

LARIMER COUNTY: Public Informational Presentation



TRANSPORTATION FUNDING SHORTFALL

May 2025



Larimer County Transportation

Ensuring the safety, resiliency, and efficiency of our County's transportation needs

- Nearly **895 miles** of County roads and **421 bridges** are used by residents on a daily basis
- This local and regional access is essential for our community to access schools, workplaces, neighborhoods, parks and recreational areas, and more



Larimer County Transportation



Vision

Our vision is to secure long-term funding that supports a safe and strong transportation network. Efforts include maintaining infrastructure, promoting a range of transportation choices, ensuring fairness, improving quality of life, and connecting our region effectively.

Goals



SAFETY

Ensure that our transportation system is safe and secure for everyone who uses the roads, focusing on preventing deaths and serious injuries through a Safe Systems Approach.



RESILIENCE

Maintain and enhance the transportation network to wisely invest in infrastructure ensuring it can withstand challenges over the long term and be ready for emergencies.



TRAVEL CHOICE

Develop a transportation system that offers a range of sustainable alternatives, such as public transportation, walking, and bicycling, to reduce carbon emissions and encourage a shift toward greener travel options.



EFFICIENCY

Improve traffic flow and reduce congestion on County roads to make our transportation system more efficient overall.



EQUITY

Make sure everyone has fair access to transportation options, enhancing the quality of life for all residents, especially those in underserved communities.



REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

Enhance and expand transportation connections between rural and urban areas to better link our region.



FUNDING

Secure long-term funding for transportation projects and use County funds effectively by forming partnerships and seeking grants.

