



## FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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For the week of February 9, 2015

## Inside the city

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Information on latest happenings, items of interest.

### City-led Events – Save the Date

- 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 10: Board of Adjustment Meeting, Civic Center, Council Chambers
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 11: Housing Authority Meeting, Civic Center, Room 2108
- February 16: Administrative offices closed in observance of Presidents Day; Recreation Center open 5:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 19: Youth Commission Meeting, Civic Center, Room 2108

### Third-Party Events – Please RSVP to Lysa Gallegos, [lgallegos@c3gov.com](mailto:lgallegos@c3gov.com) to attend

- 7:30 a.m. Thursday, February 12: Metro North Chamber, State of Housing DC Breakfast, Todd Creek Golf Club, 8455 Heritage Drive, Thornton
- 7:30 a.m. Thursday, February 19: Brighton State of the City Address, Armory Performing Arts Center, 300 Strong Street, Brighton
- 6 p.m. Saturday, February 21: Hispanic Annual Salute Awards Dinner, Grand Hyatt Denver, Pinnacle Room, 1750 Welton Street

To see events posted on the city wide calendar please visit our [website](#).



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## Council follow-up

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Resolution of action items or requests from previous meetings.

### **Retirement of John Howard**

Director of Information Technology John Howard announced his retirement from the City of Commerce City, effective March 13, 2015. Mr. Howard has spent nearly 40 years serving the community, in a variety of roles. From a police officer to engineer and information technology director, Mr. Howard has spent his career dedicated to improving the lives of residents within the city in which he was born. John coordinated the annual Memorial Day Parade, advocated for enhanced customer service techniques and served as the city's representative on the Colorado Communications & Utility Alliance. Please join city staff in celebrating John's service at a reception Monday, March 16, 2015, from 4-6 p.m.

### **Appointment of Sheryl Carstens**

Congratulations to Sheryl Carstens in her recent appointment as the city's new director of finance. Sheryl has served in this interim role since March 2014, when Roger Tinklenberg became the city's administrative services officer. Sheryl has been with the city since 1996 and served a variety of accounting functions during her tenure. Read the [full press release online](#).

### **RTD Fare Study**

RTD is currently administering a fare study to evaluate and identify challenges with the fare structure, which is especially timely due to new FasTracks lines coming on board in 2016. After a series of outreach meetings and an evaluation of four different approaches, RTD staff has settled on a single recommendation to present to the RTD board for consideration. Attached is the latest full PowerPoint slideshow outlining the status of the study. The recommendation highlights are as follows:

- Pay per Boarding – Instead of providing transfers, each boarding requires a fare.
- Introduce a day Pass, which should help offset the loss of transfers.
- Eliminate the zones on light rail, and combine the rail fare with local bus fares. Local/Rail: \$2.50 single boarding, \$5 Day Pass
- Regional and Express Bus fares would be combined with the airport rail fare: \$5 single boarding, \$10 Day Pass
- Monthly pass priced at 40 trips
- 10% discount on single boarding when paying with stored value on a fare card
- Sell day passes on the bus and from automatic fare machines.

### **Councilman McEldowney requested formation of the Education Commission to provide lobbying assistance to school districts, advocate for education-related legislation that benefits our districts, and support new legislation for a school impact fee.**

The city is providing both school districts with information about education bills on a regular basis. The education commission is being staffed by the Deputy City Manager.



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**Councilman Douglas requested information on access to Recreation Center's game room and usage (hours seem inconsistent with center operations) as well as a sign indicating an every other week pool closure.**

The City's recreation center facility is open:

- Monday through Friday 5:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

The pool at the facility is open the same hours as the recreation center, closing a half-hour before the facility. Hours throughout the day vary for activities including lap swim, adult swim, open swim and instructional programs (all posted in the [brochure](#), available at the facility as well as the [website](#)). A sign posted at the pool states: NEW (additional) Sunday Hours from 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.; Adult and Lap Swim from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; and Open Swim from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sign also states the pool is closed until 11:30 a.m. the 2nd Sunday of every month for Lifeguard in-service (required training).

The recreation center game room hours are as follows:

- Drop-in Ages 11 & older - Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Drop-in Ages 11-18 - Tuesday through Friday 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Drop-in Ages 11 & older - Saturday Noon - 5 p.m.

Drop-in hours for the game room are not currently available on Sundays or Monday evenings. All drop-in hours are supervised by Commerce City staff and supervision is required due to the type of equipment made available in the game room.

### **Minor Home Repair Program**

The City finalized the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the minor home repair program with Adams County. The program is for low-income residents who own their homes and are in need of small repairs. The Minor Home Repair program provides funds to low income residents who are in need of repairs that will make their home a safe, sanitary and energy efficient dwelling. The funds include repairs such as roof repair, gutter work, drainage and plumbing, electrical, heating and energy efficiency.

Applications will be sent to interested applicants who have verified preliminary eligibility with the Commerce City Housing Authority. If the application is approved an on-site visit will need to be conducted to determine essential repairs before a bid is released to local contractors. There is a limit on the total dollar amount each household can qualify for, to ensure that the total grant amount is spread around to multiple households.

### **Legislative report**

Attached please find this week's legislative report and tracking sheet.

### **Development Report**

Attached please find the current development report.

### **City Council Work Schedule**

Attached please find the current city council meeting schedule.

# **FARE STUDY**

**Local Government / Planning Meeting  
January 29, 2015**

# The Fare Study

**Objective:** Simplify RTD's fare policy in an equitable and cost-effective manner to better serve the needs of the District moving forward

## Goals:

1. Simplicity (ease of use)
2. Acceptability/Marketability (implementable)
3. Affordability/Equity (cost of service and relationship between modes and services)

# Fare Study Context

## Components of RTD System

	<b>Base Operating System</b>	<b>FasTracks (Capital &amp; Operating)</b>
<b>Established</b>	1969 by Colorado State Legislature	2004 by Voters
<b>Primary Funding</b>	0.6% Sales and Use Tax	0.4% Sales and Use Tax

