



CDOT 2016 Legislative Bill Tracking Sheet

HB16-1008

Roadway Shoulder Access For Buses

Bill Summary:	This bill allows buses to pass traffic using a road's shoulder.
CDOT Analysis:	This is a CDOT legislative priority bill. Currently, US 36 has shoulders that are built to accommodate buses; however, buses can't run on the shoulders until the statutory language is clarified. The Governor signed the bill.
Fiscal Impact:	There is no fiscal impact to CDOT.
Position:	Support
Calendar Notification:	NOT ON CALENDAR
Sponsors:	WINTER / COOKE
Status:	03/09/2016 Governor Signed

HB16-1009

Fallen Heroes License Plates Local Authorities

Bill Summary:	This bill designates fallen hero special license plates as 'special plates' and repeals the retirement date normally associated with specialty plates. The bill also allows a local authority to be issued the fallen hero plates.
CDOT Analysis:	CDOT monitors these license plate bills for impacts on HUTF.
Fiscal Impact:	A reduction in \$25 fees on 425 plates annually will reduce HUTF revenue by \$10,625 per fiscal year. CDOT generally receives 60% of HUTF revenue, thus \$6,375 annually will be reduced from CDOT's expected revenue. Over the first two fiscal years of the legislation, CDOT will see a negative fiscal impact of approximately \$12,750, dependent on DOR sales expectations.
Position:	Monitor
Calendar Notification:	NOT ON CALENDAR
Sponsors:	BUCK / COOKE
Status:	01/27/2016 House Committee on Transportation & Energy Refer Amended to Appropriations

HB16-1014 **SOS Business Intelligence Center**

Bill Summary:	This bill creates a business intelligence center designed to streamline data collected by state agencies to make it more available for the private sector. The program will be housed in the Dept of State.
CDOT Analysis:	The sponsor amended the bill to make it an optional program for state departments in which to contribute.
Fiscal Impact:	No fiscal impact.
Position:	Monitor
Calendar Notification:	Wednesday, March 30 2016 SENATE STATE, VETERANS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE 1:30 PM SCR 356 (1) in senate calendar.
Sponsors:	WILLIAMS / TATE
Status:	03/22/2016 Introduced In Senate - Assigned to State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

HB16-1018 **Transportation Advisory Committee Procedures**

Bill Summary:	This bill clarifies that STAC provides advice to the Department and the Transportation Commission.
CDOT Analysis:	Statute states that STAC provides advice to the Department, but does not mention the Transportation Commission. The bill passed the House with no amendments and is headed to the Senate.
Fiscal Impact:	No fiscal impact.
Position:	Monitor
Calendar Notification:	NOT ON CALENDAR
Sponsors:	CARVER / TODD
Status:	03/02/2016 Governor Signed

HB16-1031 **Modify Transportation Commission Membership**

Bill Summary:	The bill requires the TLRC to review whether the TC district boundaries should be changed and have a report prepared, possibly with recommended changes, by August 2016.
CDOT Analysis:	Legislative council staff, with the help of CDOT, will research and prepare information on the TC's districts, which have not been changed since 1991. A variety of factors will be included in the research. The

sponsor amended the bill to remove the public meetings around the state so that there would be no fiscal note on the bill.

Fiscal Impact:	Fiscal impact includes staff time developing research and attending meetings around the state.
Position:	Actively Support
Calendar Notification:	NOT ON CALENDAR
Sponsors:	CARVER
Status:	02/11/2016 House Committee on Transportation & Energy Refer Amended to Appropriations

HB16-1039
Interstate 70 Motor Vehicle Traction Equipment

Bill Summary:	Allows CDOT to require passenger vehicles to have traction control devices or adequate tires when travelling along I-70 when icy or snow packed conditions exist.
CDOT Analysis:	CDOT requires chains for commercial vehicles along I-70 in the mountains, but cannot require passenger vehicles to carry chains or have adequate tires. CDOT has been proactive in educating motorists about the need for adequate tires and chains, but still cannot require them prior to traveling in the mountains.
Fiscal Impact:	No fiscal impact to CDOT
Position:	Actively Support
Calendar Notification:	NOT ON CALENDAR
Sponsors:	MITSCH BUSH / TODD
Status:	02/16/2016 Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Transportation

