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**DATE:** February 18, 2016  
**TO:** Transportation Commission  
**FROM:** Mark Imhoff, Division of Transit and Rail  
**SUBJECT:** FASTER 2017 and FTA 2016 Transit Capital Funding Recommendations

#### Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to provide background and results of CDOT's annual transit capital grant selection process, also known as the Consolidated Call for Capital Projects (CCCP).

#### Action

No action requested, this is an informational item.

#### Background

The CCCP is a competitive grant process used to fund transit capital projects that are eligible for either FASTER Transit (Local and Statewide) or FTA grant programs (Section 5310, 5311, and 5339) that are administered by DTR. By combining these various programs into one single competitive process, CDOT has taken a more comprehensive approach to capital planning and funding while lightening the administrative burden on applicants.

For the past two years CDOT has awarded funding for a two-year period in the hopes of increased predictability and improved planning. The first year awards were final, while the second year awards were preliminary since CDOT could not commit funding that was not yet available. Under the previous process, most preliminary awards were finalized in the following year when funding availability and project scores were verified. However, there have been several instances where preliminary awards were not finalized due to higher-scoring projects being submitted for the current year. Because of this CDOT has elected not to make preliminary awards and will only award projects for the current year of funding (SFY 2017 for FASTER Transit and FFY 2016 for FTA). For applicants that applied this year for future projects, CDOT will retain those applications and give applicants an opportunity to update and/or submit those applications again in next year's CCCP.

CDOT received just over 100 applications from 46 organizations for capital grants that are available in calendar year 2016. The grant requests totaled \$28.5 million. Meanwhile, CDOT has only \$16.8 million available. The applications were reviewed and scored by a team made up of employees from DTR, as well as CDOT's Division of Transportation Development, Office of Policy and Governmental Relations, and Office of Civil Rights.

#### Details

The projects recommended for funding are found in the attached document and are organized by funding program. FTA-funded projects are listed in Tables A through F while FASTER Transit-funded projects are found in Tables G through I. Table J lists each of the projects not recommended for funding along with the rationale for their lower score or reason they were not recommended for full or partial funding.

In general, vehicle replacement projects were prioritized over other types of projects such as facility and equipment projects. Approximately 73 percent of the available funding (\$12.6 million) was used to replace aging and high-mileage vehicles. CDOT was able to fund several facility and equipment projects worth \$3.7 million, or 23 percent of available funding. DTR also funded two planning projects for \$550,000, or 3 percent of available funding.



Key Benefits

The awarded projects further the goals of the Statewide Transit Plan in the areas of asset management, enhancing and supporting existing transit services throughout the state, and increased mobility.

Next Steps

Project budgets will be put into place and the contracting process will begin.

Attachments

Table of all FASTER FY17 and FTA FY16 awards is attached.



**Recommended Funding Awards for FTA FY16: February 4, 2016**

<b>Table A: FTA FY16 Section 5310 Rural Capital Awards</b>						
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Project Type</b>	<b>2016 Request</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Recommended FY16 FTA Award</b>	
Archuleta County	Paratransit Vehicle	Vehicle Replace	\$40,000	9.4	\$40,000	
Inspiration Field	Replacement Truck	Vehicle Replace	\$31,394	9.3	\$31,394	
Blue Peaks	Vehicle Acquisition 2016	Vehicle Replace	\$49,060	9.3	\$49,060	
Inspiration Field	Replacement Van	Vehicle Replace	\$30,064	8.8	\$30,064	
Inspiration Field	Replacement Bus	Vehicle Replace	\$52,408	8.8	\$52,408	
Cripple Creek Care Center	Bus Replacement Request - 2016	Vehicle Replace	\$64,889	8.7	\$64,889	
Montrose County Senior Citizens Transportation, Inc.	Two Body on Chassis Vehicles (1 of 2 vehicles requested, both awarded)	Vehicle Replace	\$56,000	8.6	\$56,000	
Montrose County Senior Citizens Transportation, Inc. *	1 Type II BOC and 1 minivan	Vehicle Replace	\$106,400	8.5	\$106,400	
Grand County Council on Aging	One ADA Van	Vehicle Replace	\$34,000	8.3	\$34,000	
Mountain Valley Developmental Services (Garfield)	Vehicle Replacement	Vehicle Replace	\$60,000	8	\$60,000	
Johnstown Senior Center	ADA Bus Acquisition	Vehicle Replace	\$64,000	7.9	\$64,000	
Montrose County Senior Citizens Transportation, Inc.	Two Body on Chassis Vehicles (1 of 2 vehicles requested, both awarded)	Vehicle Replace	\$56,000	7.1	\$56,000	
Total					\$644,215	