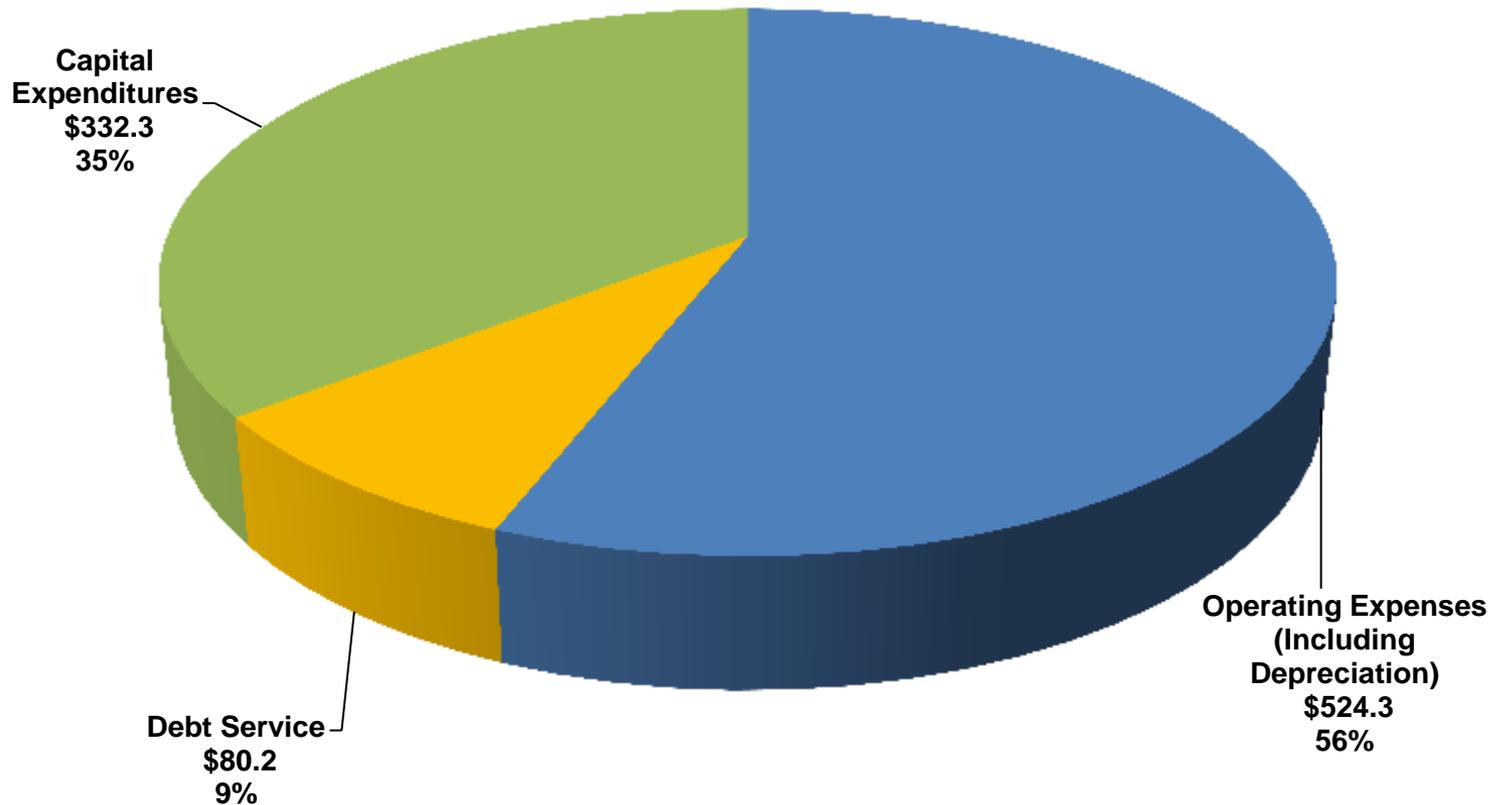
# Base System Service Hours

2014 Revenue Hours	
Fixed Route	2,700,000
Light Rail	176,000
Call-n-Ride	132,000
Access-a-Ride	615,000
Total	3,623,000

2014 Base Operating Expenses: \$524 Million

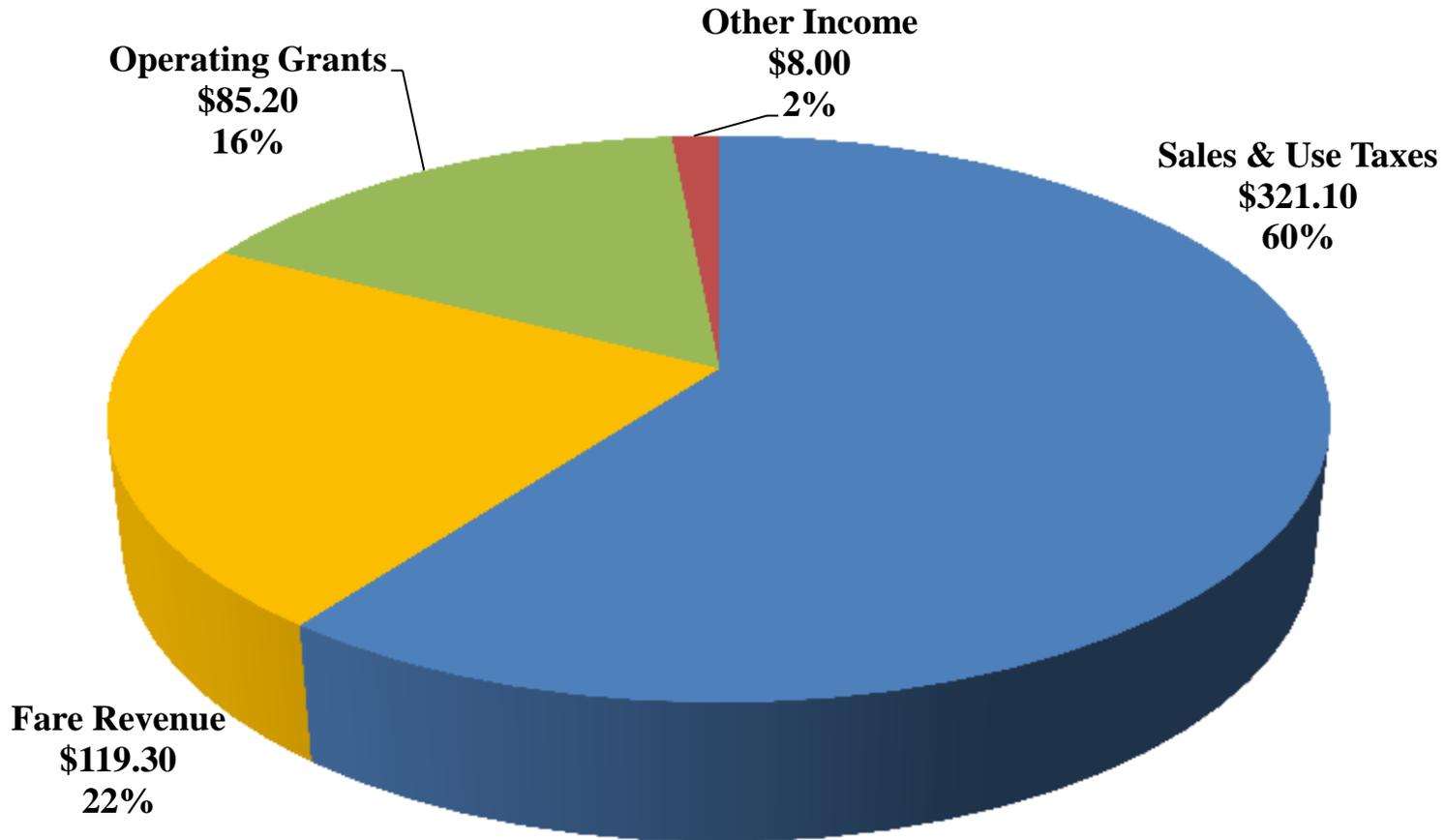
# RTD Expenses

2015 Base System Expenditures Budget –  
\$936.8 Million