HB16-1060
Colorado State Patrol Roadside Memorials

Bill Summary:	Requires the Department to erect and maintain permanent memorial signs for State Troopers who died on state roads.
CDOT Analysis:	This creates a few new requirements for CDOT to follow for these memorial signs. The signs would be permanent and allowed along federal highways, which historically have not been allowed. There would be approximately 30 signs statewide, with 7 posted along I-25 and I-70. The signs would otherwise conform to MUTCD requirements, but would be slightly larger than traditional memorial signs. The bill passed House Transportation unanimously and was sent to Appropriations.

Fiscal Impact:	The bill states gifts, grants and donations will pay for the signs and the CO State Patrol Foundation says the money is available for the installation of the signs.
Position:	Monitor
Calendar	Tuesday, March 29 2016
Notification:	SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE 2:00 PM SCR 352 (1) in senate calendar.
Sponsors:	TYLER / BAUMGARDNER
Status:	03/09/2016 Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Transportation

HB16-1061 **Military Installation Transp Needs Planning**

Bill Summary:	This bill requires coordination with and full consideration of military installations when forming the statewide transportation plan.
CDOT Analysis:	The bill's intent is to protect military bases from being listed on BRAC reports. However, the requirement to consider military installations and coordinate with them could involve MPOs and TPOs adding members and developing new IGAs with the military. That would be a strict interpretation of the bill. The broader policy is whether it is appropriate to dictate planning requirements on the process.
Fiscal Impact:	No fiscal impacts on CDOT.
Position:	Monitor
Calendar	NOT ON CALENDAR
Notification:	
Sponsors:	CARVER
Status:	03/22/2016 Sent to the Governor

HB16-1106 **County Authority To Designate Pioneer Trail**

Bill Summary:	The bill allows counties to designate a county road as a "Pioneer Trail" if that road follows a historical trail.
CDOT Analysis:	CDOT has existing processes for road designations, and for historical and scenic byway roads. This bill does not interfere with CDOT's existing designations or programs. Counties will notify the state of the designation, but they will not be able to put Pioneer Road signs along state highways.
Fiscal Impact:	No fiscal impact
Position:	Monitor
Calendar	NOT ON CALENDAR
Notification:	

Sponsors: WILSON
Status: 03/21/2016 Senate Third Reading Passed - No Amendments

HB16-1136 **Multiple Crew Members Required For Freight Trains**

Bill Summary: This bill requires at least two crew members to be aboard a freight engine or light engine while it is moving. The bill establishes some state penalties.

CDOT Analysis: Railroads are governed by the Federal Railroad Administration for both line haul and yard operations. FRA rules already mandate two crew members on a freight train so this new legislation would not change the practice in the industry.

The key factor which would be important at a local level would be the misdemeanor and the associated fine. There is a well established precedent of railroad operations being solely governed by FRA rules, so this bill may be preempted by federal law.

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact on CDOT.

Position: **Monitor**

Calendar Notification: Monday, March 28 2016
 SENATE STATE, VETERANS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS
 COMMITTEE
 1:30 PM SCR 356
 (1) in senate calendar.

Sponsors: ESGAR / GARCIA

Status: 03/09/2016 Introduced In Senate - Assigned to State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

HB16-1169 **Ute Representatives For Transp Advisory Committee**

Bill Summary: Bill adds the Ute tribe as a member of the STAC.

CDOT Analysis: The Ute tribes - Southern and Mountain - are already contributing to STAC, so it makes sense to add their name into statute.

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact.

Position: **Monitor**

Calendar Notification: Tuesday, March 29 2016
 GENERAL ORDERS - SECOND READING OF BILLS - CONSENT
 CALENDAR
 (3) in senate calendar.

