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TO: Transit and Rail Advisory Committee
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SUBJECT: Senate Bill 267 Status Report

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on SB 267 transit projects approved for Years 1-4 through the reporting period ending December 31, 2019.

Action

Informational only, no action required.

Background

The state legislature provided new transportation funding through Senate Bill 17-267 (SB 267). SB 267 provides \$192M for strategic transit capital projects over four years beginning in FY 2019. SB 267 gives authority to the Colorado Transportation Commission to designate and select projects, and requires that a minimum of 25% of SB 267 funds be spent in rural counties with fewer than 50,000 residents.

The strategic transit project portfolio, including project type, location, match requirements, etc., and the project selection criteria and ratings, were presented to the Transit and Rail Advisory Committee, the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee and the Transportation Commission in 2019. The Transit and Rail Advisory Committee and Transportation Commission also provided guidance on the project portfolio comparison, favoring a mix of CDOT and partner capital projects, while still providing enough funding through the Capital Call for local agencies to make strategic investments to their transit infrastructure.

A list of proposed strategic transit projects covering Years 1 through 4 was presented to the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee, the Transit and Rail Advisory Committee and the Transportation Commission in October and November 2019. This list included several previously approved projects, proposed CDOT and partner transit facility projects (50% match required), and allocations for remaining funds to be distributed to local agencies through upcoming Capital Calls (20% match required). On December 19, 2019 the Transportation Commission approved the complete SB 267 Transit Program for Years 1-4, totaling \$192M.

Senate Bill 267 provides four years of funding totaling \$192M for strategic transit investments, however, the funding is approved on a year-by-year basis. Through Q4 2019, Year 1 funds totaling \$42M had been received. Recently, CDOT received an additional \$50M for Year 2, increasing available funding to \$92M. Funding for Years 3 and 4, an additional \$50M each, is anticipated, although uncertain. The Transportation Commission, voted to approve all four years of SB 267 projects for planning purposes, to ensure that funding is distributed throughout the state, and to identify high priority projects for future SB 267 funding.

Details

CDOT's Region and Division staff, as well as partner and local agency staff, will continue to advance the approved SB 267 projects. Progress resulting from this collaborative effort will be reported to the Transit & Rail Advisory Committee and the Transportation Commission throughout the duration of the program.

Next Steps

The Division of Transit and Rail will schedule internal coordination meetings with:

1. CDOT Regions and the Facilities Division to determine project schedules, and resource availability and needs for the construction phases of SB 267 facility projects. *(Early assumptions are that the Regions will manage the construction phase of horizontal projects and Facilities will manage vertical construction.)*
2. CDOT Region staff to coordinate planning and environmental processes
3. Division of Project Support to develop design standards
4. Project Management Office to transition external-facing SB 267 program and project reporting

Attachments

Strategic Transit Projects (SB 267) - Transit Program Roadmap