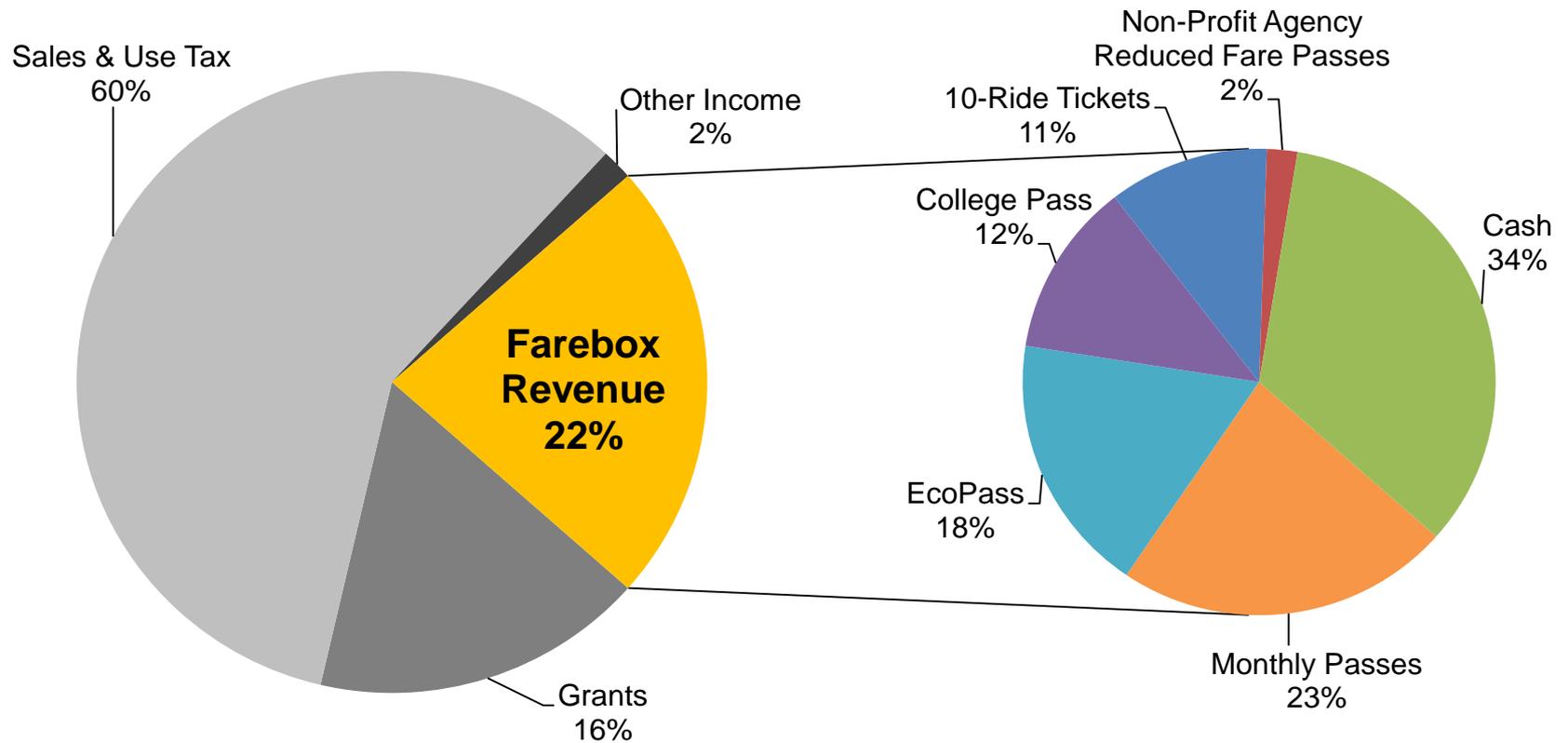


# RTD Operating Revenue

2015 Base System Operating Budget – \$533.6 Million

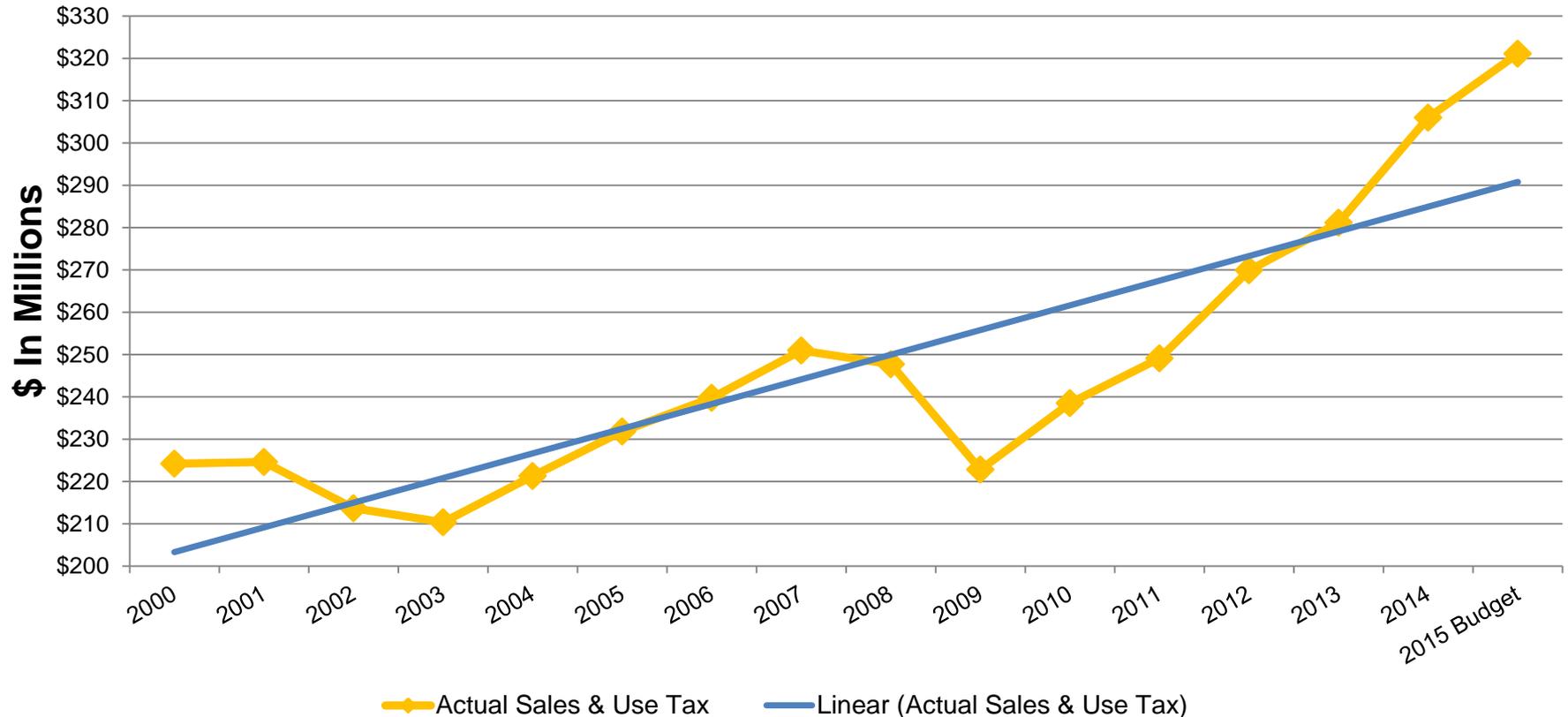


# Farebox Revenue by Payment Type



# Sales & Use Tax Trend

## RTD Base System Sales & Use Tax Trend 2000 - 2014



Note: Blue line shows the linear trend line for the actual sales & use tax revenue.

