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**WELD COUNTY SUBMITS MILEAGE FOR HIGHWAY USER TAX FUND**

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Board of Commissioners approved the 2015 Annual Mileage and Condition Certification Report for the Highway User Tax Fund (HUTF). The certification of mileage is sent yearly to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Colorado Department of the Treasury to calculate the amount of funding Weld County will receive to maintain county roads.

Weld County 2015 Roadway Mileage					
Paved		Gravel		Total Mileage	
Paved Miles	Mileage Changed	Gravel Miles	Mileage Changed	Total Miles	Total Mileage Changed
736.87	-0.7	2,217.19	-6.38	2,954.06	-7.08

As of December 31, 2015, Weld County had a total of 2,954.06 miles of HUTF eligible roads and received \$9,440,706.36 to maintain county roads.

“Road safety is a priority for Weld County,” said Commissioner Chair Mike Freeman. “It is important we receive the Highway User Tax Fund to supplement county funds in order to properly maintain our county roads.”

Funding per Mile	
Paved Roads/Mile	\$4,262.18 x 736.87 miles = \$3,140,669.87
Gravel Roads/Mile	\$2,841.45 x 2,217.19 miles = \$6,300,036.49
<b>Total HUTF</b>	<b>\$9,440,706.36</b>

The county is also eligible for HUTF funding by maintaining bridge decks over 20 feet in length. Last year, the county maintained 694,211.20 square feet of bridge decks, which increased by 67,645 square feet from 2014. This is due to the expansion of the South Platte River Bridge and the addition of the Cache la Poudre River Bridge on the Weld County Road 49 Parkway.

The HUTF is funded by revenue from motor fuel excise taxes, annual vehicle license and registration fees and passenger-mile taxes on vehicles. Court fines from traffic infractions and specialty license plate fees have also been designated for the HUTF. According to the Colorado Department of the Treasury, “The HUTF was created in 1953 to account for state highway revenue and all moneys in the HUTF are appropriated for: The acquisition of right-of-ways for, and the construction, engineering safety reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, and administration of, the state highway system, the county highway systems, the city street systems, and other public roads and highways of the state.”

For more information about roads in Weld County, visit the Public Works webpage under the department tab at [www.weldgov.com](http://www.weldgov.com).

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