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HOUSE BILL 16-1155

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR A COUNTY TO DESIGNATE A  
102 FOUR-LANE CONTROLLED-ACCESS HIGHWAY THAT IS LOCATED  
103 IN THE COUNTY AS A PRIMARY ROAD OF THE COUNTY HIGHWAY  
104 SYSTEM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, SPECIFYING THE  
105 JURISDICTION, CONTROL, AND DUTIES OF THE COUNTY AND OF  
106 A MUNICIPALITY THROUGH WHICH THE HIGHWAY PASSES WITH  
107 RESPECT TO SUCH A HIGHWAY.

Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/bills summaries>.)*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

SENATE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
April 5, 2016

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
March 17, 2016

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
March 16, 2016

The bill authorizes a county to designate a 4-lane controlled-access highway that is located in both unincorporated and incorporated areas of the county as a primary road of the county highway system, and specifies the respective jurisdiction, control, and duties of the county and of a municipality through which the highway passes with respect to such a highway.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-20-302, **amend**  
3 (1) (b) as follows:

4 **42-20-302. Application for route designation - procedure -**  
5 **approval.** (1) Petitions for new route designations or for a change in an  
6 existing route designation may be submitted to the patrol no more than  
7 once a year:

8 (b) By a town, city, or city and county, with respect to any public  
9 road located within such town, city, or city and county, INCLUDING ANY  
10 PORTION OF A COUNTY PRIMARY ROAD DESIGNATED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
11 43-2-110 (1.5), C.R.S., THAT IS SUBSEQUENTLY ANNEXED BY A TOWN OR  
12 CITY, upon approval of the petition by the governing body of such town,  
13 city, or city and county;

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 43-2-110, **add** (1.5)  
15 as follows:

16 **43-2-110. Selection by county - notice - secondary system.**  
17 (1.5) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ANY COUNTY WITH A  
18 POPULATION OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND OR MORE MAY  
19 DESIGNATE AS A PRIMARY ROAD ANY FOUR-LANE CONTROLLED-ACCESS  
20 COUNTY HIGHWAY, THE CONSTRUCTION OF WHICH COMMENCES IN 2016,  
21 THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY  
22 AND THAT INTERSECTS WITH AN INTERSTATE HIGHWAY OR A UNITED

1 STATES NUMBERED HIGHWAY. IF A CITY OR AN INCORPORATED TOWN  
2 SUBSEQUENTLY ANNEXES ANY PORTION OF A HIGHWAY THAT HAS BEEN  
3 DESIGNATED AS A PRIMARY ROAD, THE RESPECTIVE JURISDICTION,  
4 CONTROL, AND DUTY OF THE COUNTY AND OF THE CITY OR INCORPORATED  
5 TOWN WITH RESPECT TO THE HIGHWAY IS AS FOLLOWS:

6 (a) THE CITY OR INCORPORATED TOWN SHALL EXERCISE FULL  
7 RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND CONTROL OVER THE HIGHWAY BEYOND AND  
8 INCLUDING THE CURBS AND, IF NO CURB IS INSTALLED, BEYOND THE  
9 TRAVELED WAY, ITS CONTIGUOUS SHOULDERS, AND APPURTENANCES.

10 (b) THE COUNTY HAS THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT OR DENY ACCESS  
11 TO THE HIGHWAY AND TO ESTABLISH WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS FOR VEHICLES  
12 TRAVELING ON THE HIGHWAY AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 42-4-106 (1),  
13 (2), AND (3), C.R.S.

14 (c) THE COUNTY HAS THE AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT THE  
15 SUSPENSION OF SIGNS, BANNERS, OR DECORATIONS ABOVE THE PORTION  
16 OF THE HIGHWAY BETWEEN THE CURBS OR, IF THE HIGHWAY DOES NOT  
17 HAVE CURBS, BETWEEN THE PORTION OF THE HIGHWAY USED FOR  
18 VEHICULAR TRAVEL UP TO A VERTICAL HEIGHT OF TWENTY FEET ABOVE  
19 THE SURFACE OF THE HIGHWAY.

20 (d) THE CITY OR INCORPORATED TOWN SHALL MAINTAIN ALL OF ITS  
21 UNDERGROUND FACILITIES UNDER THE HIGHWAY AT ITS OWN EXPENSE  
22 AND HAS THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT SUCH UNDERGROUND FACILITIES AS  
23 MAY BE NECESSARY UNDER THE HIGHWAY.

24 (e) THE CITY OR INCORPORATED TOWN HAS THE RIGHT TO GRANT  
25 THE PRIVILEGE TO OPEN THE SURFACE OF THE HIGHWAY, BUT ALL  
26 RESULTING DAMAGES SHALL PROMPTLY BE REPAIRED EITHER BY THE CITY  
27 OR INCORPORATED TOWN ITSELF OR AT ITS DIRECTION.

