

**EXCERPTED FROM EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO, 2004 BALLOT**

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**1A - COUNTY QUESTION**

SHALL PIKES PEAK RURAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY(A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY) (PPRTA) TAXES BE INCREASED \$70 MILLION ANNUALLY (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY LEVYING A 1% (ONE PENNY PER DOLLAR) SALES AND USE TAX UPON EVERY TRANSACTION OR OTHER INCIDENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH SALES AND USE TAX IS LEVIED BY THE STATE OF COLORADO EXCLUDING PURCHASES OF FOOD FOR DOMESTIC HOME CONSUMPTION, PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS, RESIDENTIAL UTILITY BILLS, OR OTHER EXEMPT TRANSACTIONS AS DETAILED IN ARTICLES 26 AND 30, TITLE 39, AS AMENDED, OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES), COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2005, AND CONTINUING FOR THE FIRST FULL TEN (10) YEARS AFTER COMMENCEMENT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND OPERATIONS FOR ROADWAYS AND BRIDGES (35% OF NET REVENUE), FOR IMPROVED TRANSIT SERVICE WITHIN THE PPRTA'S BOUNDARIES (10% OF NET REVENUE), AND FOR SPECIFIC REGIONAL ROADWAY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (55% OF NET REVENUE) LISTED AS FOLLOWS:

**PRIORITY "A" PROJECTS:**

- BAPTIST ROAD WIDENING (MITCHELL AVE. TO I-25)
- AUSTIN BLUFFS INTERCHANGE (AT UNION BLVD.)
- WOODMEN RD. WIDENING AND INTERCHANGE (I-25 TO POWERS BLVD.)
- CIMARRON STREET BRIDGE (AT CONEJOS ST.)
- SOUTH METRO ACCESSIBILITY, PHASE I (STATE HWY. 115 TO POWERS BLVD.)
- BAPTIST RAILROAD CROSSING OVERPASS (AT BNSF/UP/MONUMENT CREEK)
- AUSTIN BLUFFS CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS (NEVADA AVE. TO ACADEMY BLVD.)
- MERIDIAN ROAD EXTENSION (FALCON HWY. TO U.S. HWY. 24)
- BAPTIST-HODGEN CONNECTION (STATE HWY. 83 TO ROLLERCOASTER RD.)
- COUNTY LINE ROAD UPGRADE (I-25 TO FURROW RD.)
- MERIDIAN RD. WIDENING (WOODMEN RD. TO REX RD.)
- HODGEN RD. UPGRADE TO ARTERIAL (ROLLERCOASTER RD. TO EASTONVILLE RD.)
- AUSTIN BLUFFS / NEVADA IMPROVEMENTS (AUSTIN BLUFFS AND NEVADA)
- I-25 INTERCHANGE COMPANION PROJECTS (BIJOU/I-25, NEVADA/ROCKRIMMON/I-25)
- FILLMORE/UNION IMPROVEMENTS (FILLMORE/UNION)
- CONGESTION/INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS (CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS / CITYWIDE)
- POWERS BLVD. RIGHT OF WAY PROTECTION AND ACQUISITION (WOODMEN RD. TO STATE HWY. 16)
- STAPLETON/JUDGE ORR EXTENSION (EASTONVILLE RD. TO U.S. HWY. 24)
- BAPTIST RD. WIDENING (I-25 TO TARI DR.)
- STRUTHERS EXTENSION/JACKSON CREEK (FALCON'S NEST TO BAPTIST RD.)
- FILLMORE ST. CORRIDOR (I-25 TO CENTENNIAL BLVD.)
- AUSTIN BLUFFS CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS (BARNES RD. TO OLD FARM DR.)
- MARKSHEFFEL RD. WIDENING AND EXTENSION (PETERSON AFB EAST GATE TO BLACK FOREST RD.)
- ACADEMY/FOUNTAIN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS (ACADEMY BLVD./FOUNTAIN BLVD.)
- MARKSHEFFEL ROAD WIDENING (MESA RIDGE PARKWAY TO SH 94)
- STAPLETON/JUDGE ORR EXTENSION (U.S. HWY. 24 TO CURTIS RD.)
- ROADWAY SAFETY AND TRAFFIC OPERATIONS (CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS / CITYWIDE)
- ON-STREET BIKEWAY IMPROVEMENTS (CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS / CITYWIDE)
- AUSTIN BLUFFS BRIDGE WIDENING (AT COTTONWOOD CREEK)
- VINCENT DRIVE BRIDGE (AT COTTONWOOD CREEK)
- 30TH ST. CORRIDOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS (GARDEN OF THE GODS TO MESA AVE.)
- AKERS DR. (CONSTITUTION AVE. TO N. CAREFREE)
- HANCOCK AVE. BRIDGE (AT TEMPLETON GAP FLOODWAY)
- UNION/PALMER PARK BLVD. IMPROVEMENTS (UNION BLVD. / PALMER PARK BLVD.)
- 25TH ST. BRIDGE (AT FOUNTAIN CREEK)
- CONSTITUTION/CIRCLE DR. IMPROVEMENTS (CONSTITUTION AVE. / CIRCLE DR.)
- FILLMORE ST. (TEMPLETON GAP RD. TO HANCOCK AVE.)
- GARDEN OF THE GODS / CHESTNUT IMPROVEMENTS (GARDEN OF THE GODS / CHESTNUT)
- FILLMORE / EL PASO ST. IMPROVEMENTS (FILLMORE ST. / EL PASO ST.)
- VINCENT DR. EXTENSION (NEVADA AVE. TO DUBLIN BLVD.)
- CONSTITUTION / CHELTON RD. IMPROVEMENTS (CONSTITUTION AVE. / CHELTON RD.)
- PIKES PEAK GREENWAY IMPROVEMENTS (VARIOUS SECTIONS OF GREENWAY)
- ACADEMY BLVD. / PIKES PEAK IMPROVEMENTS (ACADEMY BLVD. / PIKES PEAK AVE.)
- UTE PASS AVE. WIDENING (THROUGH GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS)
- MANITOU AVE. IMPROVEMENTS (WITHIN MANITOU SPRINGS)