Sponsors: CORAM

Status: 03/22/2016 Senate Committee on Transportation Refer Unamended -

Consent Calendar to Senate Committee of the Whole

HB16-1172**CDOT Efficiency And Accountability Committee**

Bill Summary:	Creates a new version of the Efficiency and Accountability Committee. Adds legislators, counties, municipalities, good governance organizations, or other individuals or groups. Expands the scope of the committee to include compliance with federal and state laws, and compliance with the FASTER audit recommendations.
CDOT Analysis:	From the FASTER audit recommendation, this bill reflects the Legislative Audit Committee's attempt at reorganizing CDOT's Efficiency/Accountability committee. The original committee stopped meeting in 2013.
Fiscal Impact:	No fiscal impact to CDOT.
Position:	Monitor
Calendar Notification:	NOT ON CALENDAR
Sponsors:	SAINE / HOLBERT
Status:	02/11/2016 House Committee on Transportation & Energy Refer Unamended to Appropriations

HB16-1186**MAP-21 Rail Fixed Guideway Safety Fund Grant Match**

Bill Summary:	This bill gives the Public Utility Commission \$150K to use for matching federal dollars for state safety oversight authority (SSOA).
CDOT Analysis:	The FTA has weakly threatened that if the SSOA is not established soon, they will withhold all FTA money statewide until it is established. The PUC is responsible for safety at all public highway-rail crossings, as well as all fixed-rail guideway systems (light rail). If this bill doesn't pass and the FTA makes good on their threat, the PUC will come to CDOT looking for money to help fund the SSOA.
Fiscal Impact:	If it does not pass, PUC will come asking for the matching money to come out of CDOT's budget, estimated at \$300K to \$500K per year.
Position:	Monitor
Calendar Notification:	NOT ON CALENDAR
Sponsors:	TYLER / BAUMGARDNER
Status:	02/18/2016 House Committee on Transportation & Energy Refer Unamended to Appropriations

HB16-1273**Authorize Parking Fees At CDOT Parking Facilities**

Bill Summary:	The bill allows CDOT to collect and enforce parking fees on Dept Park-n-Rides around the state.
CDOT Analysis:	This Dept priority bill will provide the Dept with an opportunity to modernize the Park-n-Ride facilities along our Bustang routes. It also will provide more certainty for private partners at these multi-modal hubs, determining long-term and short term parking for shuttles and for Bustang riders.
Fiscal Impact:	There will be a positive fiscal impact from parking revenue. The bill does not allow CDOT to boot cars, so there will be some non-payment revenue loss. The money will be used for updating and modernizing parking technology and paying for a third party to manage the parking lots.
Position:	Support
Calendar Notification:	NOT ON CALENDAR
Sponsors:	ARNDT
Status:	03/03/2016 House Committee on Transportation & Energy Refer Amended to Appropriations

HB16-1281**Twice Monthly Payroll System For State Employees**

Bill Summary:	Beginning July 2017, the state will begin paying employees twice a month. This bill would allow for a delay in implementing that process if there are still changes needed in the new human resource information system. If there is a delay, the state will notify employees and allow for a payday loan that can be repaid over time.
CDOT Analysis:	The bill provides an option if the state's new human resource IT system is not working well enough for the bi-weekly paycheck rollout beginning in July 2017.
Fiscal Impact:	No fiscal impact
Position:	Monitor
Calendar Notification:	NOT ON CALENDAR
Sponsors:	YOUNG / TATE
Status:	03/17/2016 Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Finance

HB16-1298**Vehicle Height, Length, And Weight**

Bill Summary:	This bill updates state statutory language to reflect changes in the federal FAST Act.
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CDOT Analysis:	This is a CDOT priority bill. The Department worked with State Patrol and the CO Motor Carriers Assoc to marry state and federal requirements brought about with the passage of the FAST Act in January this year.
Fiscal Impact:	None
Position:	Support
Calendar Notification:	NOT ON CALENDAR
Sponsors:	MELTON / COOKE
Status:	03/22/2016 Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Transportation

