



## Senate Bill 18-001 Begins Flowing

Senate Bill (SB) 18-001 provides new funding for state and local transportation systems. The new legislation includes a variety of possible funding scenarios dependent upon different external factors.

On July 1, SB-18-001 allowed for the transfer of \$495M for state and local transportation projects statewide. This is divided 70% to the state, 15% to local governments and 15% to a new Multimodal Fund (MMF). The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will receive \$346.5M and locals/MMF \$74.25M each. The local money is split 50/50 between cities and counties and will be distributed via the local government Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) distribution formula. All the multimodal funding passes through CDOT. Local governments receive 85% of it and CDOT receives 15% for statewide multimodal projects. The multimodal funds may be used for transit projects, operating expenses or studies.



On July 1, 2019, another SB-001 transfer of \$150M will occur. Of this, CDOT receives \$105M, and local governments receive \$22.5M, split 50/50 between counties and cities. The MMF also receives \$22.5M, split 85% to local government transit projects and 15% to the state for CDOT transit programs.

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## Traffic Safety Champions

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) recently recognized 32 individual law enforcement officers and 19 agencies as Traffic Safety Champions. The recognition focused on law enforcement efforts to reduce impaired driving and increase the use of seat belts. Agencies received recognition for their work on distracted driving, speed, and child passenger safety. A Traffic Safety Champion is an individual that shows outstanding support for impaired driving or occupant protection enforcement, from work done during the established enforcement periods throughout the year.

Individuals from the Colorado State Patrol, Sheriff Offices, and Police Departments received awards. In 2016, seat belts saved an estimated 200 lives in Colorado. An additional 60 lives would be saved if all unrestrained passenger vehicle occupants involved in fatal crashes used proper restraints. Three high visibility enforcement periods take place each year in Colorado. For more information about seat belt safety and enforcement citation numbers, visit [SeatBeltsColorado.com](http://SeatBeltsColorado.com) and to see the full list of those recognized visit [this link](#).

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SB-001 protects the first of four possible payments of SB-267 funding, amounting to \$380M. The state needs to repay this funding, with CDOT contributing a maximum of \$28.5M the first year and \$10.1M for the following nineteen years. These funds are split 90% to roads and 10% to state transit projects.

SB-001 also describes some future funding scenarios based on possible 2018 election outcomes. Two measures may be on the November ballot: one (Initiative #167) relies on general funds to pay for transportation bonds, and the other (Initiative #153) asks for a \$0.62 sales tax increase for state and local projects.

If Initiative #167 passes, then SB267 transfers will be rescinded (except the first 2018 transfer) since the General Fund will be forced to pay for long term bond debt payments from Initiative #167. If passed, CDOT would bond \$3.5 billion for transportation projects and the state will pay debt service of approximately \$260 million per year for 20 years.

If Initiative #153 passes, the sales tax revenue will pay for the bond debt payments. The FY 19 and FY 20 General fund transfers under SB-001 will continue, and years 2-4 of SB 267 will be restored. The general fund transfers an additional \$50M annually for 20 years to the state highway fund to use for the SB 267 debt payments, as well.

If neither initiative passes in 2018, then the legislature will refer the SB-001 ballot measure to the 2019 election, asking voters to approve \$2.3B in bonds for state and local projects. This funding would be split 85% to roads and 15% to multimodal uses.

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