PRIORITY "B" PROJECTS:

- UNION / CONSTITUTION IMPROVEMENTS (UNION BLVD. / CONSTITUTION AVE.)
- NORTH NEVADA AVE. REVITALIZATION, PHASE I (FILLMORE ST. TO I-25)
- ACADEMY / FLINTRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS (ACADEMY BLVD. / FLINTRIDGE DR.)
- PIKES PEAK GREENWAY IMPROVEMENTS (VARIOUS SECTIONS OF GREENWAY)
- EVANS AVE. BRIDGE (AT N. CHEYENNE CREEK)
- ROCKRIMMON / PRO RODEO DR. IMPROVEMENTS (ROCKRIMMON / PRO RODEO DR.)
- GARDEN OF THE GODS / FORGE RD. IMPROVEMENTS (GARDEN OF THE GODS / FORGE RD.)
- MESA RIDGE PARKWAY EXTENSION (POWERS BLVD. TO MARKSHEFFEL RD.)
- CHEYENNE BLVD / TEJON IMPROVEMENTS (CHEYENNE BLVD. / TEJON ST.)
- BLACK FOREST ALIGNMENT UPGRADE (HODGEN RD. TO SOUTHERLY)
- ROCKRIMMON / DELMONICO N. IMPROVEMENTS (ROCKRIMMON / DELMONICO NORTH)
- BIJOU ST. BRIDGE (AT SHOOKS RUN)
- ADA PEDESTRIAN RAMP PROGRAM (CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS / CITYWIDE)
- CURTIS RD. UPGRADE (STATE HWY. 94 TO JUDGE ORR RD.)
- W. UINTAH INTERMODAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS (COOPER ST. TO MESA AVE.)
- CRESTA RD. SIDEWALKS (LA VETA WAY TO CHEYENNE BLVD.)

PRIORITY "C" PROJECTS:

- PLATTE AVE. BRIDGE (AT SAND CREEK)
- ACADEMY / FOUNTAIN INTERCHANGE (U.S. HWY. 24 BYPASS)
- PLATTE AVE. WIDENING (ACADEMY BLVD. TO POWERS BLVD.)
- I-25 / CIMARRON RAMPS (I-25 / CIMARRON)
- CENTENNIAL BLVD. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION (FILLMORE TO I-25 AT FONTANERO)
- CONSTITUTION AVE. / PASEO RD. IMPROVEMENTS (CONSTITUTION AVE. / PASEO RD.)
- BRIARGATE / STAPLETON EXTENSION (BLACK FOREST RD. TO MERIDIAN RD.)
- ADA PEDESTRIAN RAMP PROGRAM (CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS / CITYWIDE)
- HANCOCK EXTENSION (CHELTON TO POWERS BLVD.)
- BRADLEY RD. EXTENSION (GRINNELL ST. TO POWERS BLVD.)
- FONTAINE BLVD. EXTENSION (MARKSHEFFEL RD. TO MERIDIAN RD.)

WITH PRIORITY "A" PROJECTS BEING COMPLETELY FUNDED PRIOR TO USE OF FUNDING ON PRIORITY "B" PROJECTS AND COMPLETE FUNDING OF PRIORITY "B" PROJECTS PRIOR TO USE OF FUNDING ON PRIORITY "C" PROJECTS, AND NO MORE THAN 1% OF TOTAL REVENUE TO BE EXPENDED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES; AND AFTER CONTINUING SUCH TAX FOR TEN (10) FULL YEARS, REDUCING THE PPRTA 1% SALES AND USE TAX TO A 0.45% SALES AND USE TAX FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, FOR FUNDING MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND OPERATION OF REGIONAL ROADWAYS AND BRIDGES (77.78% OF NET REVENUE) AND FOR FUNDING PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE (22.22% OF NET REVENUE), WITH ALL REVENUES FROM SUCH TAX AND OTHER REVENUES OF PPRTA BEING COLLECTED AND SPENT EACH YEAR WITHOUT LIMITATION BY THE REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS OF ARTICLE X, §20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION; AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, SHALL AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS, THE CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS, THE TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS, AND EL PASO COUNTY BE APPROVED, THEREBY ESTABLISHING PPRTA, PURSUANT TO COLORADO REVISED STATUTES §43-4-601 ET SEQ., WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITIES OF COLORADO SPRINGS AND MANITOU SPRINGS, AND THE TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS, AND WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF UNINCORPORATED EL PASO COUNTY, WITH PPRTA'S ANNUAL SPENDING TO BE REVIEWED BY A CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND TO BE SUBJECT TO AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT?

YES

NO