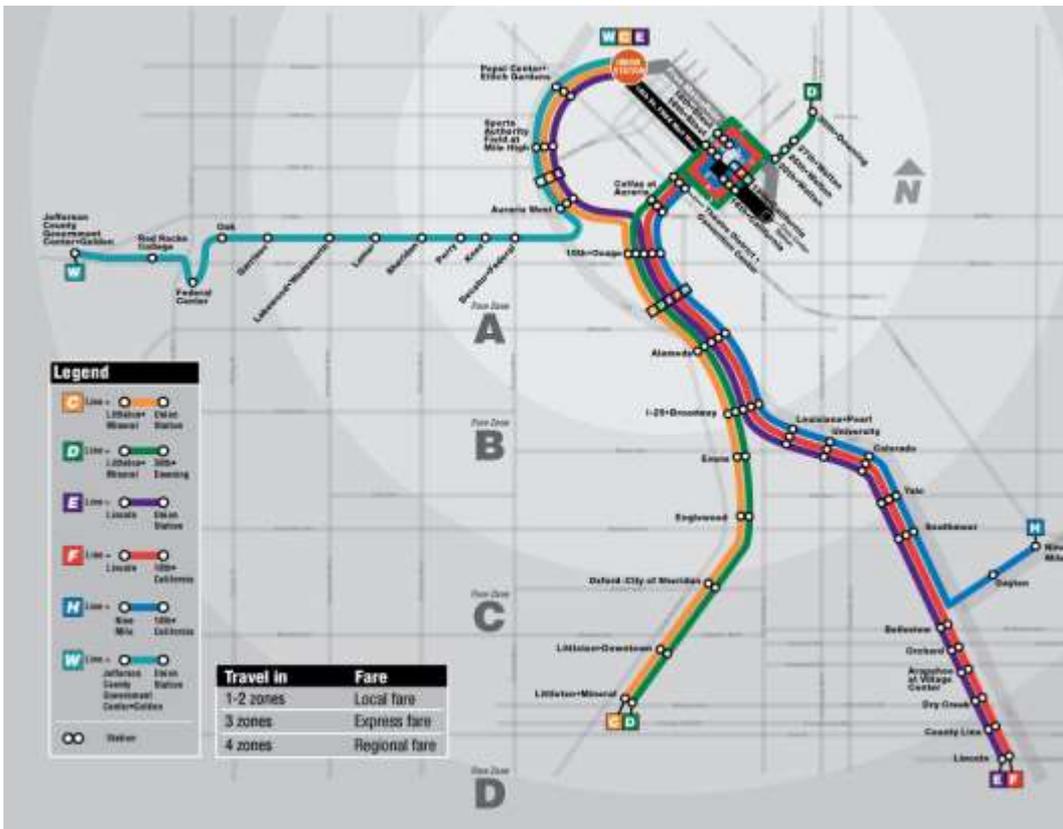
# Strategic Budget Plan (SBP)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Revenue and Other Income</b>						
Fare Revenue	\$ 119.3	\$ 131.3	\$ 131.3	\$ 131.3	\$ 144.4	\$ 144.4
Sales and Use Tax	316.2	333.3	350.7	363.5	374.0	383.9
Grant Revenue	93.8	92.7	95.1	97.4	99.9	102.4
Other Income	8.3	8.5	8.7	8.9	9.2	9.4
<b>Total Revenue and Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 537.7</b>	<b>\$ 565.8</b>	<b>\$ 585.7</b>	<b>\$ 601.1</b>	<b>\$ 627.4</b>	<b>\$ 640.1</b>
Operating Expenses Excluding Depreciation	(301.0)	(308.5)	(316.2)	(324.2)	(332.3)	(340.6)
FT Operations Allocation	18.5	19.0	19.5	20.0	20.5	21.0
CBA - Bus/Rail	(109.3)	(108.1)	(111.4)	(114.2)	(117.0)	(119.9)
Fuel Adjustment (diesel + gasoline)	(39.2)	(40.1)	(40.9)	(41.8)	(42.6)	(43.7)
Expense Projects (O&M) One-Time	(10.2)	(16.9)	(26.8)	(16.6)	(14.3)	(12.6)
FT Service Increase	16.9	17.3	17.8	18.2	18.7	19.2
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (424.2)</b>	<b>\$ (437.3)</b>	<b>\$ (458.0)</b>	<b>\$ (458.5)</b>	<b>\$ (467.1)</b>	<b>\$ (476.7)</b>
<b>Income Before Interest Income / (Expense)</b>	<b>\$ 113.4</b>	<b>\$ 128.5</b>	<b>\$ 127.7</b>	<b>\$ 142.6</b>	<b>\$ 160.3</b>	<b>\$ 163.4</b>
<b>Interest Income / (Expense)</b>						
Interest Income	0.2	1.1	3.1	5.1	6.0	6.6
Interest Expense	(26.5)	(27.3)	(27.3)	(26.8)	(26.8)	(27.6)
<b>Total Interest Income / (Expense)</b>	<b>\$ (26.3)</b>	<b>\$ (26.2)</b>	<b>\$ (24.2)</b>	<b>\$ (21.6)</b>	<b>\$ (20.8)</b>	<b>\$ (21.0)</b>
<b>Change In Net Assets / Income</b>	<b>\$ 87.2</b>	<b>\$ 102.3</b>	<b>\$ 103.4</b>	<b>\$ 120.9</b>	<b>\$ 139.4</b>	<b>\$ 142.4</b>
Capital Expenditures	(96.4)	(81.0)	(67.6)	(66.6)	(73.4)	(79.3)
<b>Use of / (Increase to) Funds</b>						
Board Appropriated Fund	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(1.8)	-	-
Capital Replacement Fund	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(4.2)	(4.8)	-
<b>Total Funds Change</b>	<b>\$ (6.0)</b>	<b>\$ (6.0)</b>	<b>\$ (6.0)</b>	<b>\$ (6.0)</b>	<b>\$ (4.8)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Debt Issued	59.6	61.7	43.6	40.9	61.8	76.2
Debt Payments	(53.7)	(65.7)	(64.0)	(77.3)	(75.7)	(84.1)
<b>Net Increase / (Decrease) to Debt Balance</b>	<b>\$ 5.8</b>	<b>\$ (4.0)</b>	<b>\$ (20.4)</b>	<b>\$ (36.4)</b>	<b>\$ (14.0)</b>	<b>\$ (8.0)</b>
<b>Increase / (Decrease) Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ (9.4)</b>	<b>\$ 11.2</b>	<b>\$ 9.5</b>	<b>\$ 11.9</b>	<b>\$ 47.2</b>	<b>\$ 55.1</b>
Beginning Unrestricted Net Assets / Fund Balance	14.2	4.8	16.0	25.4	37.4	84.6
<b>Unrestricted Year-End Fund Balance / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 4.8</b>	<b>\$ 16.0</b>	<b>\$ 25.4</b>	<b>\$ 37.4</b>	<b>\$ 84.6</b>	<b>\$ 139.7</b>
Cumulative Fund Balance - Board Appropriated Fund	22.2	25.2	28.2	30.0	30.0	30.0
Cumulative Fund Balance - Capital Replacement Fund	15.0	18.0	21.0	25.2	30.0	30.0

Note the plan includes assumptions about increased fare revenue in 2016 and 2019

# Current Fares

BUS	Local/Limited	Express	Regional	SkyRide
RAIL	1 or 2 Zones	3 Zones	All Zones	n/a
PRICE	\$2.25	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$9/\$11/\$13



Current Light Rail Fare Zone map

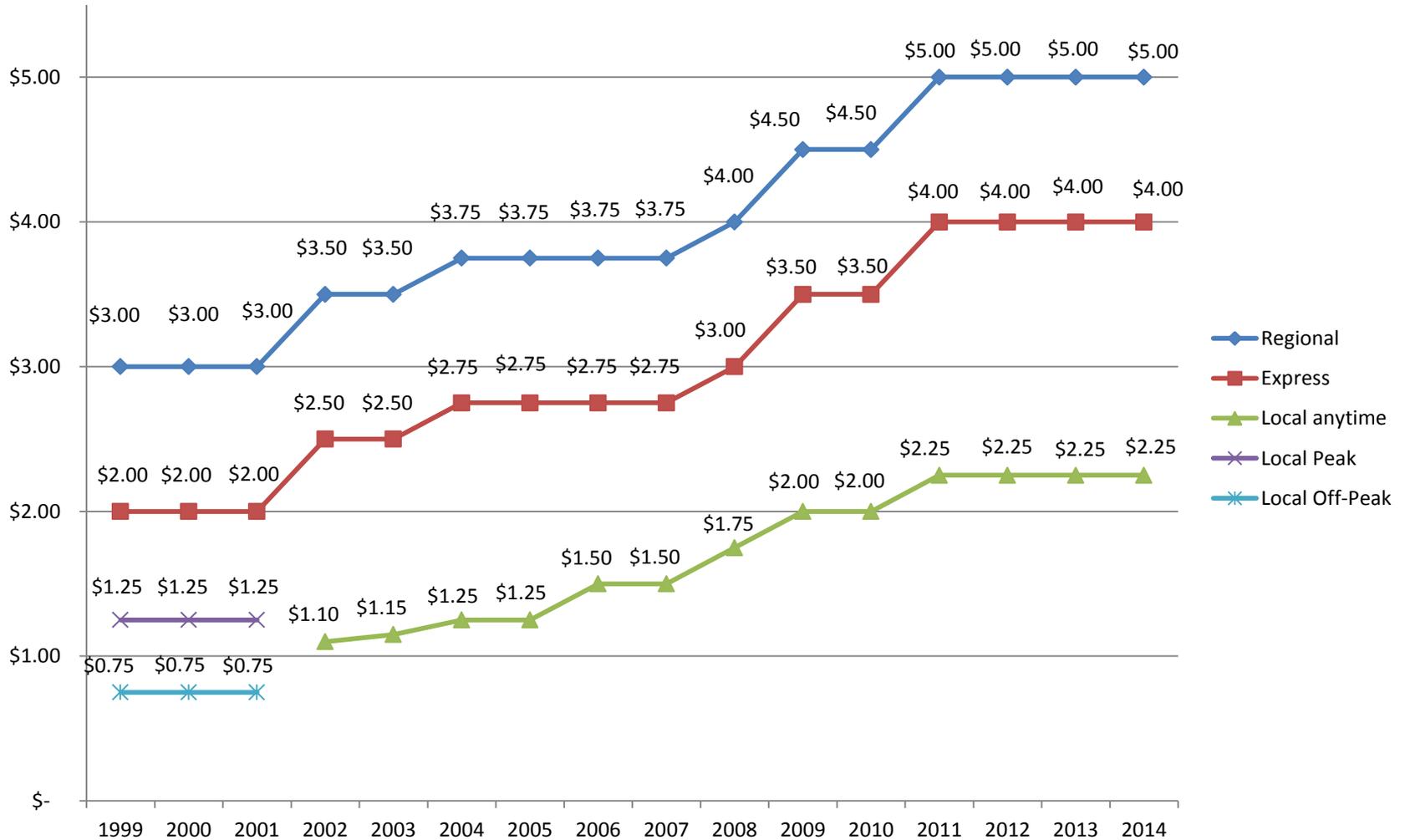
## Route HX

	Boulder	US 36 & McCaslin	Denver
Boulder	Local	Express	Regional
US 36 & McCaslin	Express	--	Regional
Denver	Regional	Regional	--

Fare Table for the HX Regional Route. Fare tables are currently used on all Regional and SkyRide routes.