1           (f) THE CITY OR INCORPORATED TOWN SHALL PROVIDE STREET  
2 ILLUMINATION AT ITS OWN EXPENSE AND SHALL CLEAN THE HIGHWAY,  
3 INCLUDING STORM SEWER INLETS AND CATCH BASINS.

4           (g) THE COUNTY HAS THE RIGHT TO UTILIZE ALL STORM SEWERS ON  
5 THE HIGHWAY WITHOUT COST; AND IF NEW STORM SEWER FACILITIES ARE  
6 NECESSARY IN CONSTRUCTION OF THE HIGHWAY BY THE COUNTY, THE  
7 COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL BEAR THE COST OF THE FACILITIES  
8 AS MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
9 OF THE COUNTY AND THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OR  
10 INCORPORATED TOWN.

11           (h) THE CITY OR INCORPORATED TOWN SHALL REGULATE AND  
12 ENFORCE ALL TRAFFIC AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE PORTION OF  
13 THE HIGHWAY THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OR INCORPORATED  
14 TOWN.

15           (i) THE COUNTY SHALL ERECT, CONTROL, AND MAINTAIN AT  
16 COUNTY EXPENSE ALL ROUTE MARKERS AND DIRECTIONAL SIGNS, EXCEPT  
17 STREET SIGNS, ON THE PORTION OF THE HIGHWAY LOCATED WITHIN THE  
18 CITY OR INCORPORATED TOWN.

19           (j) THE COUNTY SHALL INSTALL, OPERATE, MAINTAIN, AND  
20 CONTROL AT COUNTY EXPENSE ALL TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS, SIGNS,  
21 AND TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES ON THE PORTION OF THE HIGHWAY  
22 LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OR INCORPORATED TOWN. NO LOCAL  
23 AUTHORITY SHALL ERECT OR MAINTAIN ANY STOP SIGN OR TRAFFIC  
24 CONTROL SIGNAL AT ANY LOCATION THAT REQUIRES THE TRAFFIC ON THE  
25 HIGHWAY TO STOP BEFORE ENTERING OR CROSSING ANY INTERSECTING  
26 HIGHWAY UNLESS THE LOCAL AUTHORITY FIRST OBTAINS APPROVAL IN  
27 WRITING FROM THE COUNTY. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH (j),

1 "TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE" INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, STRIPING,  
2 LANE-MARKING, AND CHANNELIZATION.

3 (k) EITHER THE CITY OR INCORPORATED TOWN OR THE COUNTY  
4 SHALL ACQUIRE RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR THE HIGHWAY AS MUTUALLY  
5 AGREED UPON. COSTS OF ACQUIRING THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY MAY BE THE  
6 SOLE EXPENSE OF THE COUNTY OR THE CITY OR INCORPORATED TOWN, OR  
7 SHARED BY BOTH, AS MUTUALLY AGREED UPON. TITLE TO ALL  
8 RIGHTS-OF-WAY ACQUIRED VEST IN THE CITY OR INCORPORATED TOWN, OR  
9 IN THE COUNTY, ACCORDING TO THE AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH THE  
10 RIGHTS-OF-WAY WERE SECURED.

11 (l) THE COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO ACQUIRE RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR  
12 THE HIGHWAY BY PURCHASE, GIFT, OR CONDEMNATION. ANY  
13 CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE MANNER  
14 PROVIDED BY LAW FOR CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS TO ACQUIRE LANDS  
15 REQUIRED FOR COUNTY HIGHWAYS. NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (1.5)  
16 ABROGATES THE RIGHT OF A HOME RULE CITY TO ACQUIRE LANDS FOR  
17 PURPOSES AND IN THE MANNER SET FORTH IN THE CHARTER OF THE CITY.

18 (m) THE COUNTY MAY ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
19 AGREEMENT WITH A CITY OR INCORPORATED TOWN LOCATED WITHIN THE  
20 COUNTY TO ADD TO THE HIGHWAY SPECIFIED ROADS OR STREETS ANNEXED  
21 BY THE CITY OR INCORPORATED TOWN BEFORE THE DESIGNATION OF THE  
22 HIGHWAY AS A PRIMARY ROAD. SUCH AN AGREEMENT MUST DEFINE THE  
23 RESPECTIVE JURISDICTION, CONTROL, AND DUTY OF THE COUNTY AND THE  
24 CITY OR INCORPORATED TOWN WITH RESPECT TO THE HIGHWAY AND MAY  
25 MODIFY THE DIVISION OF SUCH JURISDICTION, CONTROL, AND DUTY FROM  
26 THE DIVISION SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPHS (a) TO (l) OF THIS SUBSECTION  
27 (1.5).

1           **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
2 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
3 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
4 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a  
5 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
6 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
7 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
8 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
9 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
10 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.