<b>Table B: FTA FY16 Section 5310 Small Urbanized Capital Awards</b>						
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Project Type</b>	<b>2016 Request</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Recommended FY16 FTA Award</b>	
Via Mobility Services	Replace Three Body-on-Chassis Paratransit Buses (1 of 3 vehicles requested, all 3 awarded)	Vehicle Replace	\$45,200	9.5	\$45,200	
Via Mobility Services	Replace Three Body-on-Chassis Paratransit Buses (1 of 3 vehicles requested, all 3 awarded)	Vehicle Replace	\$45,200	9.5	\$45,200	
Via Mobility Services	Rebuild Three Body-on-Chassis Paratransit Buses (1 of 3 rebuilds requested, all 3 awarded)	Vehicle Rebuild	\$9,120	9.5	\$9,120	
Via Mobility Services	Replace Three Body-on-Chassis Paratransit Buses (1 of 3 vehicles requested, all 3 awarded)	Vehicle Replace	\$45,200	9	\$45,200	
Via Mobility Services	Rebuild Three Body-on-Chassis Paratransit Buses	Vehicle Rebuild	\$9,120	9	\$9,120	
Via Mobility Services	Rebuild Three Body-on-Chassis Paratransit Buses (1 of 3 rebuilds requested, all 3 awarded)	Vehicle Rebuild	\$9,120	8.5	\$9,120	
Via Mobility Services	Rebuild Three Body-on-Chassis Paratransit Buses (1 of 3 rebuilds requested, all 3 awarded)	Vehicle Rebuild	\$9,120	8	\$9,120	
Senior Resource Devt. Agency (Pueblo)	Replacement vehicle	Vehicle Replace	\$55,300	8	\$55,300	
Mesa County	Bus Replacement-FASTER 2017 (2)	Vehicle Replace	\$272,000	8	\$272,000	
Total					\$499,380	

<b>Table C: FTA FY16 Section 5310 Large Urbanized Capital Awards</b>						
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Project Type</b>	<b>2016 Request</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Recommended FY16 FTA Award</b>	
Seniors Resource Center (Adams)	A-Lift Fleet Replacements	Vehicle Replace	\$128,000	7.75	\$128,000	
Seniors Resource Center (Fleet)	SRC Fleet Vehicle Replacements	Vehicle Replace	\$128,000	7.5	\$120,000	
Easter Seals Colorado	BOC Replacement	Vehicle Replace	\$50,440	7	\$50,440	
Total					\$298,440	

**Table D: FTA FY16 Section 5311 Capital Awards**

Applicant	Project	Project Type	2016 Request	Total Score	Recommended FY16 FTA Award
Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA)	Replace 4 New Flyer Buses (This item is for one of the four vehicles requested. Ultimately three of the four vehicles were awarded)	Vehicle Replace	\$500,000	8.2	\$500,000
Neighbor to Neighbor Volunteers	New mini van	Vehicle Replace	\$30,400	8.05	\$30,400
Neighbor to Neighbor Volunteers	Salida van	Vehicle Replace	\$44,000	8.05	\$44,000
Neighbor to Neighbor Volunteers*	BOC Replacement	Vehicle Replace	\$84,000	8	\$84,000
Mountain Village, Town of	Cutaway Replacement	Vehicle Replace	\$64,000	8	\$64,000
City of Cripple Creek	BOC Replacements	Vehicle Replace	\$128,000	7	\$128,000
La Plata County	1 BOC Replacment (2017)	Vehicle Replace	\$64,000	7	\$64,000
SUCAP	SUCAP Equipment Truck	Equipment	\$24,800	7.33	\$24,800
Huerfanco/Las Animas Area COG	Dispatching Software	Equipment	\$20,000	6.92	\$20,000
Cripple Creek	CC Bus Shelter	Facilities	\$21,600	6.83	\$21,600
Breckenridge, Town of	Multi-modal origin-destination trip planner software	Equipment	\$52,000	6.63	\$52,000
Mountain Village, Town of	Gondola Cabin Refurbishment - Phase 3 of 6	Equipment	\$88,000	6.63	\$88,000
Steamboat Springs, City of	Bus Shelter Improvements - Steamboat Hotel	Facilities	\$78,100	6.63	\$78,100