# RTD Fare History 1999 – 2014

## Local, Express and Regional



## **2011 Survey:**

### **Fare Increases vs. Service Reductions**

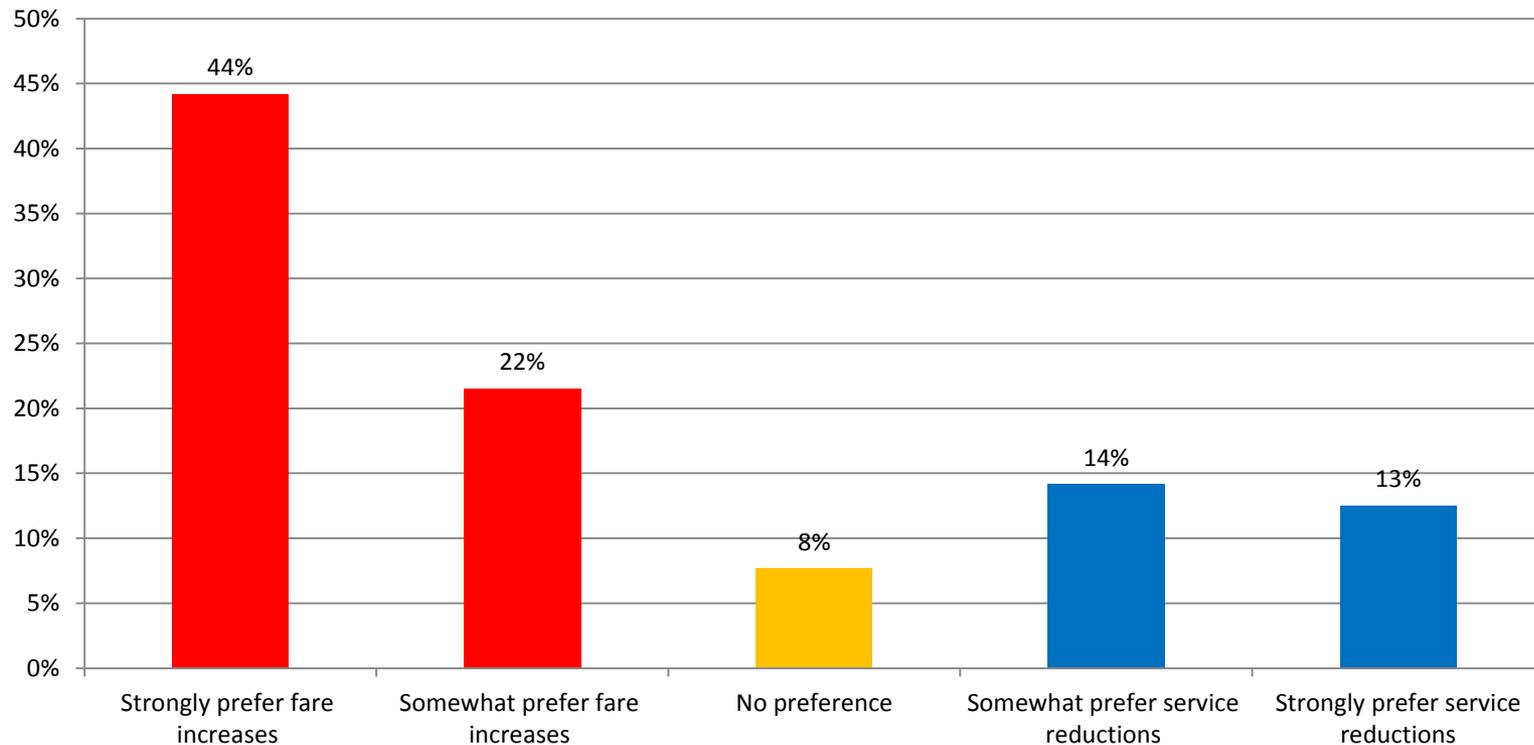
- Board requested a survey to assess the tradeoffs customers would be willing to make between fare increases and service reductions
- Survey was conducted via the web and paper at 2011 fare change public hearings

# 2011 Survey: Key Findings

- **All Service Types**
  - Approximately 66% of respondents prefer fare increases to service reductions
- **Local**
  - Approximately 71% of respondents prefer fare increases of \$.25 per ride to service reductions
- **Express**
  - Approximately 60% of respondents prefer fare increases of \$.50 per ride to service reductions
- **Regional**
  - Approximately 62% of respondents prefer fare increases of \$.50 per ride to service reductions

# 2011 Survey: All Service Types

## Fare Increase vs. Service Reductions



Approximately 66% of respondents prefer fare increases to service reductions.

# Themes from 2014 Public Feedback

- Light Rail Zones
  - Confusion on how they work and how they are enforced
- Transfers
  - Ineffective, confusing and outdated
- Fare Media / Technology
  - Ticket vending machines are hard to use
  - Desire for reloadable smartcards
- Affordability
  - Fares are too high especially for low-income, seniors, and ADA communities

# Themes from 2014 Public Feedback

- Pass / Discount Programs
  - Confusion regarding low-income pass program and a desire to simplify requirements
  - Desire for an EcoPass type program for individuals not associated with a business or college
- Bus & Rail System Integration
  - Simple transfers between bus and rail
  - Cost of trips on bus vs. rail
  - Migrating population (more seniors, low-income and minorities in the suburbs) may require individuals to take longer trips with multiple modes
- Ridership
  - Encourage and increase ridership with simple and affordable fares

# Considerations / Trade-offs

Fare Revenue Increase vs. Service Cuts	Revenue Increase from Fares with No Service Cuts	Revenue Neutral Fare Levels with Service Cuts
<b>Transfers</b>	Provide Transfers for Passengers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>System design requires passengers to make transfers</li> <li>Benefits: Convenience/Equity/Cost</li> </ul>	Eliminate Transfers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fewer operator disputes</li> <li>Less transfer abuse</li> <li>Lower cash fare for a single boarding</li> </ul>
<b>Fare Structure Simplification</b>	Eliminate rail zones, reduce bus categories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This will require fare category changes for some passengers (e.g., converting Express to Local or REX fare; no longer allowing passengers to pay Local fare on REX buses; all rail passengers pay the same rate independent of trip length)</li> </ul>	Retain complex fare structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fare structure is difficult for passengers to understand but provides flexibility</li> <li>Difficult for fare inspectors and operators to enforce</li> </ul>
<b>Fare Product Distribution</b>	Maintain existing retail network and issue paper transfers/provide paper day passes onboard buses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires adding equipment onboard buses to issue paper in order to minimize operational delays and reduce fraud</li> </ul>	Improve access to pass products and smart cards by expanding the retail network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enables the phasing out of paper onboard buses once ALL passengers have adequate access</li> <li>Likely requires interim solution to continue offering paper onboard buses</li> </ul>

# Fare Study Alternatives

- General Structure Recommendation: **Two Fare Levels**
  - Local/Limited Bus & Rail
  - REX Bus & Airport
    - REX combination of current Regional & Express categories
    - Airport rate for both bus and rail trips to or from DIA
    - Pay REX fare for trip of any length on REX routes
- Multiple modeling scenarios were used to evaluate transfer options

# Revenue Neutral Modeling Results

	Existing	Pay per Boarding 3x Day Pass	Pay per Boarding 2x Day Pass	Pay per Boarding One Transfer	Time Based (3 Hours)
<b>Bus Fares</b>	Local: \$2.25 Express: \$4 Regional: \$5	Local: \$2 REX: \$4	Local: \$2.50 REX: \$4	Local: \$2.50 REX: \$5	Local: \$2.50 REX: \$5
<b>Rail Fares</b>	1 or 2 zones: \$2.25 3 zones: \$4 4 zones: \$5	Rail: \$2	Rail: \$2.50	Rail: \$2.50	Rail: \$2.50
<b>SkyRide/ Airport Fares</b>	Bus: \$9, \$11 or \$13	Bus: \$8 Rail: \$8	Bus: \$4 Rail: \$4	Bus: \$10 Rail: \$10	Bus: \$10 Rail: \$10
<b>Day Pass Price</b>	Local: \$6.75 Express: \$11.50 Regional: \$14	Local: \$6 REX: \$12	Local: \$5 REX: \$8	Local: \$6 REX: \$12	None
<b>System wide Ridership</b>	91,270,000	90,770,400 (-0.5%)	90,347,200 (-1.0%)	89,401,100 (-2.0%)	90,589,700 (-0.7%)
<b>Fare Revenue (2016 Forecast)</b>	\$124,737,300	\$124,510,800 (-0.2%)	\$124,594,700 (-0.1%)	\$131,019,500 (5.0%)	\$126,583,600 (1.5%)



