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DATE: January 7, 2013

TO: Transportation Commission of Colorado

FROM: Benson Stein, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: Approve Additional Candidate Bridge Enterprise Projects for Inclusion in the FY2012-FY2017 STIP

Attached you will find details on additional projects for inclusion on the master Candidate Bridge Enterprise Projects list for FY13. As you may recall, the master list identifies candidate projects for inclusion into the FY 12-17 STIP once a project is ready to move forward. This month's additional projects are highlighted in the enclosed candidate project list for FY 13. They are submitted to you this month for approval to amend into the STIP once funding and ad dates are secured.

As with prior submittals, staff is submitting this list now in order to avoid delays in advertising and budgeting as these projects reach readiness for funding. In order to move forward with Bridge Enterprise projects in a timely manner, this submittal will eliminate the need for submitting individual STIP policy amendments later. The STIP policy amendment process typically takes 45 – 60 days to complete as it requires a public involvement period, plus approval by both the Transportation Commission and the Federal Highway Administration.

To that end, CDOT has conducted a public involvement outreach for review and comment on these proposed amendments, per federal requirements (23 CFR 450.212). The formal comment period opened on December 8, 2012 and closes on January 12, 2013. To date, no comments have been received. If any comments are received between now and January 12, they will be summarized and presented to the Commission for consideration at their regular meeting on January 17, 2013. This outreach was initiated via e-mail to members of the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee, County Commissions and County planning staff, as well as to the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. This e-mail list also includes members of the public who have expressed interest in receiving information on transportation issues in Colorado. Outreach included posting the Bridge Enterprise project lists on the external CDOT website (<http://www.coloradodot.info/business/budget/statewide-transportation-improvement-program-stip-reports-information/current-stip-reports-information/stip-plan-and-stip-amendments.html>).

This candidate project list has also been reviewed for fiscal constraint. These projects have met this criteria. If any changes to the candidate list become necessary, a revised list depicting projects added or deleted will be submitted for approval at that time.

At this time I am requesting your approval of the amendment package so that we may further request concurrence from FHWA. Once this is received, these projects will become eligible for inclusion in the STIP Database once project readiness and funding has been determined.

If you have any questions regarding any of the projects included on the consent agenda, please contact Jamie Collins of my staff at 303-757-9092.

Thank you.