HB16-1304 **Transportation Priorities Community Conversations**

Bill Summary:	This bill requires fifteen public meetings, one in each TPR around Colorado. The meetings are to determine what projects the public would like to see accomplished in the TPR, and how the public would like to pay for those projects. The bill specifies what outreach is needed prior to the meetings and which participants must be invited. A final report from the regions is due by November 1st, and the summaries of the regional reports will be included in the annual SMART report.
CDOT Analysis:	The bill proposes a way of gauging public opinion about transportation projects and funding around the state, which is good, however, arguably it also replicates existing and past outreach efforts. There will be a fiscal cost to the required outreach efforts and the required Commissioner attendance at the meetings. The meetings could provide an opportunity to showcase the Department's ongoing planning efforts to the public and provide for increased awareness on transportation matters statewide.
Fiscal Impact:	The bill requires CDOT to provide outreach on television and other means to reach the largest number of people possible. Additionally, the Commissioners' per diem will be in effect when travelling to the various meetings. The fiscal note for the bill was estimated at around \$85,000. It isn't larger because CDOT should be able to coordinate these new meetings into existing outreach and planning efforts already underway.
Position:	Monitor
Calendar Notification:	Wednesday, April 13 2016 Transportation & Energy 1:30 p.m. Room 271 (2) in house calendar.
Sponsors:	TYLER
Status:	02/29/2016 Introduced In House - Assigned to Transportation & Energy

HB16-1315 **Allow Seaplanes In State Parks Like Motorboats**

Bill Summary:	This bill prevents the Wildlife Commission and municipalities from arbitrarily barring seaplanes from state and municipal waters.
CDOT Analysis:	CDOT's Aeronautics board expressed an interest in seaplanes last year after a presentation from the advocates of this bill.
Fiscal Impact:	None
Position:	Monitor
Calendar Notification:	Wednesday, April 13 2016 Transportation & Energy 1:30 p.m. Room 271 (1) in house calendar.
Sponsors:	MELTON
Status:	03/02/2016 Introduced In House - Assigned to Transportation & Energy

HB16-1325 **Caucus & Election Dates On Variable Message Signs**

Bill Summary:	This bill would require CDOT to post voting information for caucus, primary, and Election Day times/dates on our variable message signs. It also requires CDOT to get permission to message the voting dates from FHWA.
CDOT Analysis:	The MUTCD is clear that VMS messaging relate directly to transportation. Although the bill states federal approval is needed, CDOT wants to protect against non-related messages on our VMS infrastructure.
Fiscal Impact:	None.
Position:	
Calendar Notification:	Wednesday, April 6 2016 Transportation & Energy 1:30 p.m. Room 0112 (2) in house calendar.
Sponsors:	GARNETT
Status:	03/02/2016 Introduced In House - Assigned to Transportation & Energy

SB16-008 **Municipal State Highway Off-highway Vehicles**

Bill Summary:	This bill changes statute to allow municipalities to determine if an off-highway vehicle may cross a state highway within the municipalities' jurisdictions.
CDOT Analysis:	This bill includes language from last year's SB-23, which became a law, but after the language from SB-008 was removed. Now the language is back with its own bill.

CDOT worked with CML and CCI to amend the bill allowing for OHVs

to cross state highways under certain circumstances. The amendment also requires the local government to notify the CDOT regional office in writing for CDOT's traffic safety review.

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact to CDOT.
Position: **Monitor**
Calendar Notification: NOT ON CALENDAR
Sponsors: CROWDER
Status: 03/16/2016 Governor Signed

SB16-030
Motor Vehicle Weight Violation Surcharges

Bill Summary: This bill charges a flat 16% surcharge on overweight vehicle penalties instead of the previous tiered surcharge rate.

CDOT Analysis: The CMCA brought this bill. Their argument is that the fines and the surcharges in statute have been arbitrarily set over the years, and in some cases, the surcharge on the fine exceeds the fine. Creating a 16% surcharge from the fine amount provides a standardized way of fixing the problem. Passed Senate Transportation and is in Appropriations.