Preferred fare structure based on public and employee feedback

## Recommended Alternative

- **Pay per Boarding with a 2x Day Pass** with fare levels to meet revenue target
  - Local/Rail: \$2.50 single boarding, \$5 Day Pass
  - REX/Airport: \$5 single boarding, \$10 Day Pass
  - Monthly pass priced at 40 trips
  - 10% discount on single boarding when paying with stored value
  - Sell day passes on the bus and from TVMs
- Fare revenue projection: \$128.4 million compared to SBP target of \$131.3 million

# Advantages of Recommendation

- Increased convenience for passengers with a day pass available on board and from TVMs (**simplicity**)
- Passengers are able to ride all day for the price of two trips (**simplicity, affordability**)
- Day pass provides a discount for passengers who are not able to afford the up front cost of a monthly pass (**simplicity, affordability**)
- Simplifies fare enforcement and minimizes disputes between passengers and operators (**simplicity, implementable**)
- Rail fares not based on distance (**simplicity, affordability, equity**)
- Stored value discount applies to all trips – no minimum required to get discount (**equity**)

**To:** Mayor & Members of Council

**From:** Michelle Halstead, director of communications & government affairs

**Subject:** 2015 General Assembly Week 4 Legislative Report

**Date:** February 9, 2015

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With the 2015 legislative session now 25 percent complete, activity is picking up at the statehouse. This week, two of the city's top three priorities are being highlighted among the 389 bills introduced thus far. Commerce City is actively tracking approximately 59 bills for possible direct or indirect impacts on the city, its employees, businesses and residents.

Learn more about monitored legislation [online](#), including summaries and full text of the bill. Summaries of key bills, ordered by city council's priority areas, are listed below. The city's position, consistent with its [approved legislative principles](#), is in parentheses. Thanks to the [Colorado Municipal League](#), [Axiom Strategies](#) and other cited media sources for providing legislative information.

## **SPECIFIC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

- **Owner-Occupied, Multifamily Housing:** Councilman Douglas will represent Commerce City at a press conference Tuesday to introduce the legislation that improves alternative dispute resolution and informs a majority of homeowners prior to litigation of construction defects.
- **Urban Renewal & Tax Increment Financing:** SB 15-135 will have its first committee hearing tomorrow afternoon and Councilman Amador will testify on behalf of the Commerce City Urban Renewal Authority. The straightforward legislation gives counties a "seat at the table" on urban renewal issues - something they have requested for some time - by allowing them the option of appointing a member of a municipal urban renewal authority board. The bill also includes a clarification to existing statutes that TIF revenue is to be disbursed to the appropriate taxing entities within a TIF district when all financial obligations of the urban renewal project are met before the 25-year TIF clock has expired. The hearing will begin at 2 p.m. in SCR353 and testimony [can be heard online](#).
- **Public Safety Tools: Photo Red Light Cameras:** Home to the region's worst intersection, having the ability to choose appropriate enforcement tools is critical. The city's only red-light camera monitors over 56,800 vehicles daily at this seven-legged intersection, resulting in fewer accidents and improving overall safety. The first hearing for

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HB 15-1098 was postponed until Feb. 25. The city will participate in the hearing. The final position paper is attached.

### OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST

- **SB 15-079, Document Recording Fee for Affordable Housing (Support)**

SB 15-079 creates a document recording fee of \$2 at the county level. The county clerk may keep \$1 for costs incurred and requires the clerk to transmit the other \$1 collected to the state treasurer to credit to the statewide affordable housing investment fund. The city supports state financial support for the Division of Housing's loan and grant program for low- and moderate-income housing. CML will take this bill to the Policy Committee for a position Feb. 13.

- **HB 15-1202, Allow Reissue of Expired License**

In current law, a liquor licensee has 90 days beyond the expiration of the license to renew the license. Otherwise, the licensee must start from the beginning with an application for a new license, as if it were an entirely new business. Only a very small percentage of licensees ever let their license lapse beyond 90 days. In extreme situations (i.e. natural disaster), the local licensing authority should have the discretion to allow renewal of the license. This bill would allow that to occur between 90-180 days after expiration - at the sole discretion of the local licensing authority - and would allow appropriate fees to be collected by both the local and state authorities. CML's Policy Committee will consider whether or not the League should have a position on this bill when the committee meets Feb. 13.

- **HB 15-1192, Expand Allowed Licenses in Entertainment Districts (Support)**

This permissive legislation will allow local licensing authorities, at their discretion, to allow the following types of liquor licenses to be added to those already approved for inclusion within an authorized entertainment district:

- Beer & Wine license
- Limited Winery license
- Manufacturer's license (if operating a sales room)

Even though limited wineries and manufacturers with sales rooms operate with only a state license, these licensees would have to adhere to terms and conditions established by the local licensing authority. It is not clear if the proponents also wanted to include brewery tap rooms. If so, the bill will likely need to be amended as well as harmonized with CML-initiated legislation (not yet introduced) that actually defines what a sales room is and specifies limited local licensing authority involvement in sales rooms activities.



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- **SB 15-006, Prohibit Forfeitures Without Criminal Conviction (Oppose)**

Under certain circumstances, a forfeiture action may proceed without a criminal conviction of the person named in the forfeiture action. SB 15-006 repeals the provisions authorizing a forfeiture action to proceed without a conviction, unless it is part of a settlement agreed upon by all parties. The bill gives the party who had items seized the right to a preliminary hearing or writ of replevin to determine the validity of the seizure or to require the return of the property.

Additionally, the bill prohibits law enforcement agencies in Colorado from participating or assisting in a federal forfeiture action unless the property subject to forfeiture has a value of greater than \$50,000, excluding the value of any controlled substance. The bill also requires that any proceeds of a federal forfeiture action received by a law enforcement agency must be credited to the state general fund. This bill has a potentially profound negative affect on local law enforcement agencies. The attorney general, Department of Public Safety, sheriffs, and police chiefs have also raised concerns. The North Metro Task Force will speak, of which the city is a part of.

- **HB 15-1007, County Special Marijuana Sales Tax (Oppose)**

SB 15-040, a similar bill that applied only to counties (and did not include statutory municipalities) died in Senate Finance on a 4-1 vote after the Senate Local Government Committee failed to adopt CML's requested amendment. Part of the legislative record includes editorials from the [Aurora Sentinel](#) and the [Denver Post](#). It is clear that legislation that does not prohibit double taxation has virtually no chance of passing the Senate, and CML staff is hopeful that our colleagues representing the counties will agree to the amendment on HB 1007, which mirrors the legislative policy on countywide lodging taxes - another form of a special sales tax - that precludes counties from double taxing lodging in municipalities that have their own lodging tax. The bill will be heard Wednesday in committee.

Please contact Michelle Halstead at 303-289-3719 or [mhalstead@c3gov.com](mailto:mhalstead@c3gov.com) with questions on these or any other legislative issues.





To: Honorable Members of the General Assembly  
From: The City of Commerce City  
Date: February 4, 2015  
RE: HB 15-1098, Eliminating use of automated vehicle identification systems

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## **HB 15-1098: YOUR “NO” VOTE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED**

### ***Background***

Photo red light cameras are a tool used by law enforcement to create safer streets for the public and curb dangerous red light running. In 2010, Commerce City placed its only red light camera system into service at the U.S. 85/SH 2/60th Avenue/Parkway Drive intersection. The three camera system monitors both directions of U.S. 85 and westbound E. 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

This seven-legged intersection is one of the worst in the metro area (and possibly the state), with an average daily traffic count of 56,800 vehicles. Just north of Interstate 270, its obsolete design and high volume of semi-truck traffic makes traditional enforcement impossible, as the risk to pursue violators poses an unreasonable safety risk to the officer.