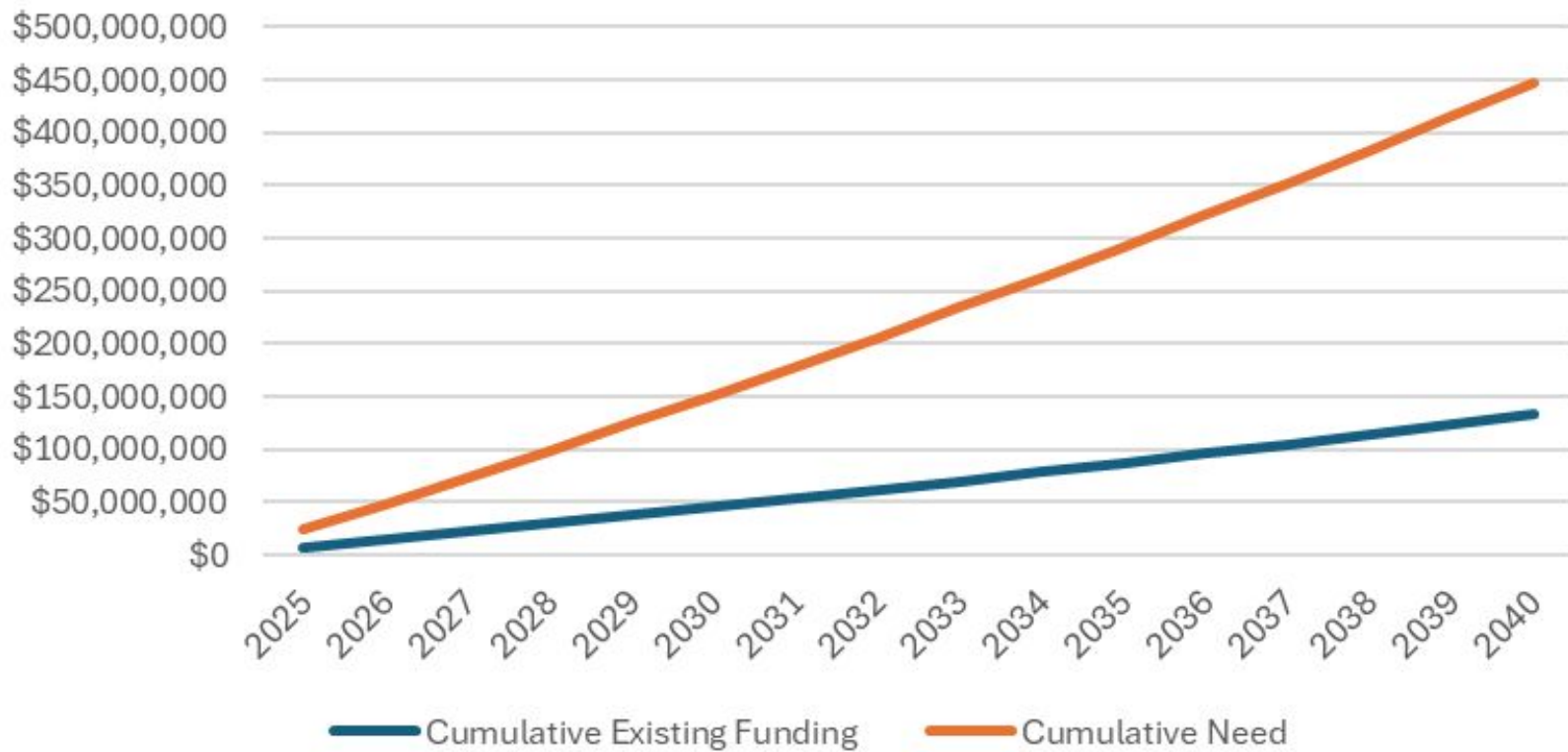
Financial Snapshot

- The County has a strong financial track record, despite receiving only **\$0.75 cents per month** for our transportation needs from taxes (based on a \$600,000 home)
- **Increased demand** on our system has contributed to a greater need for road safety, maintenance, and improvement projects
- **Costs** for road and bridge construction materials and labor has **increased 50%** in the past 5 years



Financial Snapshot

Cumulative Funding Shortfall (2025 - 2040)



Funding Priorities

Improving Safety

- **Unfunded safety and road improvement needs** over the next 25 years - serving communities such as Ft. Collins, Loveland, and throughout Larimer County
- Many **bridges are over 50 years old** and fail to meet current travel demands and safety requirements

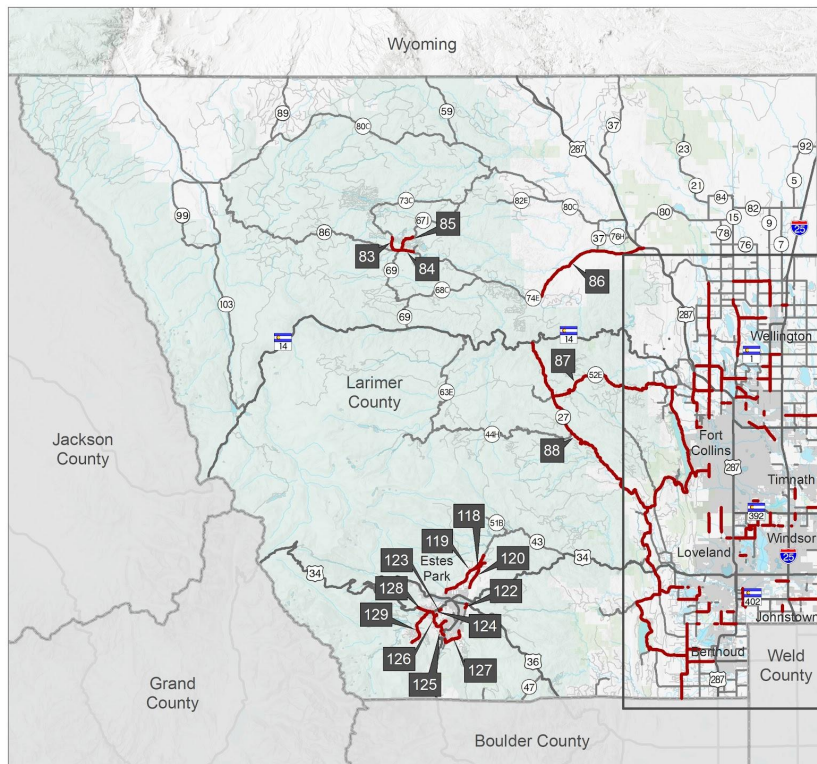
Reducing Traffic Congestion

- **Widening congested roadways** such as County sections of Taft Hill/Wilson, Shields/Taft Ave, CR 5, and Timberline
- **Safety and mobility** at county road and highway intersections such as SH 14, US 34, and US 287

