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NCLA - Colorado Contractors will not petition onto the ballot this year. The second option is Fix our Damn Highways. $300M from all sources to repay bond. NCLA has not taken a position. SB 267 passed $1.8B with $1.2 B for all to compete, 10% to Transit 188M. Took away ‘SB228, rural portion

Over 20 years, bonding allows faster improvements. Region 4 will request $600M (out of $1.2B) for segments 5 & 6. 402 to SH66. The $600M “ask” is for full build out and all of the pavement in the segment needs to be reconstructed. There are other needed state projects including a W I-70 bridge for $500M. Local communities have put in a lot but not the communities of Mead and Longmont. Local match will be taken into account by TC when allocating funds.

What is the political impact of SB267? Concern voters/legislators will feel that the transportation funding issues fixed.

SB267 will take pressure off legislators. What happens in fall 2017 with Caldera proposal? What happens next session? Should NCLA draft bill and then spend now until session to position that with state. If NCLA supports Caldera will not have time to do separate bill. Governor candidates lining up transportation as an issue. SB267 does not provide new funding. The payback is to occur using $100M GF and $50M CDOT.

$300M campaign for Caldera to put $3.5M on ballot. Will there be any funding left for a campaign to pass the proposal? The Caldera proposal is for a $3.5B bond package with $300M to repay from all sources – no new funding.

Need consistent messaging. Who to talk with? Heather, Johnny, Kathy, and eventually CDOT executive committee. Gerry was asked to join the group. Need to do it by next week. NCLA willing to facilitate meeting to get the story to tell. Who are the targets are for the message?

Economic health, quality of life important messages in addition to Pavement in worse shape. 7&8 not the final fix it is providing traffic control. The segment by monument doing an EA. Don’t need to have a PEL.

Need to use fact sheet. $600M for north for 14 miles, south is $300M for 17 miles. Segment 4 is still a gap with express because no conversion. GH feels we could still undertake the conversion.

14 miles is three lanes 2 reconstruction and one new. For the SB267 $1.2B, TC is going to want to spread improvements across the state. Local communities have committed $55M. CDOT should finish the north I-25 express lane to eliminate the bottleneck then move to another area of the state.

Sandra S will set up meeting on messaging.
Heather reported that Climbing lanes are nearly done. She stated that Crossroads is on track to be done by end of 2017.

The segment 7 and 8 RFP on track good questions, good ideas from the consultants/contractors. Proposals due July 28 with selection by end of August.

Federal Lobbyist

David M suggested that with the change in administration, there is a need to monitor federal funding situation more than lobbying right now. Next meeting of I-25 coalition should have 36 coalition to discuss how they used and what success.