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Special Highway Committee
Bev Stables, CML Representative
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Dear Special Highway Committee Members,

On August 19, 2025, CDOT requested a one-time transfer of \$4,000,000 from the Off-system Bridge Construction funding pool (BRO) to the Off-System Bridge Inspection and Load Rating funding pool (BIO). Upon SHC concurrence of that request, CDOT transferred half of the funding (\$2,000,000) in 2025. The remaining \$2,000,000 will be transferred to BIO in 2026. This funding is used to perform load ratings for Off-System (local agency-owned) bridges that qualify for the National Bridge Inventory. These load ratings will determine the capacity of the bridges to support Specialized Hauling Vehicles and Emergency Vehicles in accordance with FHWA Memorandum *Load Rating of Specialized Hauling Vehicles* issued on November 15, 2013 and with FHWA Memorandum *Load Rating for the FAST Act's Emergency Vehicles* issued on November 3, 2016.

Per the 2025 request, it was recommended that the funding transfer occur over two fiscal years and the Colorado Counties Incorporated (CCI) and Colorado Municipal League (CML) allocations for the Off-System Bridge Grant program be reduced in alignment with the allocation percentages. In calendar year 2025 (fiscal year 2026), the allocation percentages and corresponding reductions in available award funding were:

- CCI: 61%/\$1,220,000
- CML: 39%/\$780,000

In calendar year 2026 (fiscal year 2027), the allocation percentages and corresponding reductions in available award funding will be:

- CCI: 66%/\$1,320,000
- CML: 34%/\$680,000

Sincerely,

Natasha Butler, State Bridge Engineer

