

<u>Ballot Initiative Presentation – BOCC meeting August 4th 2016</u>

This initiative is designed to develop a long-term solution for the maintenance and continuing rehabilitation of subdivision roads as well as numerous unfunded roads infrastructure projects in all 10 Boulder County cities.

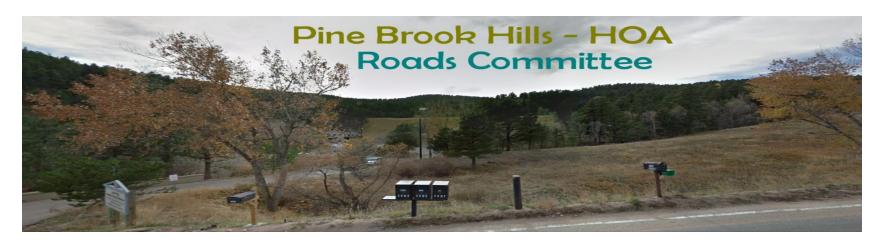
Discussion Points

- The citizen group proposing this ballot initiative
- History and actions leading to this problem
- Why a solution to this issue is so important
- Reasons we believe this initiative is fair and equitable



The citizen group proposing this ballot initiative

- Peter King-Smith Chairman PBH Roads Committee
 22 year resident of BoCo, 20 year US citizen, 6 years working on this issue
 Vice Chairman: SPLIDAC (Sub Division Paving LID Advisory Committee)
- Brian Wahlert President: PBH HOA
- Bob Loveman PBH Water Board and HOA SPLIDAC member
- Allen Saville PBH HOA Committee Member
- Dick Piland President: Niwot Community Association



History and actions leading to this problem

- In 1995 the BOCC changed their definition of road maintenance to exclude road rehabilitation and reconstruction as roads aged
- The BOCC at that time did not have the courage to address the resulting funding requirement thereby creating a deficit for 20 years
- As a result <u>no taxes</u> have been collected to pay for the reconstruction of these roads and many can no longer be effectively maintained
- This ballot initiative funds a 15 year project to reconstruct the roads impacted by the 1995 change and as such will be a 35 year solution



Why a solution to this issue is so important

- Subdivision roads are becoming a danger to residents, first responders, school buses,
 police, sheriff, county snow plow operators, walkers, joggers and cyclists
- Boulder County cities have many important road infrastructure projects for which they do not have funding and would benefit greatly as follows:

\$1,250,000 /yr \$18,750,000 /15 yr \$51,000 /yr \$765,000 /15 yr **Boulder:** Erie: Jamestown: \$1,200 \$178,000 /yr \$2,670,000 /15yr /vr \$18,000 /15 vr Lafayette: Longmont: \$486,000 /yr \$7,290,000 /15 yr Louisville: \$216,000 /yr \$3,240,000 /15 yr \$12,500 /yr \$187,500 /15 yr Nederland: \$9,500 /yr \$142,500 /15 yr Lyons: /yr \$1,162,500 /15 yr \$550 /yr /15 vr **Superior:** \$77,500 Ward: \$8.250

Note: The 15 year numbers will probably be larger due to increasing property values over the term of the initiative.



Reasons we believe this initiative is fair and equitable

- BoCo is making a significant 20% annual contribution of approximately \$1,000,000 per year for impacted community use roads
- County wide roads infrastructure should be funded by all residents
- The cost of approximately \$6.25 per \$100,000 of property value will result in a small increase for all to fund critical infrastructure issues

 Tax Increase: \$25/yr for a \$400,000 home / \$62.50/yr for a \$1,000,000 home
- A problem created 20 years ago by not imposing taxes to fund it at the time simply cannot be corrected with no increase in taxes now



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We respectfully ask for your support for this ballot initiative.

Thank you for your time...



Opposing Arguments

- Fixing this mess is the sole responsibility of the current BOCC.
 20 years of no tax collection must be resolved with no new taxes ??
 - Not so fast...

The 1995 BOCC that acted irresponsibly were elected by "we the people" Current BOCC members have inherited those 1995 bad decisions Seems we share in this responsibility!!

- We agree to a modest tax increase
- The BOCC agrees to contribute \$1M per year



Opposing Arguments

- We'll sue the BOCC until the courts force them to pay for all of this mess
 - Not so fast, it seems that the U.S Constitution does not support this!!

