



**COLORADO**  
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**DATE:** December 18, 2014  
**TO:** Transportation Commission  
**FROM:** Kurtis Morrison, Office of Policy & Government Relations  
**SUBJECT:** 2015 Legislative Agenda

**Purpose**

Memorandum provides a summary of the 2015 legislative agenda for the Department.

**Action**

Information only.

**Details**

For the 2015 legislative session, CDOT's legislative agenda presented to the General Assembly will consist of four bills, two capital projects, and one budget decision item. Each of these proposals were developed in coordination with the appropriate CDOT staff, and were vetted internally by the CDOT Policy & Government Relations Office. The bill requests were scrutinized for: necessity of a statutory change versus ability to fix the problem within existing state law; associated risks with "opening" a statute; potential sponsors; possible supportive or opposing organizations and stakeholders; and likelihood of enactment by the General Assembly. Table 1 summarizes CDOT's requested legislative agenda, as well as other legislative requests and priorities for 2015.

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**Attachments**

Table 1. CDOT 2015 Legislative Agenda



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	Summary	Request Amount	Potential Sponsors
<b>Bill/Statutory Change Requests</b>			
<b>Department of Transportation Organizational Statutes Update</b> <i>(Requested By: Chief Engineer, Division of Maintenance, OPR)</i>	The bill concept would update CDOT organizational statutes to account for the new CDOT Division of Highway Maintenance, and also would repeal outdated division titles and make corresponding changes.	n/a	House and Senate Transportation Committee chairpersons and ranking minority members
<b>Outdoor Advertising Control Program (OACP) Fee Schedule</b> <i>(Requested By: Project Support)</i>	The bill concept would update the OACP fee schedule, which has not been raised in over three decades. The current fee schedule is based on sign area and ranges from \$10 to \$75 per year per billboard. The bill proposal would increase this amount by 20 percent, corresponding with a recent State Auditor recommendation.	n/a	Legislative Audit Committee
<b>HPTE Transportation Special Fund</b> <i>(Requested By: HPTE)</i>	The bill concept would correct an accounting issue to ensure adequate transparency and recording of loans and corresponding payments between the HPTE Transportation Special Fund and the State Highway Fund.	n/a	Joint Budget Committee
<b>Updating Temporary License Plate Design/Toll Enforcement</b> <i>(Requested By: HPTE)</i>	The bill concept would add new language to state law governing temporary registration tags, specifically to make temporary tags more visible and detectable by tollway photo-enforcement technology.	n/a	TBD
<b>Capital Development Requests</b>			
<b>Automated Avalanche Reduction Project</b> <i>(Requested By: Region 1, Region 3)</i>	The request would fund acquisition and implementation of modern avalanche mitigation techniques, including use of the new Gazex technology, and automated method of reducing avalanche danger in certain high-risk zones along the I-70 Mountain Corridor.	\$2,525,000	n/a
<b>I-70 Genesee Bike Path Project</b> <i>(Requested By: Region 1)</i>	The request would fund construction costs for a new ten-foot wide bike path on the north side of I-70 from Genesee Exit to Evergreen Parkway Exit, and build a new pedestrian/bicycle path over the buffalo herd culvert-crossing.	\$556,000	n/a
<b>Budget Requests/Decision Items</b>			
<b>Marijuana Impaired Driving Campaign</b> <i>(Requested By: Office of Communications, Office of Transportation Safety)</i>	The request would fund a public education campaign on marijuana impaired driving on a large-scale, statewide level, including continued use of the "Drive High, Get a DUI" campaign and paid advertising, with the goal of reducing traffic fatalities and serious injuries for all public road users.	\$450,000	n/a
<b>Other</b>			
<b>Senate Bill 09-228 Transfers</b>	Defend against any attempts to reduce or eliminate Senate Bill 228 transfers, and ensure General Fund transfers to CDOT occur in FY 2015-16.	n/a	n/a