



Tackling Transportation

NCLA REGIONAL ISSUES SUMMIT
NOVEMBER 10, 2020

NCLA PRIORITY:

Secure the funding to widen I-25 to three lanes each way between Highway 14 in Fort Collins to Highway 66 north of Longmont by 2025.

NCLA supports:

- dedicated transportation funding of \$300M in the state's General Fund
- encourage voter approval of a transportation bonding program
- protect funding already committed to widen I-25
- work to identify new transportation funding sources that are politically viable
- advocate for the state to use the last tranche of funding from Senate Bill 17-267 and any future available funds for completion of the state's major transportation corridors
- Support improvements to secondary roads in the two-county region that improve mobility

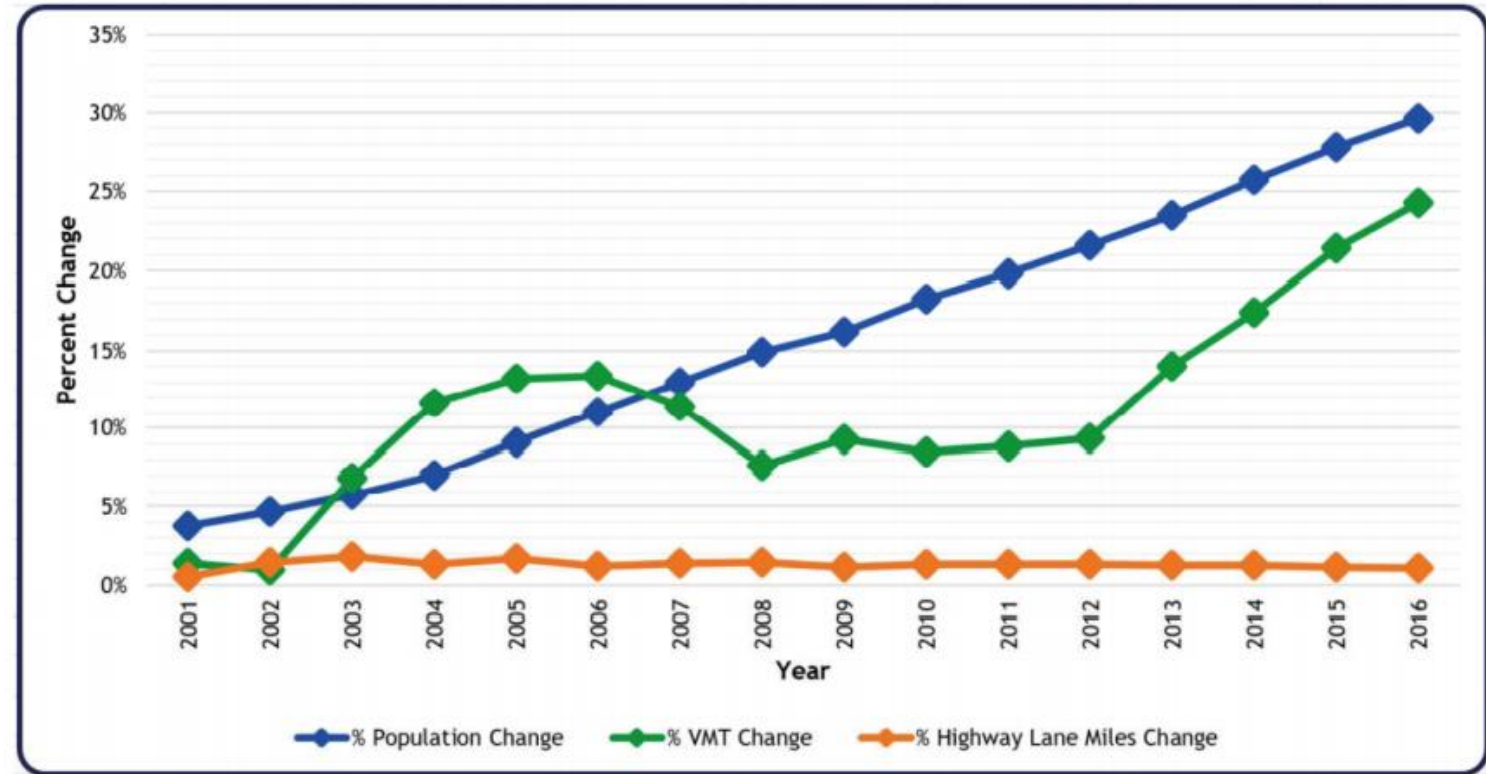
Our Panel

- Introductory Remarks – David May, Convener Fix North I-25 Business Alliance, President & CEO Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce
- Shoshana Lew, Director, Colorado Department of Transportation
- Greg Fulton, President, Colorado Motor Carriers Association

Colorado Under-Funds Transportation

July 2020 Study by
Common Sense Institute

Percent Change in Vehicle Miles Traveled, Population, and State Highway Lane Miles — 2017



Over the past two decades, population and vehicle miles traveled (VMT) have increased more than 25 percent, while total highway lane miles have remained relatively constant.

