

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

Date

May 11, 2026

Committee on Finance.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1430 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 12, after line 11 insert:

2 "SECTION 12. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 43-1-139 as
3 follows:

4 **43-1-139. Transportation funding working group - definitions**
5 **- repeal.**

6 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
7 REQUIRES:

8 (a) "FACILITATOR" MEANS THE NEUTRAL FACILITATOR THAT THE
9 DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS WITH PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS
10 SECTION.

11 (b) "WORKING GROUP" MEANS THE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING
12 WORKING GROUP CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

13 (2) THERE IS CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT THE TRANSPORTATION
14 FUNDING WORKING GROUP. THE WORKING GROUP SHALL MEET AS
15 NECESSARY TO EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING
16 FUNDING STATE AND LOCAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION MAINTENANCE,
17 REPAIR, CAPACITY, AND SAFETY.

18 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONTRACT WITH A NEUTRAL
19 FACILITATOR TO ORGANIZE AND MANAGE THE WORKING GROUP'S
20 MEETINGS, GUIDE THE WORKING GROUP'S DELIBERATIONS, AND DRAFT THE
21 REPORTS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (7)(a) AND (7)(b) OF THIS
22 SECTION.

23 (4) (a) THE WORKING GROUP CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING
24 MEMBERS:

25 (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
26 DESIGNEE;

27 (II) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH EXPERTISE

1 IN PUBLIC FINANCE;
2 (III) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO REPRESENT
3 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION OR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GROUPS;
4 (IV) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES TO REPRESENT COUNTIES ACROSS THE STATE;
6 (V) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES TO REPRESENT LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS;
8 (VI) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE
9 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO REPRESENT AN ASSOCIATION OF MOTOR
10 CARRIERS;
11 (VII) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
12 TO REPRESENT MUNICIPALITIES ACROSS THE STATE;
13 (VIII) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
14 TO REPRESENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS; AND
15 (IX) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE
16 SENATE TO REPRESENT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR PROFESSIONALS.
17 (b) THE APPLICABLE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL MAKE ALL
18 OF THE APPOINTMENTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION
19 NO LATER JUNE 19, 2026.
20 (c) MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF
21 THE APPLICABLE APPOINTING AUTHORITY. IF A VACANCY OCCURS, THE
22 APPROPRIATE APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL APPOINT A REPLACEMENT
23 MEMBER WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (4)(a)
24 OF THIS SECTION FOR THE VACANT POSITION NOT LATER THAN ONE WEEK
25 FROM THE DATE THE VACANCY EXISTS. IF THE APPROPRIATE APPOINTING
26 AUTHORITY FAILS TO APPOINT A REPLACEMENT MEMBER AS REQUIRED BY
27 THIS SUBSECTION (4)(c), THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A REPLACEMENT
28 MEMBER WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (4)(a)
29 OF THIS SECTION.
30 (d) MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP SERVE WITHOUT
31 COMPENSATION AND WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES.
32 (e) MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP MAY PARTICIPATE
33 REMOTELY IN WORKING GROUP MEETINGS.
34 (5) (a) THE FACILITATOR SHALL CONVENE THE FIRST MEETING OF
35 THE WORKING GROUP DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 29, 2026. THE WORKING
36 GROUP SHALL ADOPT BYLAWS AT THE FIRST WORKING GROUP MEETING.
37 (b) THE WORKING GROUP SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE EVERY TWO
38 WEEKS BEGINNING THE WEEK OF JUNE 29, 2026, THROUGH THE WEEK OF
39 NOVEMBER 2, 2026. THE WORKING GROUP MAY MEET MORE OFTEN AT THE
40 DISCRETION OF THE FACILITATOR. A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
41 WORKING GROUP MAY VOTE TO EXTEND THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION
42 PAST THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2, 2026, OR TO TERMINATE THE WORKING
43 GROUP'S WORK AT ANY TIME.

1 (c) THE WORKING GROUP MAY MEET WITH SUBJECT MATTER
2 EXPERTS AS NEEDED, SUCH AS EXPERTS ON THE STATE BUDGET, PUBLIC
3 FINANCING, AND TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION.

4 (6) THE WORKING GROUP'S PURPOSE IS TO IDENTIFY APPROACHES
5 TO AUGMENT STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION
6 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, CAPACITY, AND SAFETY BY INCREASING REVENUE,
7 WHILE FOCUSING ON INCREASING REVENUE THAT IS PROTECTED FOR SUCH
8 PURPOSES, IS SUSTAINABLE, AND DOES NOT NECESSITATE CUTS TO CORE
9 STATE AND LOCAL SERVICES.

10 (7) (a) NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 7, 2026, THE WORKING GROUP
11 SHALL SUBMIT A PRELIMINARY STATUS REPORT TO THE TRANSPORTATION,
12 HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES, THE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE OF
14 THE SENATE, THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION CREATED IN SECTION
15 43-1-106, AND THE GOVERNOR. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE:

16 (I) A SUMMARY OF THE WORKING GROUP'S DISCUSSIONS AND
17 FINDINGS; AND

18 (II) THE POTENTIAL STATE BUDGETARY IMPACTS, AS DISCUSSED BY
19 THE WORKING GROUP, OF POTENTIAL APPROACHES TO AUGMENT STATE
20 AND LOCAL FUNDING FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION MAINTENANCE,
21 REPAIR, CAPACITY, AND SAFETY NEEDS.

22 (b) NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 13, 2026, THE WORKING GROUP
23 SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL
24 GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE
25 TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE, THE
26 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION CREATED IN SECTION 43-1-106, AND THE
27 GOVERNOR. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE THE WORKING GROUP'S FINDINGS
28 AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCERNING
29 MATTERS EVALUATED BY THE WORKING GROUP.

30 (8) (a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THE
31 WORKING GROUP IN CARRYING OUT THE WORKING GROUP'S DUTIES. THE
32 DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT INTERNAL PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT THE
33 WORKING GROUP'S WORK IS CONDUCTED IN AN ORDERLY, TIMELY, AND
34 GOAL-ORIENTED MANNER.

35 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE
36 DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND,
37 CREATED IN SECTION 43-1-219, FOR THE WORKING GROUP'S PURPOSES
38 INCLUDING FOR HIRING PROFESSIONAL FACILITATION SERVICES, ASSISTING
39 THE WORKING GROUP PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (8)(a) OF THIS SECTION,
40 AND OTHER NECESSARY SERVICES.

41 (9) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027."

42 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

1 Page 19, line 23, strike "4 and 6 through 15" and substitute "4, 6 through
2 11, and 13 through 16".

3 Page 20, line 3, strike "the" and substitute "an".

4 Page 20, after line 8 insert:

5 "(4) Section 12 of this act takes effect only if a petition for any
6 ballot issue that would be part of the statewide ballot for the general
7 election held on November 3, 2026, and that would amend the state
8 constitution to change existing law on transportation funding and to
9 increase the amount of state revenue dedicated to road transportation is
10 either:

11 (a) Not filed with the secretary of state on or before May 27, 2026,
12 in which case section 12 of this act takes effect on June 1, 2026; or

13 (b) Withdrawn on or before June 15, 2026, pursuant to section
14 1-40-134, from the statewide ballot for the general election held on
15 November 3, 2026, in which case section 12 of this act takes effect on
16 June 16, 2026."

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