

JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE



SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUESTS FY 2016-17

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) plans for, operates, maintains, and constructs the state-owned transportation system, including state highways and bridges. CDOT operates under the direction of the Transportation Commission, which is composed of eleven members who represent specific districts around the state. Each commissioner is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for a four-year term. The Commission establishes policy and administers the Department's budgets and programs. Some of CDOT's specific duties include:

- Operation of the over 9,100 center-lane mile state highway system, including 3,439 bridges and over 28.0 billion miles of vehicle travel;
- Management of statewide highway construction projects;
- Maintenance of the state highway system, including repairing road damage, filling potholes, plowing snow, and applying sand to icy roads;
- Assistance in the development of a statewide, multi-modal transportation system by providing assistance to local transit systems in the state;
- Development and implementation of the State's Highway Safety Plan, including efforts to combat drunk driving, encourage seatbelt use, enforce speed limits, and reduce traffic fatalities; and
- Maintenance of the statewide aviation system plan, including the provision of technical support to local airports regarding aviation safety and the administration of both entitlement reimbursement of aviation fuel tax revenues and discretionary grants to local airports.

SUMMARY: FY 2016-17 APPROPRIATION AND RECOMMENDATION

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR FY 2016-17						
	TOTAL FUNDS	GENERAL FUND	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS	FTE
FY 2016-17 APPROPRIATION						
H.B. 16-1405 (Long Bill)	\$1,404,629,871	\$0	\$747,880,934	\$5,866,138	\$650,882,799	3,326.8
CURRENT FY 2016-17 APPROPRIATION	\$1,404,629,871	\$0	\$747,880,934	\$5,866,138	\$650,882,799	3,326.8
RECOMMENDED CHANGES						
Current FY 2016-17 Appropriation	\$1,404,629,871	0	\$747,880,934	\$5,866,138	\$650,882,799	3,326.8
S1 Southwest Chief	95,000	0	95,000	0	0	0.0
NP Property Fund Supplemental	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
RECOMMENDED FY 2016-17 APPROPRIATION	\$1,404,724,871	\$0	\$747,975,934	\$5,866,138	\$650,882,799	3,326.8
RECOMMENDED INCREASE/(DECREASE)	\$95,000	\$0	\$95,000	\$0	\$0	0.0
Percentage Change	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FY 2016-17 EXECUTIVE REQUEST	\$1,404,724,871	\$0	\$747,975,934	\$5,866,138	\$650,882,799	3,326.8
Request Above/(Below) Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0

REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION DESCRIPTIONS

S1 SOUTHWEST CHIEF: The request includes \$95,000 cash funds from the Southwest Chief Rail Line Economic Development, Rural Tourism, and Infrastructure Repair and Maintenance Fund (Southwest Chief Rail Fund) to develop a study of revenue and ridership data, and to hire a consultant that will work with the Burlington Northern Railroad and Amtrak to ensure their planned Southwest Chief rail improvements align with the mission of the Southwest Chief Commission. Staff recommends approval of the Department request.

NP PROPERTY FUND SUPPLEMENTAL: The Department requests no adjustment to their budget for this item. While there will be an increased cost to the Department, as presented in the Department of Personnel supplemental recommendation on January 12, the Department of Transportation will pay for the increase with existing funds.

PRIORITIZED SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS

S1 SOUTHWEST CHIEF

	REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
TOTAL	\$95,000	\$95,000
FTE	0.0	0.0
General Fund	0	0
Cash Funds	95,000	95,000
Federal Funds	0	0

Does JBC staff believe the request meets the Joint Budget Committee's supplemental criteria?	YES
[An emergency or act of God; a technical error in calculating the original appropriation; data that was not available when the original appropriation was made; or an unforeseen contingency.]	

Explanation: JBC staff and the Department agree that this request is the result of information not available when the original appropriation was made.

DEPARTMENT REQUEST: The Department requests \$95,000 cash funds spending authority to expend existing funds from the Southwest Chief Rail Line Economic Development, Rural Tourism, and Infrastructure Repair and Maintenance Fund (Southwest Chief Rail Fund).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Committee approve the Department’s request.

STAFF ANALYSIS: In January 2016, the Department received a \$95,000 donation from Pueblo County to evaluate revenue and ridership data on the Southwest Chief Rail line, and to hire a consultant that will work with the Burlington Northern Railroad and Amtrak to ensure their planned Southwest Chief rail improvements align with the mission of the Southwest Chief Commission. When the Department received the funding, it was deposited into the Southwest Chief Rail Fund until the Department was ready to move forward with the study. At that time, the Department was not aware that it would need to seek approval from the General Assembly to spend the funds. In FY 2016-17, the Department was informed by the Office of the State Controller that they needed to receive an appropriation from the General Assembly, pursuant to Section 43-4-1002, C.R.S., which states that moneys from the fund are subject to annual appropriation by the General Assembly.

The Department has begun the contracting process for the study, and expects to pay out at least \$30,000 in fees in FY 2016-17. After discussions with the Department, staff believes that some level of spending authority would need to be extended into FY 2017-18, as the Department is unlikely to expend the full amount in FY 2016-17. Staff will present a recommendation for 2017-18 funding during figure setting in February.

Staff is recommending approval of the Department’s request. Given that the majority of the Department’s funding is continuously appropriated, staff believes that the Department was unaware they needed to submit a budget request in order to expend the funds. Additionally, Pueblo County provided the funding to CDOT for use on this study. Not providing spending authority to the Department will result in the funding merely sitting in the fund and not being used for its intended purpose.

NON-PRIORITIZED SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS

SNP1 PROPERTY INCREASE

	REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
TOTAL	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.0	0.0
General Fund	0	0
Cash Funds	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0

DEPARTMENT REQUEST AND STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Department requests no adjustment to their budget for this item. While there will be an increased cost to the Department, as presented in the Department of Personnel supplemental recommendation on January 12, the Department of Transportation will pay for the increase with existing funds.

JBC Staff Supplemental Recommendations - FY 2016-17
Staff Working Document - Does Not Represent Committee Decision

Appendix A: Number Pages

	FY 2015-16 Actual	FY 2016-17 Appropriation	FY 2016-17 Requested Change	FY 2016-17 Rec'd Change	FY 2016-17 Total w/Rec'd Change
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Shailen Bhatt, Executive Director

S1 Southwest Chief

(7) SW CHIEF RAIL COMMISSION

SW Chief Rail Commission	<u>0</u>	<u>95,000</u>	<u>95,000</u>	<u>95,000</u>
FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash Funds	0	95,000	95,000	95,000

Total for S1 Southwest Chief	0	95,000	95,000	95,000
<i>FTE</i>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>
Cash Funds	0	95,000	95,000	95,000

Totals Excluding Pending Items					
TRANSPORTATION					
TOTALS for ALL Departmental line items	1,759,680,892	1,404,629,871	95,000	95,000	1,404,724,871
<i>FTE</i>	<u>3,324.8</u>	<u>3,326.8</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>3,326.8</u>
General Fund	0	0	0	0	NaN
Cash Funds	1,012,529,468	747,880,934	95,000	95,000	747,975,934
Reappropriated Funds	3,004,459	5,866,138	0	0	5,866,138
Federal Funds	744,146,965	650,882,799	0	0	650,882,799