoshana Lew's Bio:**

**Shoshana M. Lew** was appointed as the executive director for the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) in December 2018. She is charged with leading the department in planning for and addressing Colorado's transportation needs, overseeing 3,300 employees statewide, and an annual budget this year of approximately \$2 billion.

Under her leadership, CDOT has taken unprecedented steps to involve the public in the planning and development processes for infrastructure projects and has developed a comprehensive transparency and accountability strategy to offer better understanding how the department spends taxpayer funds. CDOT's Revitalizing Main Streets program, developed at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, has helped communities of all sizes use public spaces more creatively to promote safer outdoor activity and support the economy.

Prior to coming to Colorado, she served as the chief operating officer (COO) for the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT). She also served as the chief financial officer and assistant secretary for budget and programs for the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), as well as the deputy assistant secretary for transportation policy at the USDOT.

Lew has also worked in other areas of the federal government, including the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the Office of Management and Budget and Domestic Policy Council within the White House. Before her federal service, she worked at the Brookings Institution.

She is a graduate of Harvard University with a Bachelor's degree in American History and a Master's degree in American History from Northwestern University.