

**Get to Know
Colorado Springs
Vice Mayor
Larry Small**



Larry Small has been a resident of Colorado Springs since 1973. Elected to City Council in 1991, he was elected Vice Mayor in 2005.

Larry holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering/Math from the West Virginia Institute of Technology. He is the retired Director of Turkish Operations for Lockheed Martin Corporation. He is a member of the Colorado Springs Downtown Lions Club.

In addition to his duties as Vice Mayor, Larry serves in leadership roles on several committees and boards such as the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments; the Colorado Springs Housing Authority; El Paso County Regional Building Commission; Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority; and the Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee.

Larry was also elected to the Colorado Municipal League Executive Board in 2006.

Stimulus Update

On January 28th, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 passed the House and moved to the Senate for consideration. Last week the Senate released their version of the stimulus bill and provided us with a first look at how the House and Senate differ. Target for final passage of the stimulus package is mid-February. On page 2 we have provided a side-by-side comparison of a few key transportation provisions. Other transportation provisions not listed here can be found on our website. To see the complete side-by-side list visit <http://www.dot.state.co.us/GovernmentRelations/>

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From the Capitol

It has been an intense few weeks for transportation legislation at the capitol. SB 09-108 (FASTER) by Senator Gibbs and Representative Rice was introduced and recently passed by the Senate and now awaits its first committee hearing in the House. Conversations with both parties remain on-going in hopes of coming to some type of bipartisan compromise. The bill passed the senate by a vote of 19-16 along narrow party lines.

Other CDOT bills including: HB-1066 the Division of Aeronautics clean up by Representative Vaad and Senator Gibbs is out of the House and will now move to the Senate. SB 09-078 by Senator Newell and Representative Rice regarding transfer of State Highways to local governments is out of committee awaiting scheduling before the full Senate. SB 09-094 by Senator Williams and Representative Levy regarding the creation of the Division of Transit and Rail is scheduled for its first hearing next Tuesday in Senate Transportation.

For questions about legislative issues contact Melissa Nelson, CDOT Legislative Liaison at (303-) 757-9703.

Upcoming Events

Legislative Transportation Caucus

February 11, 2009
State Capitol in Denver, CO
E-Mail: Melissa.Nelson@dot.state.co.us

Colorado Transportation Commission Meetings

February 18-19, 2009
CDOT Headquarters in Denver, CO
E-Mail: Dianne.Cavaliere@dot.state.co.us

Legislative Transportation Caucus

February 25, 2009
State Capitol in Denver, CO
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National Association of State Aviation Officials Conference

February 29-31, 2009
Phoenix Park Hotel in Washington, D.C.
Website: <http://www.nasao.org/>

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House Bill: \$46 Billion**Senate Bill: \$45 Billion**

No Earmarks	Earmarks	No Earmarks
Match Provisions		
No Match Required (except for some aviation)		No Match Required
Highways (Formula)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30b nationally (\$412m estimated for Colorado); 40% of the funds suballocated under STP Formula, including 45% of suballocated funds to the TMAs (\$64.4m for Colorado, see below), and a portion to Enhancements (\$18.5m for Colorado) • TMAs: 50% of funds obligated in 75 days or revert to state for use anywhere in the state. Other 50% obligated by June 2010. (DRCOG: \$48.1m, PPACG \$11.3m, NFRMPO \$5.0m) • State: 50% obligated in 90 days or rescinded and redistributed to states that met the 50%. Other 50% obligated by August 2010 or rescinded and redistributed to states that met the 50% • “Preference” for projects in economically distressed areas • “Preference” for projects in TIP/STIP • “Preference” for projects to be completed in three years or less <p>Economic stimulus funds cannot supplant state funds for transportation projects (working on determining full meaning of this amendment)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$27b for projects (\$425.7m estimated for Colorado) under STP formula. A portion of the funds are suballocated to the TMAs (\$105.2m in Colorado), leaving \$320.5m of state funds, of which 5% must go to the CMAQ program • Initial 50% of funds go to state and must be obligated by state in 180 days or rescinded and redistributed to the states that met the 50% • Of the amount suballocated to TMAs, projects must be obligated within one year or funds are rescinded and provided to Secretary for the competitive grant program (see below). Does allow local grantees to apply for an extension in some circumstances. (TMA draft projects funding amounts: DRCOG: \$78.6m; PPACG: \$18.5m; NFRMPO: \$8.2m) • 10% of the funds are dedicated to the Enhancement program, although the bill language is a bit unclear on details of how those funds are allocated 	
Federal Transit Administration		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit Capital Grants: \$7.5b, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5.4b for 5307 and \$600m for 5311 (for Colorado, \$99.2 urban* and \$12.4 rural) • 100% federal and apportioned no later than 7 days after date of enactment • 50% of the funds must be obligated within 90 days after apportionment (*urban formula= 71.12% Denver-Aurora; 10.08% C.S.; 4.02% Fort Collins; 3.78% Boulder; 1.79% G.J.; 2.35% Greeley; 1.46% Lafayette-Louisville; 2.6% Longmont; 2.79% Pueblo. Based on FY '08 transit capital distribution for Colorado). • Transit Rail Modernization/Fixed Guideway: \$2b for capital expenditures (\$11m for Colorado) • 100% federal, and apportioned no later than 7 days after date of enactment • 50% of the funds must be obligated within 90 days after apportionment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit Capital Grants: \$8.4b for capital projects that include rolling stock, construction, and other items. (71% to urban formula, 19% to growing states formula, 10% to rural formula) – (for Colorado, total funds are estimated at \$122m) • 50% of the funds obligated in 180 days or rescinded and redistributed to states that met the 50% • 50% of the funds obligated in one year or rescinded and provided to Secretary for the competitive grant program (see above). Does allow local grantees to apply for an extension in some circumstances • No similar provision 	