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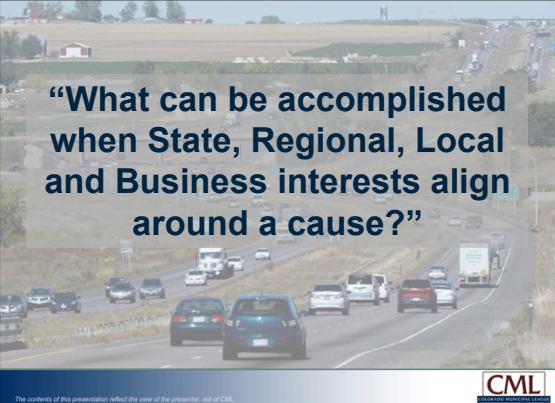


Transportation and Regional Collaboration

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“What can be accomplished when State, Regional, Local and Business interests align around a cause?”

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- Changing the dialog from within
- Going backward to go forward
- What Changed?
 - Coalition of the willing
 - Private sector steps up
- Results

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The Colorado Transportation Reality Check!

\$9 Billion in State System Project Needs

– **\$1.4 Billion Annual CDOT Revenue**
= **\$1 Billion Annual State Shortfall**

- We rely on transportation and mobility for quality of life. Are we willing to pay for the privilege?
- Challenge to balance state priorities and growing needs; transportation revenue is losing ground



The Last Time Colorado Raised the Gas Tax

1991

\$1.14/gal.
Average Gas Price

\$15,473
Average Price of a New Car

\$109,071
Metro Denver Median Home Price

Avalanche logo

President George H.W. Bush


Broncos logo

Terminator 2 released

Denver's Stapleton airport 4 years away from closing

Dan Reeves was Broncos head coach with John Elway as QB and Gary Kubiak as backup QB


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What We Pay--Or Don't

- *Paying Your Share?*
40.4 Cents per Gal for Gas Tax
(40% to Cities & Counties; 60% to CDOT)
- Avg. traveler pays \$28.80/Month –
(Compare what you pay for phone, TV,
recreation events per month!)
- Lacking adequate, long term transportation
revenue stream

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We Care Because...

- Our economic health & quality of life depend on a strong transportation system
- Federal legislation & funding is uncertain
- State funding is complex & insufficient to meet competing needs
- Local funding is stretched
- Gas tax does not cover the need
- Population is growing; infrastructure is aging

I-25 Climbing Lane Construction



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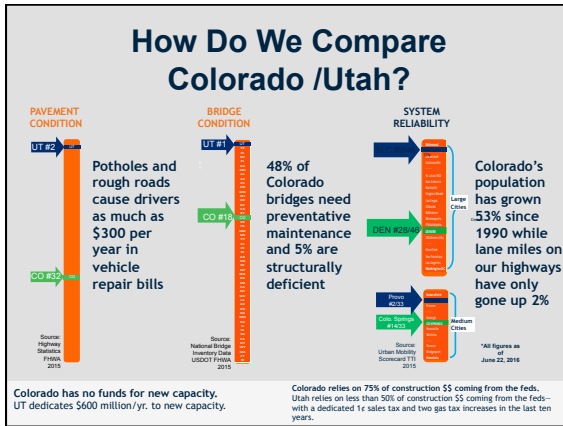
Transportation BUDGET

SOURCE	UTAH	COLORADO
Federal \$	\$282M	\$518M
State Gas Tax	\$308M	\$298M
Sales Tax	\$550M	\$0
Local Match	\$69M	\$31.5M
TOTAL	\$1.34B	\$1.41B*

*Colorado population is nearly double that of Utah.

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Planning was Not Enough

- Record Of Decision (ROD) for North I-25 signed in 2011. (Phase 1- adding 1 lane each way by 2035)
- The plan has been there, the \$'s have not
- Fractured messaging from corridor municipalities
- Independent support for smaller pieces of project

I-25 Crossroads Bridge

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Transition from Plan to Do

- Coming together of regional voices
- Champions to recognize/ lead action
- Collaboration and political will to leverage all opportunities
- Building trusting relationships to overcome individual competitiveness


EXPRESS LANES NORTH I-25
Johnstown to Fort Collins

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The Nugget!

Developing relationships, partnerships, collaboration and trust are the foundation for building a strong transportation system!




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The (not so) Good Old Days

- I-25 Mason-Dixon Line
- Regional Growth
- Aging Infrastructure
- Economic Impacts



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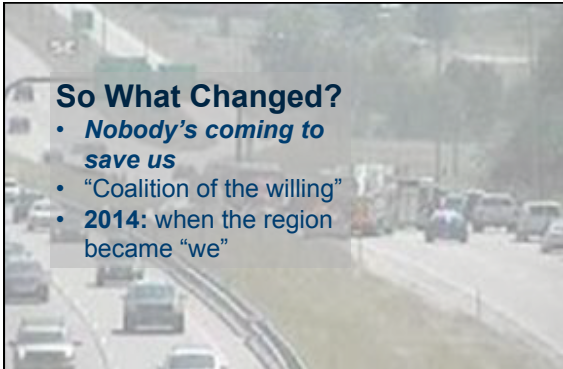
- Wakeup Call
- Glimpse into our future
- I-25 Regional Lifeline

FRONT RANGE FLOODS
BIG THOMPSON RIVER SURGE
LOVELAND



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So What Changed?

- *Nobody's coming to save us*
- "Coalition of the willing"
- **2014:** when the region became "we"

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Enter the Private Sector

- Financial Commitment
- Political Pressure
- Not Going Away

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Business Backing Matters

Two-county focus on North I-25 Statewide effort to increase transportation funding



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Putting Our Money Where Our Mouth Is:

\$25M of local funding contributions for I-25 from:

- City of Fort Collins
- City of Loveland
- Town of Berthoud
- Town of Johnstown
- Larimer County (mill levy)
- Weld County
- Town of Timnath
- Town of Wellington
- Estes Park
- Loveland Metro District

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Results:

- North I-25 Improvements Project
- \$237M
- Express Lanes, infrastructure upgrades
- Additional enhancements

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Looking Forward: we're not done yet

- Fixing the Gap
- Long term transportation funding solutions
- Changing the face of regional collaboration

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