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NORTHERN COLORADO PROSPERS FLASH UPDATE

Transportation Funding Bill Passes Through Senate Unanimously; Moves On To House

[Senate Bill 18-001 \(SB 1\)](#) - the Fix Colorado Roads Act - passed through the Colorado Senate on Wednesday morning. The bill now moves to the House. It includes \$500M for transportation in the 2018-19 fiscal year and \$250M every year thereafter with a \$3.5B bonding program to fund the Tier One CDOT list.

"Colorado's interstates and its regionally significant transportation projects took a huge step forward with this unanimous Senate vote," said Fix Colorado Roads' Sandra Hagen Solin. "All agreed that the challenges along our interstates and state roadways finally need to be meaningfully addressed and funded."

"More importantly we were able to restore the \$250M annual appropriation regardless of the outcome of a bonding question," said Solin.

House Speaker Crisanta Duran of Denver has called for the \$500M budget allocation to be shared 45/40/15 between the state, local governments and transit; and will offer an amendment to the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) "orbital" bill that establishes funding. The \$500M has already been appropriated by the JBC and is currently guaranteed regardless of the outcome of SB 1.

The Chamber, the Fix North I-25 Business Alliance and Fix Colorado Roads all testified in favor of SB 1 and will continue to lobby for its passage in the House.

We will continue to keep you updated with any new information from the legislative session.

Northern Colorado Prospers is a five-year strategic initiative of the Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber will continue to lead a comprehensive, multi-year lobbying and communications campaign to secure the \$1.7 billion necessary to widen North I-25 between Fort Collins and Longmont (Highways 14 and 66). Fix Colorado Roads is an collaborative effort of Northern Colorado Prospers and the Fix North I-25 Business Alliance.

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