

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Douglas County's Budget In Brief provides an overview of the 2012 budget - expenditures and revenues - relative to the Board's Goals for the organization.

Achieving our statutorily-required annual, balanced budget involves so much more than balancing revenues and expenditures. It is the outcome of an ongoing, strategic plan to prioritize and allocate resources for one year while looking ahead to what we may face in future years. The County's approach to the development of the 2012 Budget embodies a financial sustainability strategy established in 2008. As a result of this multi-year, dedicated strategy of cutting costs while increasing reserves over several years, we are now well positioned to strategically re-invest in our communities to increase public safety, improve infrastructure, reducing outstanding debt, and respond to child-related human service needs. The County's strategic approach to and adoption of the 2012 Budget are enabled by a committed organization, and supported by a history of prudent, fiscally conservative decision making.

As with the 2010 and 2011 Budgets, the Board's Goals, as well as the Policies of the Board of Douglas County Commissioners, provide the focus for the budget and priorities.

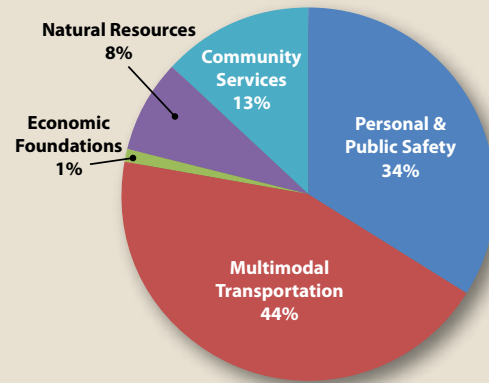
Following are the highlights of the 2012 Budget:

The 2012 Budget is: \$254.5 million. This includes \$6.3 million for early payoff of debt, along with \$143.1 million for operating expenditures and \$72.6 million for one-time construction and maintenance projects, such as new roads. Included in the \$72.6 million is \$24.7 million in dedicated road project funds from 2011 that are being carried over to the 2012 budget for the same purpose.

The Board's Goals are: Personal and Public Safety; Multimodal Transportation; Economic

Foundations; Natural Resources; and Community Services.

Following is the 2012 Budget allocation by these five foundational goals:



We realize that our emphasis on fiscal conservatism must continue and we commit to continue to reduce spending in 2012. Throughout this process we have established an organizational culture that is motivated to do more with less while maintaining the level of service consistent with Douglas County's reputation.

The Adopted Budget for 2012 is balanced for all funds; is built upon conservative revenues and necessary expenditures; and meets statutory requirements. All initiatives that have been funded in 2012 are considered either non-discretionary or of the highest priority in order to maintain Douglas County's standard of excellence in providing services to its citizens.

The complete 2012 Budget Book can be viewed by visiting www.douglas.co.us

For a personalized tax analysis detailing how the Douglas County Government's portion of a individual property owner's taxes are used to fund County services, please visit www.douglas.co.us/taxes

Chair, Jack A. Hilbert, District I
Steven A. Boand, District II
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DOUGLAS COUNTY DEBT

Douglas County's debt consists of voter approved revenue bonds secured by dedicated sales and use tax revenues. The County does not have any general obligation (GO) debt. For 2012, the County will use reserves (\$6.3 million) to pay off a portion of its debt early. This will save approx. \$1 million in interest payments over 10 years.

MAJOR 2012 CAPITAL PROJECTS

- \$10 m US 85 Corridor Improvement
- \$10 m C-470 Corridor Coalition
- \$4.6 m Broadway/Plaza to County Line improvements
- \$3.2 m Quebec/Lincoln/University Intersection Improvements
- \$2.0 m N. Meadows Extension to US 85 & I-25
- \$550,000 Highland Heritage Regional Park Synthetic Turf Replacement
- \$400,000 Bayou Gulch Trail Construction
- \$300,000 Bayou Gulch Regional Park Parking Lot Improvements

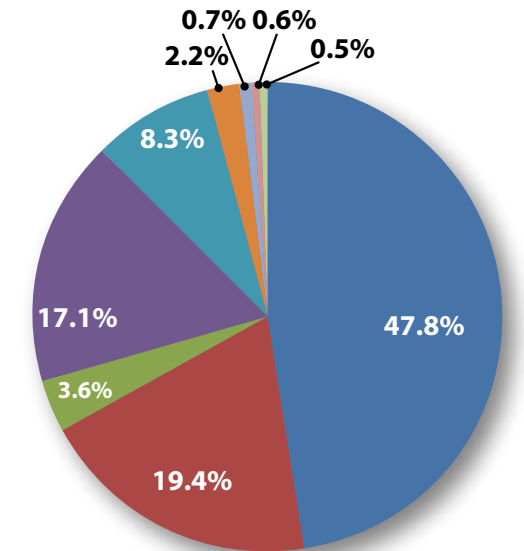


C-470 US 85 Flyover Ribbon Cutting



C-470 US 85 Flyover

DOUGLAS COUNTY REVENUE SOURCES



Sources of Funding	Revenues Forecast
Property Taxes	\$ 100,648,713
Sales & Use Taxes	40,810,000
Specific Ownership Taxes	7,501,300
Intergovernmental	35,994,086
Charges for Services	17,440,429
Licenses & Permits	4,634,800
Fines & Forfeits	1,437,600
Interest Earnings	1,204,973
Miscellaneous	1,003,561
Total Revenues - All Funds	\$ 210,675,462



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