\* Project uses FY17 FASTER as match

Total \$1,198,900

**Table E: FTA FY16 Section 5339 Rural Capital Awards**

Applicant	Project	Project Type	2016 Request	Total Score	Recommended FY16 FTA Award
Eagle County	40' Vehicle Replacement (2)	Vehicle Replace	\$344,000	8.5	\$344,000
Town of Telluride	BOC Replacement	Vehicle Replace	\$97,600	8.5	\$97,600
Town of Telluride	BOC Replacement	Vehicle Replace	\$97,600	8.5	\$97,600
Town of Telluride	Van Replacement	Vehicle Replace	\$48,000	8	\$48,000
Breckenridge, Town of	Bus Replacement	Vehicle Replace	\$768,000	7.5	\$768,000
Eagle County	Cutaway Replacement	Vehicle Replace	\$88,000	7.5	\$88,000
SUCAP	Road Runner Transit Fixed Route Bus Replacement	Vehicle Replace	\$64,370	7.5	\$64,370
Telluride, Town of	Medium, BOC Diesel Bus Replacement	Vehicle Replace	\$84,800	7.1	\$84,800
Eagle County	Large Bus Replacements (Partial award, see Table J)	Vehicle Replace	\$1,044,000	7	\$522,000

Total \$2,114,370

**Table F: FTA FY16 Section 5339 Small Urbanized Capital Awards**

Applicant	Project	Project Type	2016 Request	Total Score	Recommended FY16 FTA Award
Mesa County	Bus Replacement-5339 2016	Vehicle Replace	\$400,000	7.5	\$400,000
Greeley, City of	Fixed Route Vehicle Replacements (Unable to fund full request due to availability of funds)	Vehicle Replace	\$786,670	7.25	\$544,000
Mesa County	Mesa County CNG Fueling Equipment**	Facility	\$273,080	7.83	\$273,080
Greeley, City of	GET Maintenance Lift	Equipment	\$200,000	7.33	\$200,000

\*\*Conditional Award: Conditions include submitting a business plan that satisfies DTR and receiving DOLA funding

Total \$1,417,080

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<b>Table G: FASTER Urban Area Set-asides</b>					
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Project Type</b>	<b>2017 Request</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Recommended FY17 FASTER Award</b>
Regional Transportation District	19th and California Light Rail Crossing Rehab and Reconstruction	Equipment			\$2,000,000
Regional Transportation District	Light Rail Midlife Refurbishment and Overhaul (3 vehicles)	Vehicle Rebuild			\$1,000,000
Mountain Metropolitan Transit	Replacement and capitalization of up to 24 ADA paratransit vehicles	Vehicle Replace			\$700,000
Transfort	Partial match for 5 35' low emission vehicles	Vehicle Replace			\$200,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$3,900,000</b>

