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TRANSPORTATION FINANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION
PANEL REPORT, SUPPORT FOR

WHEREAS Colorado’s transportation system is the single largest asset owned by the citizens of Colorado, and

WHEREAS the citizens of Colorado deserve and need to know the condition of their transportation system, and

WHEREAS CLUB 20 recognizes that existing funding streams for transportation infrastructure are not sufficient to either maintain the current system or account for projected population increases.

WHEREAS CLUB 20 supports the sustaining of existing funding mechanisms and funding allocations for transportation infrastructure, and

WHEREAS Governor Ritter recognized that the current funding system for transportation in Colorado is not adequate to meet Colorado’s current and future needs for transportation and created The Governor’s Transportation Finance and Implementation Panel, and

WHEREAS the Report and Recommendations of Governor Ritter’s Transportation Finance and Implementation Panel recognize that Colorado’s economy and quality of life depend on the efficient and safe movement of people and goods, and responsible stewardship of the environment, and

WHEREAS the recommended annual level of investment is consistent with the funding required to improve safety, preserve the system and provide travel options, and

WHEREAS the Panel considered more than 40 forms of funding and, the recommended investment level will distribute needed funds to state and local highway and transit options by using new flexible revenue streams for transportation, and

WHEREAS the Panel’s Vision for Colorado’s Transportation Future will create a comprehensive and sustainable system that creates choice and mobility for Coloradoans, supports the economy, connects our communities and regions by providing dependable road, public transit, aviation and rail freight transportation throughout the state,

WHEREAS the Panel concluded that sustaining Colorado's existing transportation system and expanding it to meet the needs of current and future Coloradans will require much more than the revenues currently expected for transportation at the state and local levels.

WHEREAS any funding options chosen should be sustainable and have the broad support of business, political, community leaders and our citizens to ensure that transportation investments made for Colorado will build our economic future and quality of life with a safe, environmentally sound, comprehensive transportation system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CLUB 20:

- Urges CO Department of Transportation to partner with the private sector to implement a coordinated education campaign to educate the citizens on the deteriorating condition of their transportation infrastructure, and
- Supports the implementation of the Governor's Transportation Finance and Implementation Panel's preferred investment level of an additional \$1.5 billion per year for transportation in Colorado,
- Supports a bi-partisan legislative solution that includes thorough debate of all potential funding sources, and may or may not include a referred measure, and
- Supports a strategy to secure the balance of the \$1.5 billion not otherwise secured through the Legislative Session in a ballot referendum or initiative.
- Believes that any proposal to involve the tourism industry in contributing to Colorado's transportation funding needs should involve ALL aspects of the tourism industry (including lodging, airline tickets, rental cars, attractions, and ticket sales) and that such taxes should be prorated so as not to place a disproportionately larger tax burden on smaller tourism-related businesses.

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