
Boulder County
FACT SHEET



YES

HB20-1124: Disaster Emergency Transfers From County General Fund

(Rep. McKean, Rep. Snyder)

Background

Boulder County experienced tremendous impacts throughout the county from the 2013 flood, including damage and destruction to more than 100 miles of roads and bridges, most dramatically in our five major canyons. **Total flood recovery cost for Boulder County is projected at \$260 million, with more than \$140 million in cost for roads and bridges alone.**

Local governments pay for flood recovery projects and then are reimbursed through the state by the federal government. Transportation reimbursements can take years and then an average of three years for state and FEMA close-out once a project has been submitted as closed by the local jurisdiction. In Boulder County **reimbursements and close-outs are projected to occur through 2025.**

Prior to 2014, state statute prohibited transfer of county general fund dollars to the Road and Bridge Fund yet precluded use of county general fund dollars for transportation projects. Road and Bridge Fund dollars must pay for transportation projects, but those dollars were insufficient for flood recovery projects while also supporting regular operations and maintenance.

To advance flood recovery and fund the needed transportation projects, counties needed a mechanism to transfer general fund dollars to the Road and Bridge Fund. The General Assembly quickly and helpfully acted: **SB14-007 allowed counties in declared emergencies to transfer money from the county general fund to the Road and Bridge Fund for four years, and SB17-034 extended that period to eight years.**

What HB20-1124 Does

HB20-1124 clarifies that the transfer period is eight years from the final disaster declaration extension and clarifies that the eight years begins the day after the date of the governor's final declaration of an emergency for the disaster, including all extensions to the declaration.

We Ask for Your Support

Boulder County continues to need the ability to transfer funds likely through 2025. **This bill provides adequate time for us to complete close-outs from the 2013 Flood and also is a sound, logical solution for counties in future disasters.**

BOULDER COUNTY RESPECTFULLY ASKS FOR A "YES" VOTE ON HB20-1124.