



Transportation Commission Supports 110

Last month in *Interchange* we showed you a side by side comparison of ballot measures #109 and #110 that will appear on the ballot this fall. At the September meeting of the Colorado Transportation Commission (TC) a resolution was passed in support of Proposition #110, which seeks to provide an estimated \$18 billion in funding for state highway, city and county, transit, bicycle and pedestrian transportation projects around the state. In accordance with the Fair Campaign Practices Act, §1-45-117(1)(b)(III) of the Colorado Revised Statutes, a governing board or commission may pass a resolution or take a position of advocacy on a ballot question put before the voters.

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**Transportation Commission Chair
Shannon Gifford**

Proposition #110 has been placed on the ballot and if approved by the people of Colorado would increase the state sales tax by .62% for twenty years and dedicate those funds to state highways, local and multimodal transportation options across Colorado. In July, the TC, with the collaboration of local officials on the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee approved a list of projects across the state such as Floyd Hill on I-70, and improvements to CO 13 north of Rifle.

“We have over \$20 billion in identified unfunded strategy highway transportation needs in the next twenty years, and in El Paso county, state highways alone need \$2.4 billion,”

**Transportation Commissioner
Rocky Scott**

The funds generated from #110 would also provide vital support for several statewide programs, including Fiber and Technology; ADA Sidewalks and Bicycle/Pedestrian; Safety Shoulders, Rest Area Restoration, Small Freight and Truck Parking, and Wildlife Crash Mitigation; and a Pavement Improvement Program if Proposition #110 is approved by voters.

For more information on #109 and #110 including a list of local city and county increases under #110 visit:

https://www.codot.gov/programs/colorado-transportation-matters/together-we-go/2018_Ballot_Propositions

Resolution # TC-18-09-18

Expressing support for Proposition 110 to increase transportation funding across Colorado if approved by voters in November, 2018. Approved by the Transportation Commission on September 20, 2018

- WHEREAS, pursuant to §43-1-106(8)(a) and (j), C.R.S., the Colorado Transportation Commission (“Commission”) is charged with formulating general policy with respect to the management, construction, and maintenance of public highways and other transportation systems in the state and to do all other things necessary and appropriate in the construction, improvement, and maintenance of the state highway and transportation systems; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to §43-1-106(8)(h), C.R.S., the Commission promulgates and adopts the budgets of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT); and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to §43-1-106(8)(i), C.R.S., the Transportation Commission provides services and information to the boards of county commissioners; and
- WHEREAS, Colorado faces significant transportation funding challenges now and in the future as a result of the declining purchasing power of a flat gas tax, rising construction costs, and increasing demands on existing transportation infrastructure; and
- WHEREAS, future expansion projects are limited by rising maintenance costs and preservation needs; and
- WHEREAS, Proposition #110 has been placed on the ballot and if approved by the people of Colorado would increase the state sales tax by .62% for twenty years and dedicate those funds to local roads, highways, and multimodal options across the state; and
- WHEREAS, Proposition #110 includes a net projected increase in state transportation revenue of approximately \$18 billion; and
- WHEREAS, the Commission, with the collaboration of the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee, has approved a list of projects across the state as well as several statewide programs, including Fiber and Technology; ADA Sidewalks and Bicycle/Pedestrian; Safety Shoulders, Rest Area Restoration, Small Freight and Truck Parking, and Wildlife Crash Mitigation; and a Pavement Improvement Program, all of which could be funded if Proposition #110 is approved by voters; and
- WHEREAS, Proposition #110 also includes funding for local transportation needs for every county, city and town across the state, as well as funding for multimodal needs, including transit, rail, and bicycle and pedestrian projects; and
- WHEREAS, CDOT has prepared a “Factual Summary of 2018 Transportation Ballot Propositions” of the propositions which will appear on the November 6, 2018 general election ballot for approval or disapproval by the voting citizens of the state;
- WHEREAS, the Department, with the participation of transportation planning partners from around the state, including the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee has created a Development Program of projects that account for the highest priority highway projects across the state that are unfunded or underfunded, and the Department is developing a similar program for transit priorities; and
- WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes no new funding scenario is able to cover all transportation needs in the state but Proposition #110 takes a substantial step toward filling Colorado’s most pressing transportation needs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission supports the passage of Proposition #110 which will strongly support the economic vitality of Colorado and the quality of life of the public by greatly improving how we safely move people, goods and information on Colorado's transportation system; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution, the Factual Summary of Proposition 110, the list of projects related to this proposition and other relevant information be disseminated to the county commissioners of the state as well as others using customary means; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Transportation Commission recommends to the boards of county commissioners, as consultant to the said boards, that the passage of Proposition 110 will best meet the costs of current and future transportation needs which far exceed available transportation revenues.