Chart Source: CDOT Performance Plan, Fiscal Year 2020

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Growth in Revenue vs Costs

CO Highway Users Tax Fund Collections (FY 04-FY 19) Actual vs if kept pace with CO population and construction inflation

— HUTF Actual Collections — HUTF FY04 Grown by CO pop + construction cost index

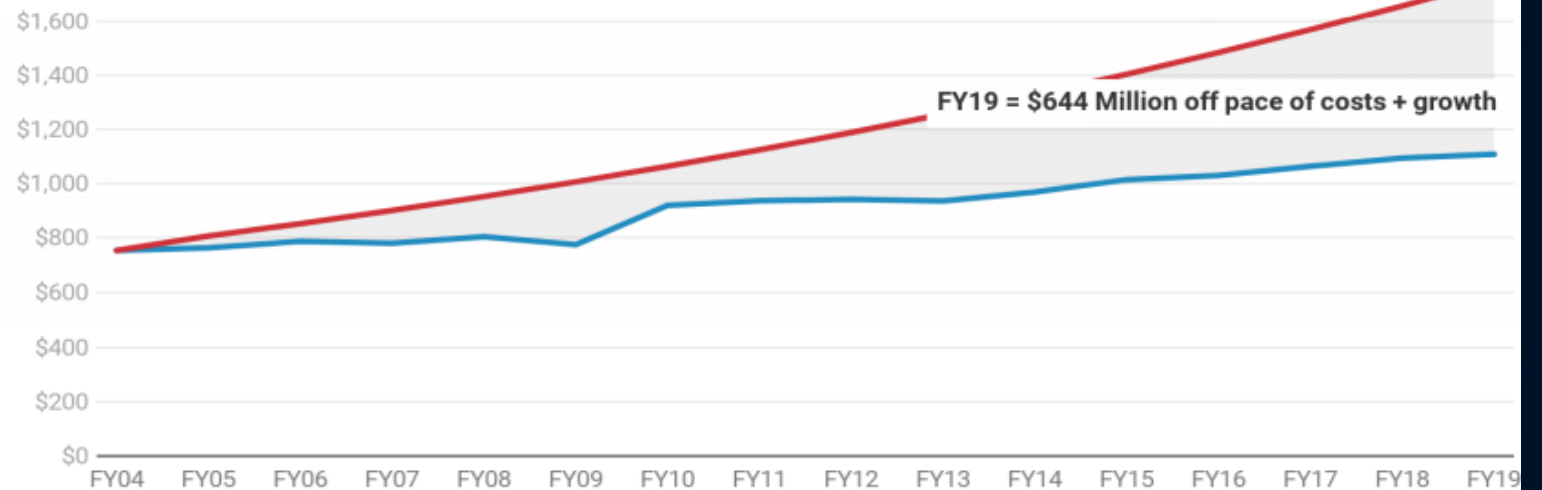


Chart: Common Sense Institute •

Source: CO Demographers Office, CO Legislative Council Staff Budget Reports, FHWA National Highway Construction Cost Index •
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FIX-125

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DRIVE THE FUTURE

NORTH
FIX I-25

Why are we here?

- **NOT KEPT UP**

- I-25 Longmont to Fort Collins lacks adequate capacity due to lack of state funding. Original concrete put down in 1968

- **POPULATION GROWTH.**

- Since North I-25 built, population of two counties 4X. By 2040 +52% Larimer, +111% Weld

- **EXPENSIVE.**

- Additional lanes each way Hwy 14 to Hwy 66 ~\$1.7B

- **NOT A BIG PRIORITY FOR STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS.**

- Have had to fight to get any funding from General Fund

- **UNTIL 6 YEARS AGO NO ORGANIZED ADVOCACY / LOBBYING EFFORT**



Segment 8

Prospect Blvd - SH 14
 Prospect Blvd Interchange
 Prospect Blvd - Harmony Rd
 Harmony Rd - SH 392

Segment 7

SH 392 - Crossroads Blvd
 Crossroads Blvd Bridges
 Crossroads Blvd - US 34
 US 34 - SH 402

