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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Mullica

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Bill Status: Senate Transportation
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Bill Topic: **TEN-YEAR TRANSPORTATION PLAN INFORMATION**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue | <input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity |

The bill instructs the Colorado Department of Transportation to provide certain information in its ten-year transportation plans and to designate a staff member as a contact to answer questions on transportation projects for state and local elected officials. It increases state expenditures on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to include certain information in ten-year transportation plans prepared by the Transportation Commission. For each transportation project identified in a ten-year transportation, the plan must specify:

- the time frame during which the project is expected to be completed;
- the total estimated amount of funding required to complete the project; and
- funding that has been allocated for the project or is anticipated to be allocated for the project. The plan must always identify specific funding sources and/or any uncertainty in the amount or sources of funding.

The bill instructs the commission to provide a designated and readily available CDOT contact to state and local government elected officials, without creating a new position or hiring additional personnel. This contact is instructed to receive and respond to questions about the status and funding of specific transportation projects that affect an official's constituents.

In addition, the bill requires the commission to report on the status of its ten-year plan to the Transportation Legislation Review Committee in the legislative interim. The commission will include an update on its ten-year plan in its annual proposed budget allocation plan to the Joint Budget Committee.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload for CDOT by introducing new reporting requirements for each project identified in the commission's ten-year plan, and requiring CDOT to provide updates to the Transportation Legislation Review Committee in the legislative interim. The bill also increases workload for the staff member designated as a contact for local governments. Any workload increase is expected to be absorbable within existing resources.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect September 1, 2023, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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