

# FIX NORTH II-25



## BUILDING THE MOMENTUM FIX COLORADO ROADS COALITION

- NCLA
- Colorado Counties, Inc.
- Colorado Concern
- Colorado Business Roundtable
- NFIB
- Upstate Colorado
- Weld County
- Glenwood Springs Chamber of Commerce
- Colo-Wyo Petroleum Marketers Assoc
- Colorado Assoc of Commerce & Industry
- Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce

- Vail Valley Partnership
- Colorado Springs Regional Business Alliance
- South Metro Chamber of Commerce
- Loveland Chamber of Commerce
- AAA
- Colorado Motor Carriers Association
- Colorado Association of Realtors
- Greeley Chamber of Commerce
- Jefferson County Business Lobby
- Colorado Contractors Association



### BUILDING THE MOMENTUM

- Strong Regional Consensus on North I-25
  - Local governments and business united
  - Weld / Larimer united
  - Local government investments MPO, TIGER grant match
- Positioned North I-25 as a top priority for CDOT
  - Forged strong working relationship with CDOT
  - Developed Policy Framework responsive to CDOT needs/concerns
  - Resulted in CDOT proposing Phase One Project



#### BUILDING THE MOMENTUM

- Positioned transportation as a top priority of legislative leaders,
   Governor and Media
  - Secured \$199M and \$158M; portion of which will fund Phase One
  - Recognition that SB 228 needs to be replaced with something more reliable
  - Recognition that bonding is necessary financing mechanism
- Crafted/orchestrated introduction of The Fix Colorado Roads Act (SB 210)
  - \$3.5 Billion in projects statewide, TRANS Bonds, retention of 5% of state sales tax, 45 projects;
     \$1B in funds for CDOT maintenance
- Moved CDOT and the Governor from oppose to neutral
- Federal delegation support of widening of North I-25



## THE \$8+ BILLION CHALLENGE

## THE PROBLEM

- Colorado under-funds transportation
  - \$1B annual shortfall in CDOT budget
  - Vehicle travel on Colorado's highways increased by 73% from 1990 to 2013 with population growing 57% in the same period
  - NO dollars from state general fund to road system since 2010...
  - ...yet state revenue has grown by \$3B since 2009
  - Colorado has no permanent transportation funding mechanism (SB I replaced with SB 228 not effective)



## CDOT's PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Development Program captures the priorities identified through the transportation planning process to support the identification and prioritization of major investment needs for future planning.

**Development Program** 100 + projects \$8 billion 10-Year Development Program \$2.5 billion





#### COLORADO

**Department of Transportation** 

#### THEN AND NOW

per capita spending

1991



3.3 million

VS.

population

2015

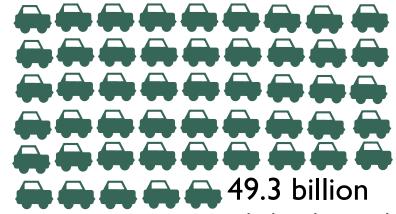


5.4 million



vehicles miles traveled

 vehicle miles traveled



vehicle miles traveled

dollars spent/person

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#### **OUR CHALLENGE**

continued growth

From 2013 to 2040





7.8 MILLION COLORADANS





41.8 BILLION
MILES TRAVELED





DURING
PEAK HOURS
(if we do nothing)