Segment 6

SH 402 - SH 60
 SH 60 - SH 56

Segment 5

SH 56 Interchange
 Sh 56 - Sh 66

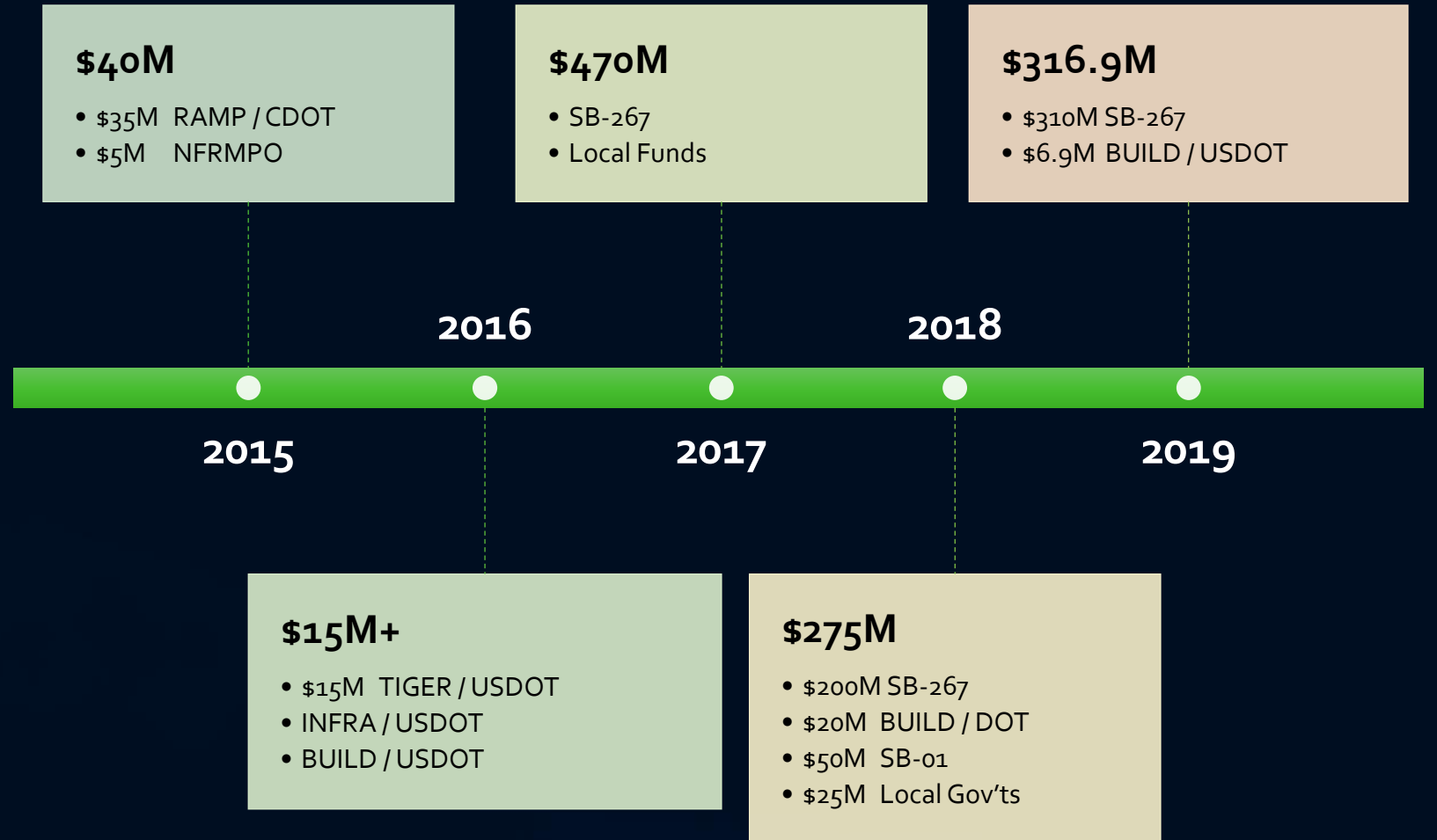
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Our Results to Date

Secured ~\$1.2B for North I-25

- Work is underway to add a 3rd lane both directions Harmony Road in Fort Collins and Highway 402
- Berthoud Hill Climbing Lane
- Crossroads Bridges and Intersection
- Highway 402 interchange rebuilt and reopened October 2019
- Prospect interchange being rebuilt
- Work started in fall 2019 on the section of I-25 south of 402

Regional leaders
have catalyzed
\$1.2B
for
North I-25



Help State Fix its Funding Problem

- A guiding philosophy of Fix North I-25 from beginning:
 - We cannot fix our problem on I-25 without helping the state fix its transportation funding problem
- Created Fix Colorado Roads
 - Built momentum and positioned as a go to leader on funding transportation
- Persistent, ever present advocate for transportation funding
 - Helped secure incremental funding wins of over \$3.75B of general funded or financed dollars to transportation statewide since our inception
- Catalyst for referred measure proposals and ballot questions
- Strong and consistent advocate for Legislature committing General Fund monies to transportation. \$800 M alone secured for FY 2019-20.

\$3.75B

Fix North I-25 &
Fix Colorado
Roads has
catalyzed \$3.75B
for COLORADO
roads

Since 2014, \$3.75B in General Fund Appropriations and Proceeds directed to the State Highway Fund

- SB 09-228 \$199M (one-time)
- HB 17-262 \$159M (2 Year at \$79.5)
- SB 17-267 \$1.88B (COP authorization)
- SB 18-001 \$451.5M (2 year – 346.5M/105M)
- SB 19-262 \$60M (one time)
- SB 19-263 \$1B (20-year, \$50M/year)

The Future

- General Fund Monies
- Identify politically and financially viable new revenue streams
 - Electric vehicles, gas tax, other sources
- Federal Infrastructure Funding
- Protect hard-earned capacity of express toll lanes from free usage by electric vehicles
- Begin to consider local funding mechanisms like regional transportation authorities
- Bonding

Transportation Funding is a Team Sport

- Critical to have broad support working on this
- Fortunate to have many local government and business leaders focusing on transportation funding in partnership with statewide partners
- Two key partners with us today
 - Shoshana Lew, Director of CDOT
 - Greg Fulton, President, Colorado Motor Carriers

