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SB 19-051

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: INCREASE GENERAL FUND FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

The bill increases transfers from the General Fund for transportation purposes. The bill results in a one-time transfer from the General Fund to the Colorado Department of Transportation and local governments for transportation projects.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 19-051

Table with 3 columns: Category, FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (State Highway Fund, Total), Transfers (General Fund, Highway Users Tax Fund, State Highway Fund), and TABOR Refund.

Summary of Legislation

Current law transfers \$150.0 million from the General Fund to fund transportation in FY 2019-20. Of this amount:

- \$105.0 million is transferred to the State Highway Fund (SHF),
- \$22.5 million is transferred to the Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) for allocation in equal shares to counties and municipalities; and
- \$22.5 million is transferred to the Multimodal Transportation Options Fund.

This bill increases the total amount transferred in FY 2019-20 by \$190 million (\$340 million total) from the General Fund to two cash funds in FY 2019-20 as follows:

- an additional \$161.5 million to the SHF; and
- an additional \$28.5 million to the HUTF for equal allocation to counties and municipalities.

Background

In 2018, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 18-001, which committed state General Fund revenue for transportation projects. In FY 2018-19, \$495.0 million was transferred from the General Fund, of which \$346.5 million was transferred to the SHF, \$74.25 million was transferred to the HUTF for allocation to local governments, and \$74.25 million was transferred to the Multimodal Transportation Options Fund, a newly created cash fund to support grants for multimodal transportation projects.

State Transfers

This bill increases transfers from the General Fund to the SHF by \$161.5 million and the HUTF by \$28.5 million in FY 2019-20 only. Transfers to the SHF may be spent at the discretion of the Transportation Commission. Under current law, General Fund transfers to the HUTF are allocated in equal shares to counties and municipalities.

State Expenditures

This bill increases expenditures from the SHF by \$161.5 million in FY 2019-20. The Transportation Commission is responsible for allocating funds from the SHF.

Local Government

Under current law, HUTF expenditures are allocated in equal shares to counties and municipalities and distributed to individual governments following statutory formulas. HUTF distributions to counties and municipalities are spent for locally financed transportation projects at the discretion of the board of county commissioners, city or town council, or other government entity tasked with local transportation finance.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Information Technology	Municipalities
Transportation	Treasury	