## Strategic Communications Forum Earned Media Session Heather Halpape – Colorado Dept. of Transportation

- ✔ Colorado Background
  - Ø Media landscape 3 main media markets. Pool cameras and loss of major daily newspaper
  - Minimum of 12 high-visibility DUI enforcement periods mandated by legislature, 3 CIOT enforcement periods, other safety initiatives
- ▼ Importance of Strategic Planning so you don't burn out the media
- ▼ Earned Media Tactics
  - Ø Unique visuals (I will show *tons* of examples and ideas used in Colorado)
  - Targeted pitching (not just typical beat reporters... weather anchor, sports reporters.... More examples)
  - Ø Localize!
  - Ø Developing relationships by supplying story ideas and unique interviews
- ▼ "Other" Earned Media options
  - Social media (examples: BAC app, Denver Broncos)
  - Media "tours" (DNC in Denver during DUI crackdown)
  - Guest Columns/Op Eds
  - Ø More examples Motorcycle Skill Rating map (KOA radio, trade publications)
- ✓ Summary and Questions