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**SB 19-051**

# FINAL FISCAL NOTE

**Drafting Number:** LLS 19-0545  
**Prime Sponsors:** Sen. Scott; Cooke

**Date:** May 31, 2019  
**Bill Status:** Postponed Indefinitely  
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**Bill Topic:** INCREASE GENERAL FUND FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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

The bill would have increased transfers from the General Fund for transportation purposes. The bill would have resulted in a one-time transfer from the General Fund to the Colorado Department of Transportation and local governments for transportation projects.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation was required.

**Fiscal Note Status:** This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was not enacted into law; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

**Table 1  
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 19-051**

		FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>	State Highway Fund	\$161.5 million	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$161.5 million</b>	-
<b>Transfers</b>	General Fund	(\$190 million)	-
	Highway Users Tax Fund	\$28.5 million	
	State Highway Fund	\$161.5 million	
<b>TABOR Refund</b>		-	-

## **Summary of Legislation**

Current law transfers \$150.0 million from the General Fund to fund transportation in FY 2019-20. Of this amount:

- \$105.0 million is transferred to the State Highway Fund (SHF),
- \$22.5 million is transferred to the Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) for allocation in equal shares to counties and municipalities; and
- \$22.5 million is transferred to the Multimodal Transportation Options Fund.

This bill increases the total amount transferred in FY 2019-20 by \$190 million (\$340 million total) from the General Fund to two cash funds in FY 2019-20 as follows:

- an additional \$161.5 million to the SHF; and
- an additional \$28.5 million to the HUTF for equal allocation to counties and municipalities.

## **Background**

In 2018, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 18-001, which committed state General Fund revenue for transportation projects. In FY 2018-19, \$495.0 million was transferred from the General Fund, of which \$346.5 million was transferred to the SHF, \$74.25 million was transferred to the HUTF for allocation to local governments, and \$74.25 million was transferred to the Multimodal Transportation Options Fund, a newly created cash fund to support grants for multimodal transportation projects.

## **State Transfers**

This bill increases transfers from the General Fund to the SHF by \$161.5 million and the HUTF by \$28.5 million in FY 2019-20 only. Transfers to the SHF may be spent at the discretion of the Transportation Commission. Under current law, General Fund transfers to the HUTF are allocated in equal shares to counties and municipalities.

## **State Expenditures**

This bill increases expenditures from the SHF by \$161.5 million in FY 2019-20. The Transportation Commission is responsible for allocating funds from the SHF.

## **Local Government**

Under current law, HUTF expenditures are allocated in equal shares to counties and municipalities and distributed to individual governments following statutory formulas. HUTF distributions to counties and municipalities are spent for locally financed transportation projects at the discretion of the board of county commissioners, city or town council, or other government entity tasked with local transportation finance.

**Effective Date**

The bill was postponed by the Senate Transportation and Energy Committee on April 25, 2019.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Counties	Information Technology	Municipalities
Transportation	Treasury	