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact to CDOT.
Position: **Monitor**
Calendar Notification: NOT ON CALENDAR
Sponsors: HODGE / TYLER
Status: 03/02/2016 House Committee on Transportation & Energy Refer Unamended to Appropriations

SB16-056
Enhanced Whistleblower Protections

Bill Summary: The bill expands whistle blower protection to allow for confidential information and information not covered by CORA. Supervisors may not take disciplinary action against state employees who disclose the information.

CDOT Analysis: This follows a similar bill from last year that would allow more information to be shared with various entities, AG's office, and legislative legal services. The expansion to include LLS is a step back from the legislature which the sponsor wanted in last year's bill, but still problematic in who gets access to the confidential information.

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact.
Position: **Monitor**

Calendar Notification: NOT ON CALENDAR

Sponsors: LAMBERT

Status: 01/19/2016 Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Judiciary

SB16-109**State Patrol Facility In Pueblo**

Bill Summary: The bill directs the Capital Development Committee to hear State Patrol's plan for relocating in Pueblo once CDOT moves from R2's HQ.

CDOT Analysis: CDOT and State Patrol are working together to figure out how best to relocate in Pueblo. The bill's timelines could interfere with existing plans.

Fiscal Impact: If the specific timelines in the bill interfered with existing plans resulting in delays, than there could be a fiscal impact.

Position: **Monitor**

Calendar Notification: NOT ON CALENDAR

Sponsors: GARCIA / ESGAR

Status: 02/16/2016 Senate Committee on Transportation Refer Unamended to Appropriations

SB16-122**More Oversight Of Department Of Transportation**

Bill Summary: This bill would implement a variety of new policies and actions for increased oversight of CDOT. The bill includes a risk-based performance audit of CDOT; close projects within a year of substantial completion; report project bid information on website; report to TC annual amount spent on contractor payments and CDOT project costs; annually report to the TLRC all STP amendments.

CDOT Analysis: This bill would require CDOT to change and implement some new administrative processes, such as closing out all construction projects and additional reporting. CDOT worked with the sponsors who agreed to amend out the section involving legislative oversight of property acquisition. The rest of the bill is something the Dept can live with, although some technical clean up amendments are still needed.

Fiscal Impact: Negative impacts would come from internal costs associated with an audit, and additional staff time compiling new reports.

Position: **Oppose**

Calendar Notification: Monday, March 28 2016
THIRD READING OF BILLS - FINAL PASSAGE
(9) in house calendar.

Sponsors: BAUMGARDNER / NORDBERG
Status: 03/24/2016 House Second Reading Passed with Amendments -
 Committee

SB16-123**Free Access To High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes**

Bill Summary: The bill would prevent HPTE or CDOT from requiring switchable transponders for use on HOV lanes. An amendment in the Senate requires CDOT to remit back to customers the \$15 charged for the transponders.

CDOT Analysis: The bill comes from legislators who think travelling HOV lanes should be free, with no transponders. The problem for CDOT will be how to enforce HOV lane travel if there are no transponders. The bill passed Senate Transportation 4-1.

In subsequent negotiations after the committee vote, the problem switched to CDOT's policy on HOV3+. The sponsor is laying the bill over, delaying the vote, until CDOT is able to quantify what an HOV policy change would be.

Fiscal Impact: CDOT would lose revenue on the remaining 38,000+ transponders purchased for distribution at \$15/ea. There is the potential that CDOT would have to cover costs associated with license plate tolls vs transponders. There is also a possibility that CDOT would have to cover lost future revenue on US 36 and I-25. The amendment language would cost CDOT upwards of \$1M if forced to pay back all the consumers who purchased transponders. If there is an HOV3+ amendment, there would be impacts on the Plenary contract resulting in CDOT revenue loss.

Position: **Oppose**

Calendar Notification: Thursday, April 14 2016
 Transportation & Energy
 Upon Adjournment Room 0112
 (1) in house calendar.

Sponsors: LUNDBERG / SINGER

Status: 03/22/2016 Introduced In House - Assigned to Transportation & Energy + Appropriations