<b>Table H: FASTER FY17 Local Pool</b>					
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Project Type</b>	<b>2017 Request</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Recommended FY17 FASTER Award</b>
Archuleta County	Archuleta County BOC Vehicle Request	Vehicle Replace	\$53,738	9.4	\$53,738
Winter Park, Town of	1 replacement cutaway bus	Vehicle Replace	\$80,000	9	\$80,000
Montezuma County	Vehicle Replacment	Vehicle Replace	\$57,075	9	\$57,075
Silver Key Senior Services (Colorado Springs)	BOC Replacements (2)	Vehicle Replace	\$80,000	8.75	\$80,000
El Paso Fountain Valley Senior Citizens Program	Fountain Valley Senior Center Replacement Vehicle	Vehicle Replace	\$8,800	8.6	\$8,800
Aspen, City of	BOC Replacements (4)	Vehicle Replace	\$320,000	8.5	\$320,000
Winter Park, Town of	2 replacement transit buses	Vehicle Replace	\$360,000	8.5	\$360,000
NECALG	2017 Vehicle Replacements - 2 BOCs	Vehicle Replace	\$121,600	8.5	\$121,600
Montrose County Senior Citizens Transportation, Inc. *	Match for FY16 5311 award	Vehicle Replace	\$18,720	8.5	\$18,720
Archuleta County	Archuleta County Body on Chassis Vehicle Request	Vehicle Replace	\$57,642	8.4	\$57,642
Disability Services, Inc. (Colorado Springs)	BOC Replacements (2)	Vehicle Replace	\$124,000	8.25	\$124,000
Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA)	Replace 4 New Flyer Buses (This item is for one of the four vehicles requested. Ultimately three of the four vehicles were awarded. This item is not fully funded due to funds availability)	Vehicle Replace	\$500,000	8.2	\$450,000
Winter Park, Town of	2 replacement transit buses	Vehicle Replace	\$360,000	8	\$360,000
Summit Stage	Large Bus replacements	Vehicle Replace	\$736,000	8	\$736,000
Chaffee Shuttle *	Match for FY16 5311 BOC award	Vehicle Replace	\$16,800	8	\$16,800
Aspen, City of	Large Bus Replacement	Vehicle Replace	\$360,000	8	\$360,000
Summit Stage	Replacement of four 40 foot buses (4 requested, 1 awarded due to funds availability)	Vehicle Replace	\$371,776	7.85	\$371,776
Mountain Express	Bus Replacement	Vehicle Replace	\$142,400	7.5	\$142,400
Mountain Express	Bus Replacement	Vehicle Replace	\$142,400	7.5	\$142,400
Mountain Express	Vehicle Replacement (1)	Vehicle Replace	\$137,600	7.5	\$137,600
Mesa County	GVT Replacement Vehicle	Vehicle Replace	\$72,800		\$72,800
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$4,071,351</b>

<b>Table I: FASTER FY17 Statewide Pool</b>					
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Project Type</b>	<b>2017 Request</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Recommended FY17 FASTER Award</b>
Roaring Fork Transportation Authority	Replace 4 New Flyer Buses (This item is for one of the four vehicles requested. Ultimately three of the four vehicles were awarded)	Vehicle Replace	\$500,000	8.2	\$500,000
North Front Range Transportation & Air Quality Council	Vanpool Replacements 2017	Vehicle Replace	\$185,600	7.25	\$185,600
RTD	First and Last Mile Study	Planning	\$200,000	7.83	\$200,000
RTD	Mineral PnR Bridge Rehab	Facility	\$56,938	7.33	\$56,938
Roaring Fork Transportation Authority	New Castle PnR Construction	Facility	\$600,000	7	\$600,000
RTD	Thornton PnR Passenger Amenities	Facility	\$308,000	6.67	\$308,000
CDOT Region 1	CDOT Region 1 Bus on Shoulder	Planning	\$350,000	6.58	\$350,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$2,200,538</b>

