

PUBLIC WORKS FUND SUMMARY

The Public Works Fund records all costs related to Weld County road and bridge construction and maintenance. This fund is also utilized for allocation of monies to cities and towns for use in their road and street activities. The resources for 2016 total \$122,152,360, which includes a fund balance of \$47,000,000, in addition to the revenue shown in the budget. Property tax is set at \$16,500,000 same as 2015. Specific ownership tax is estimated to be \$9,000,000, up \$1,600,000 from 2015, as vehicle sales recover. Total HUTF will be \$9,900,000 up \$200,000 from 2015. Permit revenues are budgeted at \$500,000. Motor vehicle registration fees are \$340,000, and grazing fees are \$360,000. Oil and gas revenues are \$14,000,000.

Federal mineral lease revenues are \$1,425,000 due to the creation of the Weld County Federal Mineral Lease District. The federal mineral lease revenue will flow through the new district and then Public Works will apply to the district for the funding of projects. In 2016, the district is funding \$1,425,000 in oil and gas haul route projects. PILT is budgeted at \$40,000 with the Federal Mineral Leasing District funding change.

Other revenues from project reimbursements total \$19,087,360, which are up \$3,539,360. Transportation impact fees are budgeted at \$1,500,000. There are Energy Impact Assistance grants of \$5,300,000 with \$4,500,000 for the WCR 49 project and \$800,000 for four Tier1 projects. There is one state grant to finish Bridge 68/59A for \$545,744. There are four flood project grants for Bridge 87/42.5A (\$1,225,000), Bridge 19/46.5A (\$1,200,000), Bridge 13/44B (\$1,200,000), and Bridge 53/58A (\$5,374,026). FEMA grant of \$400,000 for WCR's 120,110, and 108. There is RAMP funding of \$1,842,590 for the intersection of WCR 47/392. \$2,000,000 is anticipated from the sale of the Hokestra Gravel Pit Cell 2. Severance tax is budgeted at \$2,500,000. In accordance with the policy adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 2010, the severance tax revenue is budgeted at a five year leveling average due to the fluctuations of the revenue created by the price and production levels of oil and gas commodities.

The budgeted appropriations for Public Works in 2016 total \$101,184,933 up \$16,735,629. Municipal share back is funded at \$2,123,594. Budget reflects no increase in health insurance costs. 2016 salary increases are funds for step increases due employees in 2016 and a 3.0 percent cost of living salary adjustment is included in this budget for a total of \$336,611.

Other Public Works budget unit is budgeted at \$65,187,236 based on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Purchased Services increased \$17,580,872 primarily for the construction of the Weld Parkway (WCR 49). There is \$45,000,000 for the CR 49 project, and \$3,100,000 for the SH392/CR 47 RAMP project. \$2,611,253 is budgeted for the Haul Route Program (HARP). For flood related projects there is \$6,000,000 (FHWA) for Bridge 53/58A, \$1,000,000 (FEMA) for Bridge 87/42.5A, \$1,500,000 (FHWA) for Bridge 1/344B, \$1,500,000 (FEMA) for Bridge 19/46.5A, and \$500,000 (FEMA) for WCR's 100,110, and 108. Other contract payments are for cement (\$265,000), chip seal (\$135,000), and asphalt (\$250,000), seeding (\$50,000), low volume roads (\$293,747), BMP projects (\$125,000) and bridge rehabilitation (\$275,000). Fixed Charges total \$747,180 for right-of-ways funded at \$65,000 and, \$682,180 is carried over from 2015 for Bridge 68/59A.

Pavement Management is funded at an increased level of \$121,106 due to converting three seasonal employees to full time. The Trucking budget is up \$24,361 due to an increase in the hauling contract. Mining operations are up \$2,708,880 to fund contract mining and hauling at the Koenig Gravel Pit. Seasonal staffing is down \$257,926 even with the cost of living adjustment due to converting seven positions to full time status in other departments. Seasonal employees will go from 54 to 47 in 2016. Motor grader operations are up \$224,046 primarily due to the

increased purchase of dust palliative in 2016 for energy development impacted roads. Bridge Construction is up \$47,466 primarily due to converting two seasonal positions to full time. Other operating budgets for road and bridge maintenance are funded at near the 2015 funding level. With some operational economies to offset some of the inflationary costs the current service level should be able to be maintained with the funding recommended.

While the growth in the County’s assessed value and economic stimulus of the energy industry in Weld County is positive, the downside is the County will have to add significant resources to the Public Works budget again in 2016 to accommodate heavy hauling traffic, address safety issues, and improve roads impacted by the oil and gas industry’s heavy hauling on county roads due to new exploration. A five-year Public Works Capital Improvement Plan will continue to be updated annually and will ensure a fair and reasonable determination of project priorities in accordance with the County’s overall transportation needs, especially in dealing with the impact of energy development in the County. A significant long term project will be the capital improvements to the CR 49/47 Corridor, south from Highway 34 to I-76, and north from CR 60.5 (SH 263) to SH 392 over the next three years requiring \$45 million to fund the road improvements in 2016, \$29,403,274 in 2017, and \$25 million in 2018. To accomplish the project added property tax resources will have to be included in the Public Works Fund for the next three years.

On May 20, 2014, the Board approved the design/build option for the CR 47/49 Corridor at a total cost of \$125 million. The first section of the project from Highway 34 to CR 60.5 will be completed in September, 2016. A design/build contract for the section from SH 34 to I-76 was awarded in August, 2015, with construction to be completed in 2017. Savings have been realized by doing a design/build. The schedule is as follows:

CIP	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
CR 49 South						
US 34 to I-76 (20 miles)	Design/ROW	Design/ROW	Construction	Construction		
Optional Bid CR 47 North						
CR 60.5 - SH 392 (3.5 miles)			Design/ROW	Construction	Construction	

The project will be able to be funded within the resources of the Public Works Fund over the period of 2013-2017. The property tax for the Public Works Fund has been increased \$10,000,000 the last three years from \$6.5 million in 2013 to \$16.5million in 2016. No debt has been incurred, nor have funds had to be advanced from other county funds to accomplish this project.

The 2016 Public Works Capital Improvements Plan is available on the County web site at http://www.co.weld.co.us/departments/public_works/index.html.