

# LET'S GO, COLORADO

## HOW WE GOT HERE

Colorado's transportation needs have gone unmet for decades. In every corner of our state, we lack the resources to maintain our roads, highways and local bus routes.

Because the state's gas tax isn't tied to inflation, there has been less and less revenue from existing gas taxes to address Colorado's transportation needs. Today, Colorado spends just \$69 per driver on transportation infrastructure, compared to 25 years ago when we spent almost twice that amount - \$125 per driver.

CDOT has more than \$9 billion in projects with no funding - and that's only part of the issue, our local communities lack the resources to address congestion, maintain roads and improve safety. **We need a statewide solution that ensures local governments have the resources to meet demands, addresses high-priority projects on state highways, and promotes multimodal transportation options that reduce congestion.**



78% of Colorado's roads will need to be repaired in the next 10 years, but the state lacks the budget to keep up. It's time to stop the band-aid approach.



Potholes and rough roads damage a vehicle's tires and suspensions, costing the average Colorado driver \$468 in repairs each year.



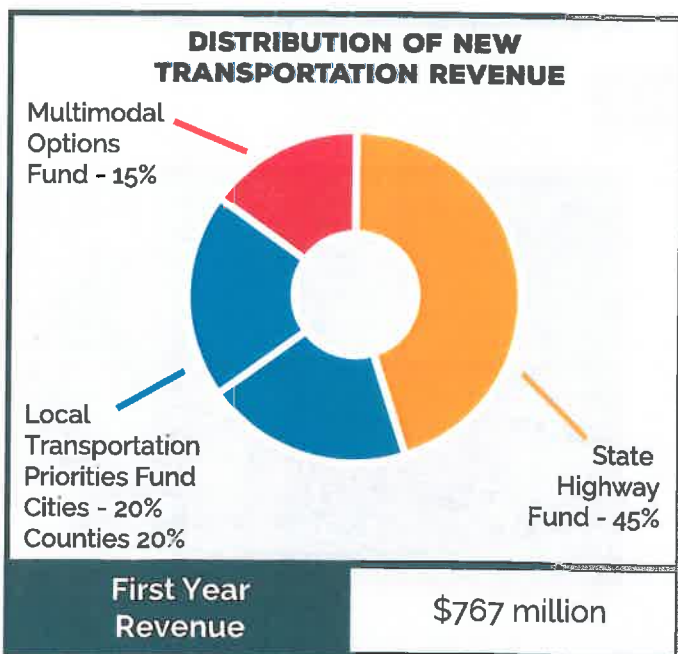
Each dollar spent on road improvements results in an average benefit of \$5.20 by reducing delays and fuel consumption, and improving safety.

## OUR PROPOSAL

**We need a new funding source to fix our roads.** A sales tax asks everyone to chip in, including the 80 million out-of-state tourists who use our infrastructure every year.

Our proposal will increase the state's sales tax by 0.62%, a little more than half a cent on a dollar purchase. This revenue will address longstanding problems with funding transportation projects in the state.

New revenue will be distributed to fund critical state projects that address safety and make it easier to get around, projects on local streets and highways as determined by local leaders and make a serious investment in multimodal transit to help reduce congestion and protect our air quality.



## FUNDING STATE PROJECTS

Our initiative will address major projects on I-25, I-70 and the state highways that connect our communities throughout Colorado.

- Improve traffic flow by widening lanes, adding passing lanes and improving interchanges.
- Improve safety by adding and widening shoulders, replacing bridges and building wildlife crossings.

We see on our commutes and daily travels that the needs at the state level are serious and immediate. By using bonds, we'll be able to start these projects right away.



## ADDRESSING LOCAL PRIORITIES

Local governments will have full flexibility of their share of the funding, allowing our communities to meet their diverse needs throughout the state.

Projects could include:

- Street repaving and pothole repair
- Matching for state projects
- New intersections, shoulders and signals
- Bike lanes, sidewalks and other transit options

This revenue will be split 50/50 between cities and counties based on lane miles and vehicle registrations.



## SUPPORTING MULTIMODAL OPTIONS

Multimodal funding will support transportation options that decrease traffic congestion and protect our air quality. This funding could be used to support urban and rural bus service, large scale bike lanes and paths, and improvements for pedestrians.

This revenue will be divided to leverage state local dollars to complete large and small projects, support interregional transit projects like Bustang, and distribute funds to local governments specifically for multimodal projects.