**Table J: Unfunded and partially-funded projects from all available programs**

Applicant	Project	Project Type	Request	Score	Rationale
Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA)	Replace 4 New Flyer Buses	Replace Vehicle	\$500,000	8.2	Partially funded application. Four vehicles were requested, three were funded. The fourth vehicle was not funded due to equity considerations and limited funding availability.
Summit County (Summit Stage)	Replacement of four 40 foot buses	Replace Vehicle	\$1,115,328	7.85	Partially funded application. Four vehicles were requested, one was funded. The three vehicles were not funded due to equity considerations and limited funding availability.
Eagle County	Large Bus Replacements	Replace Vehicle	\$522,000	7	One vehicle funded in full, partial funding available for second vehicle.
Eagle County	ECO Transit Vehicle Replacement	Replace Vehicle	\$348,000	6.95	Low score relative to other replacement vehicle requests. Limited funding availability.
Seniors Resource Center (Fleet)*	Vehicle Replacements	Replace Vehicle	\$74,000	6.5	While this project received a preliminary award last year, CDOT received applications this year with projects that scored higher. Because of limited funding availability this preliminary project will not be finalized.
Eagle County	ECO Transit Vehicle Replacement	Replace Vehicle	\$1,392,000	6.45	Low score relative to other replacement vehicle requests. Limited funding availability.
Dolores County Senior Services*	BOC Replacement	Replace Vehicle	\$51,120	6	While this project received a preliminary award last year, CDOT received applications this year with projects that scored higher. Because of limited funding availability this preliminary project will not be finalized.
Snowmass Village, Town of*	Van replacements (4)	Replace Vehicle	\$200,000	6	While this project received a preliminary award last year, CDOT received applications this year with projects that scored higher. Because of limited funding availability this preliminary project will not be finalized.
Greeley, City of	GET Regional Transportation Center	Facility	\$1,200,000	7.5	Request amount too large relative to amount available. With a revised cost estimate, this strategic project may be appropriate for other funding sources such as SB1 or SB228.
Summit Stage	Summit Stage Bus Shelter	Facility	\$158,800	6.5	Low score. Limited funding availability.
RTD	Mineral PnR Overflow	Facility	\$1,664,617	6.5	Low score. Limited funding availability.
Teller Senior Coalition*	Expansion Vehicle	Vehicle Expansion	\$52,000	6.4	Low score. Expansion vehicles not a priority at this time. Limited funding availability.
Steamboat Springs, City of*	GPS Phase III	Equipment	\$122,330	6.38	Low score. Limited funding availability.
Roaring Fork	AMF Underground Fuel Storage	Equipment	\$500,000	6.17	Low score. Limited funding availability.
Cripple Creek	CC Routing Software	Equipment	\$40,000	6.17	Low score. Concern that implementation plan is unrealistic and didn't quantify benefits.
Archuleta County	Archuleta County Bus Parking	Facility	\$44,000	6.17	Insufficient justification for project's benefits. Cost estimates seemed low.
Arvada	Arvada Sidewalk Gap Improvement	Facility	\$168,136	6.08	Low score. Project has other funding options including local or developer funds per Arvada development code. Encourage the City to work with RTD to apply for and provide better access to transit stops.
Augustana Care	Augustana Care	Vehicle Expansion	\$53,987	6	Low score. The application didn't present a compelling case that the project is needed.
vRide	vRide	Vehicle Expansion	\$48,052	5.92	Project is more suited for an operating grant which may be applied for in the spring.
RTD	Lafayette PnR Realignment	Facility	\$796,028	5.83	Low score. Project readiness in question. Large funding request relative to the available funding.
Cripple Creek	CC Bus Storage and Operations	Facility	\$748,000	5.75	Hesitation to fund a project that is at conceptual level of design.
Seniors Resource Center*	Clear Creek County Expansion	Vehicle Expansion	\$64,000	5.75	Expansion vehicles not a priority at this time. Low score. Limited funding availability.
Boulder County	Boulder County US 287	Planning	\$200,000	5.58	Low score. Other planning funds administered by DRCOG may be a more appropriate funding source for this project.
Boulder City	Table Mesa Transit Access Path	Facility	\$514,111	5.25	Low score. Limited funding availability. Not a priority project.
Estes Park	Estes Park Visitory Center Parking	Facility	\$997,149	5.08	Low score due to limited transit utility. Concerns persist around funding for a parking structure that has limited reserved transit patron parking relative to that that is open to the general public for extended parking.
Town of Avon*	Bus Stop Shelter Replacement	Facility	\$125,000	5	Low score. Limited funding availability.
Arvada	Arvada Transit Circulator Study	Planning	\$200,000	4.83	No evident coordination with regional transit provider. Other planning funds administered by DRCOG may be a more appropriate source of funding for this project.

\*Indicates the project received a preliminary award last year

\$11,898,658