COLORADO

**Department of Transportation** 



## STATEWIDE POLLING – PUBLIC SEES PROBLEM

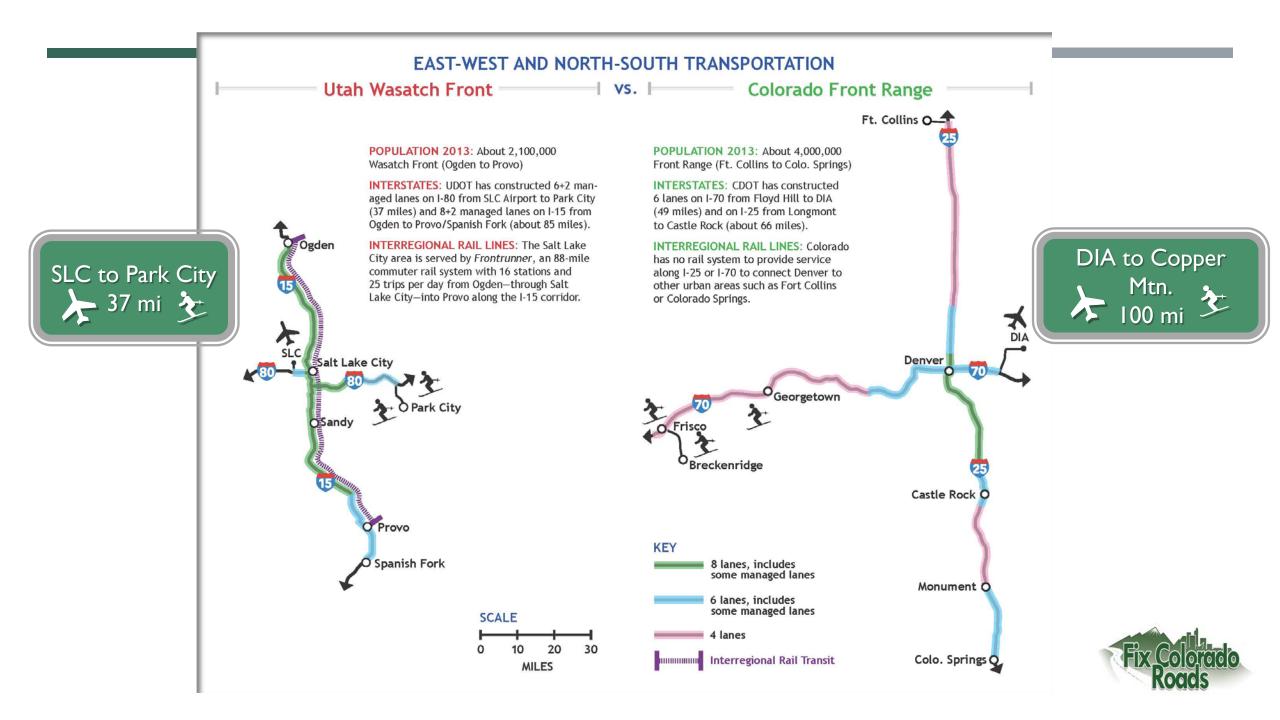
NCLA / Fix N I-25 did statewide polling (March 2015 & March 2016)

- Nearly 9 of 10 voters view the state's roads, bridges and infrastructure as in need of repair
- 8 of 10 would like to see portion of state budget set aside for large, economically significant transportation projects (2015 poll)
- 67% support renewal of TRANS Bonds (uniformed), 77% support (informed)
- Gas tax increase won't pass on ballot; dedicated sales tax mixed polling
- 54 percent oppose increasing license and car registration fees by \$20 (2015 poll)



## THE UTAH COMPARISON





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## **DEMOGRAPHICS**



84,899 sq. miles

Land Area

104,185 sq. miles

3.0 million

**Current Population** 

5.4 million

4.5 million

2040 Projected Population

7.8 million

1.4 million

**Current Employment** 

2.8 million

\$15.1 billion

Overall State Budget

\$27.1 billion

\$1.3 billion

Transportation Dept. Budget

\$1.4 billion



## THE UTAH COMPARISON HIGHWAY STATS





4,846

CDOT has more overall highway infrastructure to maintain (with the same overall budget as Utah)...



Colorado

16,154	Highway Lane Miles	23,018
1,867	On-System Bridges	3,400
	but Utah's Interstates are wider and able handle more traffic (even though they have half the population)	
935	Interstate Centerline Miles (Utah has 17 fewer centerline miles but)	952
4.846	Interstate Lane Miles	<u>4,106</u>

(... over 700 more miles of extra lanes!)



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## **TRANSPORTATION** BUDGET



#### Colorado

\$282.9 million

Utah

\$308.8 million

\$550.1 million

\$131.9 million

\$69.0 million

(transfers have occurred in the past)

Federal Funds

State Gas Tax

Sales Tax

Registration/Fees/FASTER

Local Match

General Fund Transfer

TOTAL

\$518.2 million

\$298.5 million

\$0

\$407.6 million

\$31.5 million

\$158.5 million (temporary funding sour



\$0

1.34 billion

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# TRANSPORTATION STATE FUNDING



29.0 cents per gallon (last increased in 2015)

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~1 cent statewide

Last increased in 2009

Periodic, not sustainable

State Gas Tax

State Diesel Tax

State Sales Tax

Registration Fees

**General Fund** 

22.0 cents per gallon (last increased in 1991)

20.5 cents per gallon (last increased in 1991)

None

Last increased in 2009

Periodic, not sustainable



## 2017 ACTION PLAN

STRATEGY FOR TODAY AND THE FUTURE



### THE BONDING PLUS PLAN

- \$3.5B+ Bonding Package
- General Fund Funding
- New Revenue Source(s)



"AMERICA'S STATES AND CITIES ARE FINALLY
SEIZING ON RECORD-LOW INTEREST RATES TO
FINANCE NEEDED WORK ON ROADS, BRIDGES AND
SCHOOLS."

Bloomberg, August 26, 2016



## THE IMPERATIVE OF BONDING

- Only way to spur road building throughout state as soon as possible
- Accelerate completion of projects statewide
- Immediate and simultaneous construction of projects of all types and sizes
- Only way to complete large-scale, economically significant transportation projects
- Least expensive way to fund construction
  - Lock in low, 3-4%, interest rates
  - Forestall 7-8% construction inflation
- Assures Colorado's continued competitiveness



## FUNDING THE BOND PROGRAM

- Restore General Fund Commitment to Transportation
- Identify New Funding Source
  - Political Legislative and Voter Viability Paramount



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