



Legislative Update

As we enter the month of April two important transportation related measures are working through the process at the state capitol related to automated vehicles and transportation funding.

SB17-213 Automated Driving Systems, is a first step towards defining future autonomous vehicle policy. Because these vehicles in the future will be travelling over city and county lines, the bill makes this issue of statewide concern, with the state taking the lead in determining future



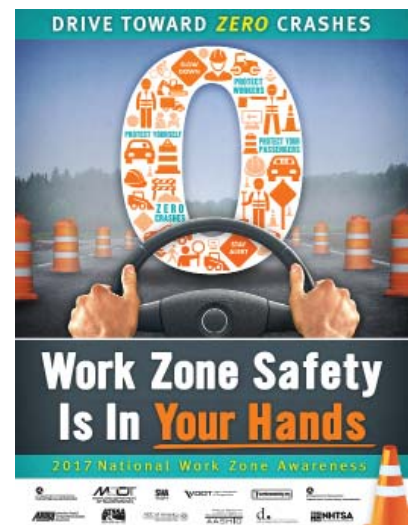
policy for autonomous vehicles. As companies develop these vehicles, those that are unable to comply with all the local, state and federal traffic laws must get approval from CDOT and the State Patrol. If companies do not work with the state or continue testing without an approval, the State Patrol may impound the vehicles or issue a traffic citation. Approval for testing depends on a variety of factors, such as the level of automation, the vehicle's safety record, the amount of prior testing and any federal certifications issued. CDOT will report the number of approvals and tests

annually to the legislature. The bill has passed both the Senate and the House and is now back in the Senate for a vote that will either send the bill to the Governor or to a Conference Committee to resolve differences between the House and Senate passed versions of the bill.

HB 1242, New Transportation Infrastructure Funding, is a substantive approach at funding transportation for the next twenty years. The changes instituted by the legislation are predicated on approval of a ballot measure in November, 2017.cont on page 2

Work Zone Safety

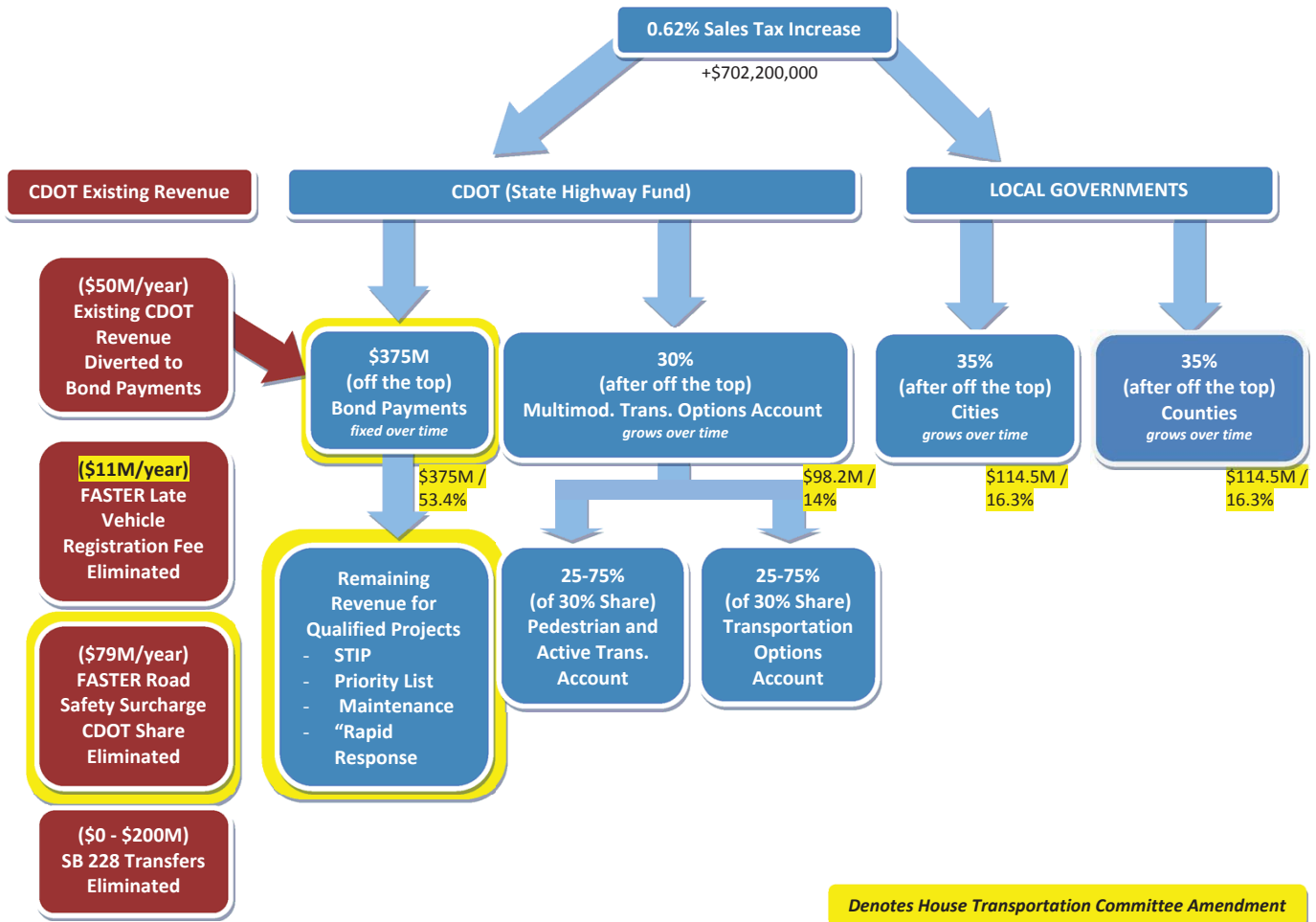
National Work Zone Safety Awareness events are sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and are held in April of each year to bring national attention to keeping motorists and those working on our roadways safe in work zones. This year's theme is, "Work Zone Safety Is in Your Hands." In the 2017 National Work Zone Safety Poster, you see two hands gripping a steering wheel as a vehicle steers carefully between barrels. It's a very clear image for motorists, to pay more attention and keep their eyes on the road. Each year, approximately 600 people are killed and more than 35,000 are injured in work zone crashes. One work zone fatality occurs nationwide every 15 hours, and four out of five work zone fatalities are motorists.



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The ballot question would ask voters to approve a sales tax increase that raises approximately \$700M/year for transportation. CDOT would receive \$375M of that funding to issue up to \$3.5B bonds for infrastructure projects around the state.

HB 17-1242 as of 4/5/17



Any additional funding above the bond debt payments would go to maintenance, disaster contingency and other priorities. Local governments would get 70% of the remaining funds, after CDOT's portion is transferred, and the remaining 30% would go to a multi-modal transportation grant process. These multi-modal funds would be used for grant matching funds for local governments to use. The House sponsors heard plenty of testimony on the bill in the Transportation Committee and on the House floor where legislators debated the bill for hours. The next stop is in the Senate, where the debate and testimony is expected to be as, comprehensive, as it was in the House.

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