Financial Responsibility

- **Investing now saves** on replacement costs over time
- Generate **matching funds to obtain outside grant money** for our County
- A full list of these essential projects is on our website

Over 500 Safety & Roadway Projects

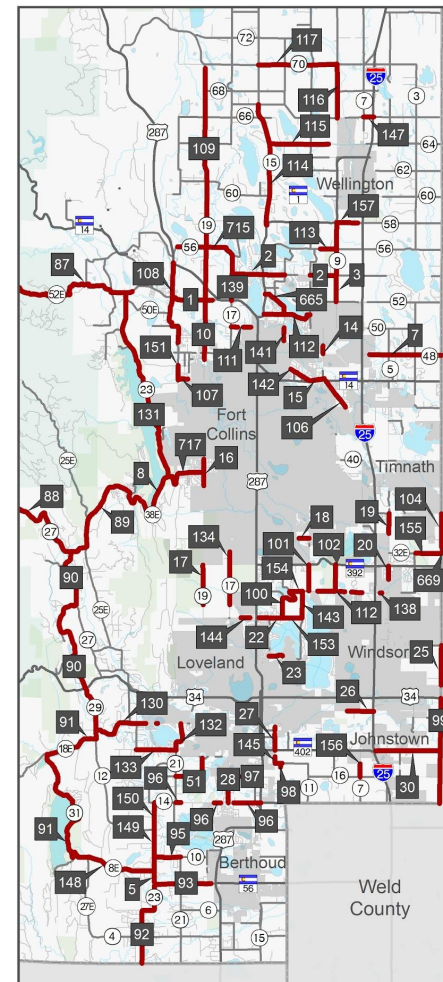


Legend

- # Project ID
- Roadway Linear Projects
- CDOT Highways
- Larimer County Owned Roads
- Stream
- Lakes/Reservoirs
- Parks & Open Space
- National Forest/Park
- Incorporated Areas
- County Boundary
- Inset Map Limits



Source: Larimer County, 2024



Our Funding Options



➤ Cutting Essential Transportation Projects

- Cutting projects would have both immediate and long term impacts on roads and bridges including cuts to safety, traffic mitigation, road improvements, etc.

➤ A new sales tax of 0.15%

- **15 cents** for every \$100 purchased (excluding groceries)
- This would generate \$15 million annually to cover our immediate and priority needs through the next 25 years

Community Outreach

We Want to Hear from You

- Meeting with over **30 stakeholders** from across the County
- Surveying over **2,000 residents**
- Launching an **interactive informational website**

We Continue to Invite Input from Residents and Stakeholders

- All feedback and data we collect will help inform the Board's decision later this summer



Interactive Website

Invest in Larimer



[Project Home](#) [Budget Options](#) [Community Discussion](#) [FAQs](#)

Larimer County Faces an Immediate Budget Shortfall for Our Roads Starting in 2027

Without additional revenue by 2027 we will have less than 25% of the total funding we need for road safety, traffic flow, and intersection improvements. We will also lack matching funds that help bring outside grant money to our county.

Our community has a choice — and we're asking for your input. We can either decide not to fund these important road safety and improvement projects or consider alternative funding to sustain them.

Increased demand and rising costs have outpaced revenue

- Larimer County has a strong history of responsibly and efficiently managing taxpayer's transportation funding dollars, however increased traffic and road usage has contributed to a greater need for road safety, maintenance and improvement projects.
- Growing costs for road and bridge construction materials and labor has increased 50% in the past 5 years, yet the County only receives 75 cents per month in property tax on a \$600,000 home for our transportation needs.
- In response to this revenue shortfall, road maintenance projects have been prioritized at the expense of

Quick Poll

How Concerned Are You About Road Safety and Improved Mobility in Your Community?

- ☐ Very Concerned
- ☐ Somewhat Concerned
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Not That Concerned
- ☐ Not At All Concerned

Submit

Public Input + Decision Timeline

- ✓ January: County Departments and Elected Offices Assess Budgets
- ✓ March: Public Survey Completed by 1,381 County Residents



- Interactive Q + A
- Full list of projects
- Timeline
- FAQs
- Factsheet
- Survey results

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Thank you

Questions + Discussion