That’s why the **City of Commerce City opposes this legislation** due to its negative impact on public safety, municipal home rule and local control.

### ***Rationale***

Since implementing the cameras in 2010, Commerce City has seen the monthly **average red light violation per camera decrease by 33 percent**.

The **number of accidents** at this intersection has **declined by 42 percent** during the 12-month reporting period. And the **number of rear-end accidents** has **declined by 50 percent** during the same time period.

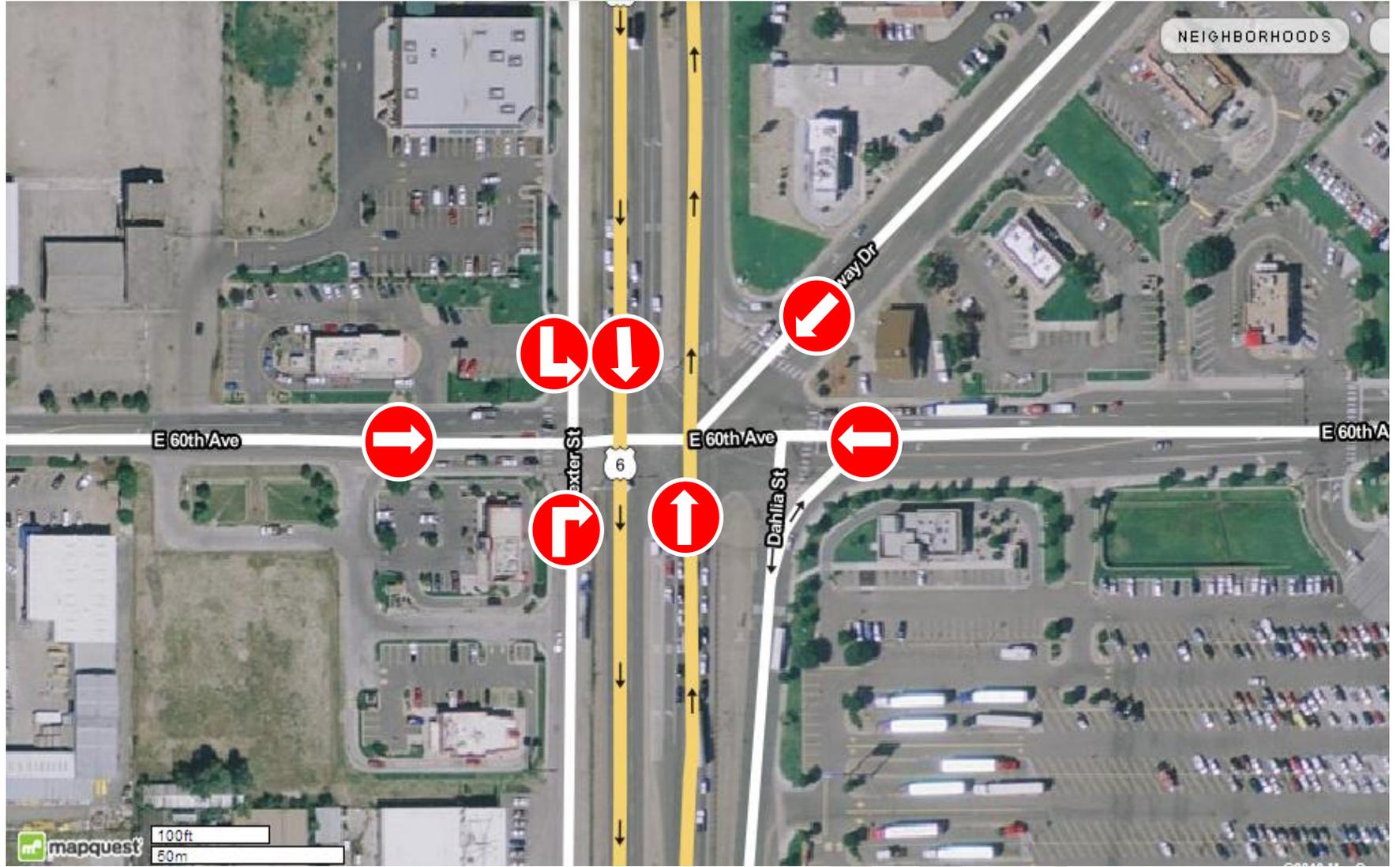
The red light camera system is one of many law enforcement tools used by the city’s police department to improve traffic safety. By using the system at the city’s worst intersection, the police department has seen a consistent reduction in accidents and – more importantly – altered driver behavior to prevent such incidents from happening in the future. These reductions would not be possible with traditional enforcement mechanisms and without the tool, the city cannot enforce this obsolete intersection.

The use of this law enforcement tool should continue to be handled by the elected officials of each community. The City of Commerce City respectfully urges all members to vote “no” on HB 15-1098.

***For more information:*** Michelle Halstead, director of communications & government affairs, 303-289-3719 or [mhalstead@c3gov.com](mailto:mhalstead@c3gov.com).

### Intersection Layout: East 60th Avenue and US Highway 85

Note: 7 approaches circled in red create this massive intersection





# City Development Report

January 2015

*The following list outlines projects that have hit one of six milestones in the development cycle during the prior month. The project names used in this report do not represent the official case name, but rather are edited to make them more descriptive for the purposes of this report.*

<b>Submitted for Development Review</b>	<b>Approximate Location or Address</b>
Alvarado Dev, LLC; development plan for new Taco Bell	10402 Belle Creek Blvd
Jose Alberto Rodriguez, development plan for 6 townhome units	6440 E. 64th Avenue
John Garner; concept plan for Landing Place Church	11555 Chambers Road
<b>Development Plan Approved</b>	<b>Approximate Location or Address</b>
Fiore & Sons	9109 Monaco Street
<b>Grading Permit Issued</b>	<b>Approximate Location or Address</b>
Shea Homes	Reunion Phase 3B
Oakwood Homes	Turnberry Parcel G-1 and Phase 1
<b>Submitted for Building Review</b>	<b>Approximate Location or Address</b>
Sand Creek Properties; office remodel – 6417 s.f.	5565 East 52nd Avenue
North Forest Office Construction; tenant finish; 1302 s.f.	13635 East 104 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, #600
Apex Land Company; office addition; 2100 s.f.	9800 Alton Way
<b>Building Permit Issued</b>	<b>Approximate Location or Address</b>
City of Commerce City; convert parks shop to office; 13,583 s.f.	8602 Rosemary Street
KEW Realty; interior finish; 1109 s.f.	5800 East 58th Avenue
<b>Temporary Certificates of Occupancy Issued</b>	<b>Approximate Location or Address</b>
Bake Fresh Bakery; warehouse addition; 2782 s.f.	4915 Pontiac Street
<b>Certificates of Occupancy Issued</b>	<b>Approximate Location or Address</b>
Suncor; power distribution center; 611 s.f.	5801 Brighton Boulevard
Walgreen's; new retail building; 14,820 s.f.	15310 East 104 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
Suncor; interior office remodel; 14,365 s.f.	5801 Brighton Boulevard
Impacto de Fe/World Impact; interior remodel; 46,000 s.f.	5155 East 64 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
Belle Creek Wine & Liquor; tenant finish; 1335 s.f.	10401 Belle Creek Boulevard, Unit #106
Wilfley Companies; tenant finish; 14,187 s.f.	5870 East 56 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
Salud Clinic; interior remodel; 683 s.f.	6255 Quebec Parkway

*Please keep in mind that receipt of permit or submission for review is not a guarantee that a project will be built. There are numerous reasons, unrelated to the city process, for a project to be delayed or canceled.*

*Please see definitions on following page.*

# DEFINITIONS

## **Development Plan Approval:**

Development approval usually is an administrative review of a development plan that covers the final details for site design, landscaping, architecture, and public improvements to ensure compliance with the development and design standards and provisions of the city's Land Development Code. A development plan should provide the character and layout of the lot or lots including the exact location; the use of each building and area; architectural elevations of buildings indicating height, materials, and color; detailed landscape plan; streets, curb cuts, lighting; utilities, drainage, and other easements.

