



# ELBERT COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## Department of Public Works

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### BOCC STAFF SUMMARY

**Date of Presentation:** 2/14/2018

**Staff Lead:** Rory T. Hale, DPW Director

**Effected Departments and Offices Effected:** BOCC, DPW and Road & Bridge

**Topic:** Consent Item - 2017 Colorado Department of Transportation / Highway Users Tax Fund, (HUTF).

**Purpose:** Approval and signing of the 2017 Elbert County HUTF Inventory.

**Background:** The Colorado Highway Users Tax Fund is the primary source of revenue Elbert County receives for maintaining the County's transportation system. Approximately 75% of the revenues come from fuel taxes, vehicle registrations, and various fees paid to the State. The remaining 25% comes from driver's license fees, court fines, and interest. Approximately 11% of the fund goes to the Colorado State Patrol and ports of entry. CDOT receives 65% and the remaining 24% goes to cities and counties to fund their transportation needs. HUTF funds are distributed to cities based on the number of motor vehicle registrations and non-state road miles traveled in those cities. The HUTF funds distributed to counties are based on vehicle registrations, non-state road miles, and the size of the bridges within those counties. Last year Elbert County received \$2,749,299.00 in HUTF funds.

**Key Points:** DPW / Road & Bridge continue to review the roads within Elbert County on an annual basis. Each year Road & Bridge performs a review of the overall road conditions based on a "Good", "Fair", or "Poor" rating, and then will update the annual HUTF report as needed. In 2017 Road & Bridge performed several road rebuilds that were in the "Poor" category. Those roads will now be upgraded in the HUTF report to the "Good" category. Other than a few updated road ratings, there were no significant changes to the Elbert County HUTF road inventory. Staff anticipates no change to the HUTF funds Elbert County receives for 2018.

#### Impact on County:

- a. **Fiscal:** HUTF funds are the primary source of revenue for maintaining County roads.
- b. **Services:** County road maintenance. Without these funds it would be difficult, at best, for Road & Bridge to provide any reasonable level of service to our citizens.
- c. **Infrastructure:** County Transportation System.

**BOCC Action Required:** Consent Item - Approve and sign the 2017 Elbert County HUTF Inventory.

**Required Decision Date:** February 14, 2018

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