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DATE: August 18, 2016
TO: Transportation Commission
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SUBJECT: SB228 Transit Recommendations

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to seek Commission approval of the staff and Transit & Intermodal Committee recommendations for the use of Senate Bill 228 transit funding. A more comprehensive white paper detailing the SB228 recommendations can be found at <https://www.codot.gov/about/transportation-commission/documents/2016-archive-of-supporting-documents/july-2016>

Action

Approve the FY2016/17 SB228 transit fund projects, and the plan development for FY2017/18 funds. A draft resolution is attached.

Background

In February 2015 the TC adopted PD 14 to guide future allocation of resources and investment decisions. Under "System Performance", the transit objectives are to increase rural transit ridership (Transit Utilization), and to maintain or increase the miles of regional and interregional service (Transit Connectivity). Bustang is CDOT's first attempt to provide interregional connectivity by connecting the six largest transit agencies over nearly 300 miles in the I-25 and I-70 corridors. Bustang's first year of operation exceeded ridership projections and need infrastructure (Park & Ride) expansions.

The Statewide Transit Plan was adopted by the TC a year ago, and one of the priority needs of rural communities across the state is for better rural to urban transit connections for essential services; i.e. medical, business, shopping, pleasure, connection to the intercity and interregional transit network, airports, etc.

Senate Bill 228 (SB228) provides \$199.2M in new revenue for CDOT in FY 2016, and forecasts an additional \$158.0M in expected new revenues in FY 2017; with at least 10% (\$19.92M and \$15.8M; total \$35.72M) dedicated to transit. The SB 228 program must be used for TC approved strategic projects with statewide or regional significance.

Details

Table 1 identifies the recommended transit projects to utilize the SB228 funding. Transit has been allocated \$19.92M from FY2015/16; these funds are available for use now. Forecasts indicate an additional \$15.8M for FY2016/17; available at the end of the fiscal year. The projects identified in Table 1 are listed in priority order, with associated conceptual cost estimates. The projects would be developed/implemented in series, such that construction or manufacture bids would be in place before committing to the next projects in the series. If bids are less than the conceptual estimates, more projects can be undertaken; if bids are more than the conceptual bids, fewer projects can be undertaken. Any projects not completed within the \$35.72M allocation for transit will be included in the 10 Year Development Plan.

The first section of Table 1 contains the projects to be undertaken in FY2016/17; rounded to \$20M. The second section contains projects to be undertaken in FY2017/18. The final section identifies the projects that would be undertaken if any funding remains, or if the forecast for FY2016/17 is increased.

Table 1: Recommended Transit Projects for SB 228 Funding



Cost	Project Description
Phase 1: State Fiscal Year 2016-2017	
\$2.0 M	Program & Construction Management of all the Phase 1 Projects below
\$1.5 M	Winter Park Express Platform (approved Apr. 2016)
\$2.5 M	Six branded over-the-Road Coaches, 30-35 foot
\$5.0 M	I-25 Managed Lanes Project: Kendall Parkway replacement / expansion of existing Loveland park-and-ride at US 34 / I-25
\$3.0 M	Woodmen Road park-and-ride replacement / expansion in Colorado Springs
\$1.5 M	Lawson / Telluride / San Miguel County park-and-ride
\$2.5 M	Frisco Transit Center Expansion
\$2.0 M	Rifle Park & Ride Relocation
\$20.0 M	<i>Phase 1 Subtotal</i>
Phase 2: State Fiscal Year 2017-2018	
\$1.5 M	Program & Construction Management of all the Phase 2 Projects Below
\$4.0 M	Up to ten (10) Branded over-the-road Coaches for the Rural Regional System
\$10.0 M	Outer Loop Park & Rides <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idaho Springs / Clear Creek County • Castle Rock / Douglas County • Frederick, Firestone, Dacono, Erie, Longmont / Weld County • Potential Denver Tech Center Stop
\$15.5 M	<i>Phase 2 Subtotal</i>
\$35.5 M	<i>Phases 1 + 2 Subtotal</i>
Phase 3: State Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and Beyond if Funds Available	
\$4.0 M	Pueblo park & ride for Bustang service extension
\$2.0 M	Brush Creek Park & Ride Expansion
\$3.0 M	Glenwood Springs Maintenance Facility to include Bustang, USFS Shuttle, RFTA
\$2.5 M	Harmony Road park-and-ride expansion
\$2.0 M	Tejon park-and-ride expansion
\$4.0 M	Monument park-and-ride access improvements, saving Bustang 10 minutes per trip, each direction
\$17.5 M	<i>Phase 3 Subtotal</i>
\$53.0 M	<i>Phase 1 + 2 + 3 Subtotal</i>



Benefits

Because transit operating funds are currently the most limited resource, and because SB 228 funds are not a continuing funding source, use of SB228 funds on capital projects is recommended. The use of SB 228 funds for capital projects provides supporting infrastructure to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of the limited operating dollars. The SB228 program of projects expands and enhances the infrastructure for the statewide interregional and regional transit network.

Options

- Approve the above SB228 program of projects for FY 2016/17, and the further development of FY 2017/18 projects. **This is the staff and T&I Committee recommended action.**
- Reject selected projects, and approve the remainder of the program of projects. This is not recommended as it could dilute the effort to create an integrated statewide system.
- Reject the above SB228 program of projects. This is not recommended as it would not be responsive to the transit stakeholders around the state, and would not advance CDOT in providing a statewide integrated system.

Next Steps

- Begin procurement of Rural Regional branded coaches, including authorization to purchase six now, with a contractual option for up to 10 additional.
- Engage AECOM through a task order to assist with program management, including a Park & Ride development and implementation schedule.
- Coordinate Park & Ride development and implementation with the respective Regions.
- Continue coordination and negotiations for Phase 2 with the Outer Loop Park & Ride communities, and the potential for a Denver Tech Center stop.

Attachments

- Draft Resolution



Resolution # TC-

Approve the FY2016/17 SB 228 Transit Projects

Whereas, SB228 funds have been allocated to CDOT for FY 2016/17 (\$199.2M), and at least 10% (\$19.92M) are to be used for transit projects; and

Whereas, the list of projects meets the SB228 criteria of being strategic in nature, and serving a statewide or regional purpose; and

Whereas, the Division of Transit & Rail developed a recommended list of SB228 transit projects, and received the Transit & Intermodal Committee recommendation of same list to the full Commission at their July, 2016 meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission approves the attached list of FY 2016/17 SB228 Transit Projects, and further development of FY 2017/18 projects.