## **Building Permit:**

A building permit is the formal approval of building plans by Commerce City's building and safety division indicating they meet the requirements of prescribed codes. It is an authorization to proceed with the construction or reconfiguration of a specific structure at a particular site, in accordance with the approved drawings and specifications.

## **Certificate of Occupancy (CO)/Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO):**

A Certificate of Occupancy (CO) is a document issued by Commerce City's Building & Safety Division certifying a building's compliance with applicable building codes and other laws, and indicating it to be in a condition suitable for occupancy. This certificate is necessary to be able to occupy the structure for everyday use.

A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) grants the same rights as a certificate of occupancy, however, it is only for a temporary period of time. Temporary certificate of occupancies are generally sought after and acquired when a building is still under minor construction, but there are certain areas that are deemed to be habitable, and, upon issuance of TCO, can legally be occupied or sold.

## **Grading Permit:**

A grading permit is required for any excavation, fill, or other earthwork, unless the project is exempted by the Land Development Code. A grading permit may or may not be a precursor to additional construction activity.

City Council Work Schedule				
Date	Item	Description	Dept.	Time
February 16, 2015	<b>No Meeting - President's Day</b>			
February 23, 2015				
<b>STUDY SESSION</b>		Reports	CMO	0:15
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	15-18	Quality Community Foundation Grant Recommendations	FD	0:15
	15-84	Economic Development Update	ED	0:30
	15-09	Recreational Marijuana - Draft Regulations	CA	0:30
	15-37	Regulation of Home Grows	CA	1:00
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>2:30</b>
February 23, 2015				
<b>URA MEETING</b>		Call to Order, Roll Call, <b>Minutes</b>	CMO	0:05
<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>	15-01	Executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) for the purpose of developing strategy for negotiations and instructing negotiators concerning the Mile High Greyhound Park Master Development Agreement	CA	<b>0:55</b>
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>1:00</b>
March 2, 2015				
<b>REGULAR</b>		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
<b>PROC &amp; RECOGNITION</b>	15-04	Quality Community Foundation Grant Awards	FD	
	15-12	GFOA Award Recognition	FD	0:10
<b>CONSENT</b>	1998	Grant Recognition - CDBG Sidewalk Repair & Replacement - \$166,670 (2nd Reading March 2)	FD	<b>0:05</b>
	Ord 2044	Ordinance authorizing the refunding of the 2005 and 2006 bonds, series 2015 (1st Reading February 2)	FD	n/a
	Ord 2045	Grant Recognition - CDOT DUI - \$8,500 (1st Reading February 2)	FD	n/a
	Ord 2046	An ordinance amending the commerce city revised municipal code regarding the commerce city liquor authority (1st Reading February 2)	CA	n/a
	AN-231-14-15	An Ordinance Amending the Legal Description To Ordinance AN-231-14 Regarding Property Located at 10730 Potomac Street (1st reading Feb 2)	CD	n/a
<b>PUB HEARING</b>	Z-915-15	Os Rosemary LLC; Rezone from I-1 to I-2; 8350 Rosemary St. (2nd reading Apr 6)	CD	0:15
	Z-918-15	J. Connie McWhirt; Rezone from I-2 to R-2; 5360 Monaco St. (2nd reading Apr 6)	CD	0:15
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	Res 2015-14	Adoption of Youth Master Plan	COMM	0:15
	Res 2015-04	Resolution to Approve an IGA with CDOT for the Highway 2 Devolution RAMP Program	PW	0:20
	Res 2015-15	Approving Grant of Easement to South Adams County Water and Sanitation District	PR&G	
<b>ORD 1ST READING</b>	Ord 2004	Safe routes to school grant (2nd reading Apr 6)	FD	0:05
<b>PRESENTATION</b>				
<b>ADMIN BUSINESS</b>				0:15
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>2:40</b>
March 9, 2015		<b>Cancelled - NLC</b>		

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Date	Item	Description	Dept.	Time
<b>March 16, 2015</b>				
<b>REGULAR</b>		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
<b>PROC &amp; RECOGNITION</b>				
<b>CONSENT</b>				
<b>PUB HEARING</b>	AN-233-15	An ordinance approving Annexation AN-233-15 (2nd reading April 6)	CD	0:05
	Res 2015-09	Resolution making findings of fact for AN-233-15	CD	0:05
	Z-911-15	D&L Leasing; annexation zoning to Commerce City C-3 ;10655 E. 120th Court (2nd reading April 6)	CD	0:15
<b>RESOLUTION</b>				
<b>ORD 1ST READING</b>				
<b>PRESENTATION</b>				
<b>ADMIN BUSINESS</b>				0:15
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>1:40</b>
<b>March 16, 2015</b>				
<b>URA MEETING</b>		Call to Order, Roll Call, <b>Minutes</b>	CMO	0:05
<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>	15-01	Executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) for the purpose of developing strategy for negotiations and instructing negotiators concerning the Mile High Greyhound Park Master Development Agreement	CA	<b>0:55</b>
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>1:00</b>
<b>March 16, 2015</b>				
<b>NIGID MEETING</b>		Call to Order, Roll Call, <b>Minutes</b>	CMO	0:05
<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>	Ord NIGID 157	Lotis Short Inclusion Ordinance (2nd reading April 6)	CD	0:15
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>0:20</b>
<b>March 23, 2015</b>				
<b>STUDY SESSION</b>		Reports	CMO	0:15
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	15-70	Council Retreat Update	CMO	0:30
	15-80	Tower Road Lighting and Landscaping Review	PW	0:30
	15-81	Flashing Yellow Arrows Implementation	PW	0:30
	15-85	Noxious/Common Weeds	CD	0:30
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>2:15</b>
<b>March 30, 2015</b>				
<b>STUDY SESSION</b>		Reports	CMO	0:15
<b>DISCUSSION</b>				
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>0:15</b>
<b>April 6, 2015</b>				
<b>REGULAR</b>		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
<b>PROC &amp; RECOGNITION</b>	15-13	Recognition of Commerce City's Nominees for Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Awards	PR&G	0:15
<b>CONSENT</b>	AN-233-15	An ordinance approving Annexation AN-233-15 (1st reading March 16)	CD	<b>0:05</b>
	Ord 2004	Safe routes to school grant (1st reading Mar 2)	FD	n/a
	Z-915-15	Os Rosemary LLC; Rezone from I-1 to I-2; 8350 Rosemary St. (1st reading March 2)	CD	n/a
	Z-918-15	J. Connie McWhirt; Rezone from I-2 to R-2; 5360 Monaco St. (1st reading March 2)	CD	n/a
	Z-911-15	D&L Leasing; annexation zoning to Commerce City C-3 ;10655 E. 120th Court (1st reading March 16)	CD	n/a
<b>PUB HEARING</b>				
<b>RESOLUTION</b>				
<b>ORD 1ST READING</b>				
<b>PRESENTATION</b>				
<b>ADMIN BUSINESS</b>				0:15
		<b>Total Meeting Time</b>		<b>1:35</b>

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Date	Item	Description	Dept.	Time
<b>April 6, 2015</b>				
<b>NIGID MEETING</b>		Call to Order, Roll Call, <b>Minutes</b>	CMO	0:05
<b>CONSENT</b>	Ord NIGID 157	Lotis Short Inclusion Ordinance (1st reading March 16)	CD	<b>0:05</b>
			<b>Total Meeting Time</b>	<b>0:10</b>
<b>April 13, 2015</b>				
<b>STUDY SESSION</b>		Reports	CMO	0:15
<b>DISCUSSION</b>				
			<b>Total Meeting Time</b>	<b>0:15</b>
<b>April 20, 2015</b>				
<b>REGULAR</b>		Call to Order; Pledge; Audience Intro; Citizen Comm; Minutes; Reports		1:00
<b>PROC &amp; RECOGNITION</b>				
<b>CONSENT</b>				
<b>PUB HEARING</b>				
<b>RESOLUTION</b>				
<b>ORD 1ST READING</b>				
<b>PRESENTATION</b>				
<b>ADMIN BUSINESS</b>				0:15
			<b>Total Meeting Time</b>	<b>1:15</b>
<b>April 27, 2015</b>				
<b>STUDY SESSION</b>		Reports	CMO	0:15
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	15-86	5 Year CIPP	CMO	1:00
			<b>Total Meeting Time</b>	<b>1:15</b>