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TO: Transportation Commissioners, Executive Director, Executive Management Team, Branch Managers, and Office Directors
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RE: Weekly Legislative Report - 2017 Session of the Colorado General Assembly

Overview

March signals the coming of the end of the first third of the session; not in calendar days, but the time it takes for the first round of legislation to separate the more enduring bills from those meeting an early fate. For example, of the 20 bills introduced in the first two weeks that impacted CDOT, twelve have died, four are dying and only four look to survive. New bills will continue to trickle in during March, until the Long Bill is introduced later in the month, ushering in a short lull while both chambers debate the state budget.

Legislation

As of today CDOT is tracking 33 bills for possible direct or indirect impacts on CDOT, its employees, or the state's transportation network. Below are summaries of the few bills introduced or heard this week.

Senate Bill 17-205 (Multimodal Transportation Infrastructure Funding). This bill submits a ballot question to the voters for a 0.25% state sales tax increase to bond for transportation and rail projects. Projects are not specified in the bill, but come from CDOT's priority list. Additionally, \$500M of the bond amount must be used for development of passenger rail along the I-25 corridor. This bill is the first transportation funding bill this year to rely solely on new revenue and not require the legislature to dedicate money from existing resources.

CDOT Position: Pending

House Bill 17-1193 (Small Cell Facilities). This bill allows telecommunication providers to place small cell facilities on existing towers in local government and state owned right of ways. The bill drafter worked with CDOT before introduction to clarify that existing fee and permit processes continue in state right of ways, and amended the bill in committee this week to protect against installing small cell facilities on existing and future tolling infrastructure.

CDOT Position: Amended, Monitor

Senate Bill 17-188 (Repeal Income Tax Credit Innovative Motor Vehicles). This bill would send to the voters a ballot measure to repeal the income tax credits for electric, natural gas and other innovative vehicles. The sponsor intended to capture the credits for electric vehicles only, however, all innovative vehicles' credits, including some freight trucks, were in the bill. This week the committee held a wide ranging discussion about tax credits and energy innovation while amending the bill to narrow the scope. The bill faces a difficult future on the Senate floor and an even more difficult time if it makes it to the House.

CDOT Position: Monitor

If you have any questions on these or any other legislative issues please contact Andy Karsian at 303-757-9073. Weekly memos and our bill tracking chart is also [available online](#).

