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DATE: August 16, 2018
TO: Transit and Intermodal Committee
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SUBJECT: Senate Bill 228 Year 3 Project Recommendations

Purpose

Allocate SB 228 Transit Funds to a list of projects and enable those projects to move forward.

Action

Request that the Transportation Commission approve the SB 228 Year-3 Transit Projects, partial Pueblo.

Background

Senate Bill 09-228 (SB 228) provided \$200M in new revenue for CDOT in FY 2016, \$79M in FY 2017, and \$79M in FY 2018. At least 10 percent of the funds must be dedicated to transit, resulting in \$35.8 million for transit projects (\$20M + \$7.9M + \$7.9M). The legislation states that CDOT must use SB 228 funds for strategic, TC-approved projects with statewide or regional significance.

The Transportation Commission approved Year 1 projects in August 2016 and Year 2 projects in November 2017. Attachment 1 provides more information about those projects and their status. The July 2018 T&I meeting previewed the proposed project list with Commissioners. The Transit & Rail Advisory Committee to DTR, at the July 2018 meeting, also unanimously recommended approval of this list of projects.

Details

Below are recommended projects for Year 3

Bustang Bus Needs: The North Route's ridership growth is exceeding current capacity. As part of the construction mitigation for South I-25 Gap, CDOT is proposing to initiate Colorado Springs to Denver Tech Center service, with a stop in Monument. Buses are needed to meet both needs. Anticipated cost is \$3.2 million.

Local Agency Equipment Needs: As approved in Resolution TC-17-11-13, DTR reallocated \$2 million annually in FASTER funds from capital grants to meet operating needs around the state. DTR proposed then to use other "one-time funds" offset this reallocation, and ensure commensurate fleet replacements occurred for safety and state-of-good-repair purposes. The Transportation Commission approved \$6.5M in Year 2 SB 228 funds and an additional \$3.5 million in Year 3 funds, creates that stability for the next five years.

Pueblo Park and Ride: Bustang service to Pueblo has been in consideration for several years as an expansion option. A park-and-ride should be established in North Pueblo to best meet the Pueblo-region needs, and make a connection point for the Outrider bus to/from Alamosa. In July the T&I committee recommended DTR address both the general policy, "What match should CDOT expect for park-and-ride development?" and the more specific question, "What is Pueblo bringing to the table?" As such DTR and Region 2 are requesting \$500,000, rather than the full \$3 Million, to complete design, environmental clearances, and reach agreement with Pueblo on the latter question. Meanwhile DTR will take up the general policy question at a near-future T&I meeting.

Tejon Park and Ride: The Tejon Park and Ride is the originating stop for the Bustang South line. DTR proposes to use SB-228 funds to make operational improvements to the existing park and ride to improve safety and save time. The improvements include pedestrian crossings, curb cuts, signaling, and other minor improvements. Anticipated cost is \$0.5 million.

Program Support and Planning: The Commission approved \$2 million for program and construction management in SB 228 Year 1. DTR anticipates additional funds will be needed to perform the same responsibilities for the remaining two years. Any leftover funds will be used for other projects. Anticipated cost is \$.7 million.

The table below summarizes the recommended projects.

Table 1 Proposed SB-228 Projects Year 3	
\$3.2 M	Bustang Capital Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five 45 foot over-the-road coaches (\$629k each); service incorporation of Castle Rock and Longmont (SW Weld County)
\$3.5 M	Local Agency Capital Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding to improve state of good repair of local agency vehicles
\$0.5 M	Pueblo Park and Ride <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A park and ride in Pueblo to accommodate intercity, regional, and local transit services.
\$0.5 M	Tejon Park and Ride <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor improvements to CDOT-owned park and ride to better accommodate intercity and local transit services.
\$0.7 M	Program Support and Planning
\$2.5 M	Held in reserve (un-programmed), pending Pueblo design outcome or other need identification
TOTAL: \$10.9 M	Total includes \$7.9 M from Year 3 plus \$3.0 resulting from withdrawn project in Year 1

Next Steps

- Enter into purchase of 5 buses for Bustang using existing price-agreement.
- Use \$3.5 M Local Agency Needs funding with prior \$6.5 M, at \$2 M/year for 5 years. Second \$2 M “block” to be made available in October 2018 call-for-projects, resulting in contracts in July 2019 (FY19/20).
- Proceed on design & environmental clearances of Pueblo park-and-ride.
- Construct Tejon park-and-ride improvements.
- Advise the T&I of progress with Pueblo and/or other needs identified.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1: Approved Projects, SB-228 Years 1 & 2
- Resolution Approving Projects

Attachment 1: Approved Projects for SB-228 Transit, Years 1 and 2

YEAR 1		
Project	Description	Status
Program and Construction Management (\$2.0 M)	Consultant assistance for project development and program/construction management for the SB 228 transit projects.	Executed contract with AECOM, the program/construction management consultant retained by the Bridge Enterprise for technical assistance.
Winter Park Express Platform (\$1.5 M)	Project to construct the Winter Park Express platform and related railroad improvements. CDOT partnered with Winter Park Resort, Amtrak, and the UP.	COMPLETED Project completed in partnership with Region 3. The official opening of the service was on January 6 th , 2017.
Bus Purchases (\$2.5 M)	Purchase of branded over-the-road coaches for Outrider.	COMPLETED Six coaches were delivered in March 2018.
I-25 Managed Lanes Project - Park and Ride near Loveland (\$5.0 M)	The park and ride is part of a much larger project to build managed lanes from Loveland to Ft. Collins. This project includes Bustang slip ramps and a new park and ride at Kendall Parkway and I-25.	Partnership with Region 4. The larger managed lanes project has awarded the contract with construction set to begin in 2018.
Woodmen Road Park and Ride Replacement (withdrawn)	Relocation and construction of the primary Bustang bus stop and park and ride in Colorado Springs.	Project withdrawn. Negotiations with the property owner of the identified site failed. CDOT will explore other methods to increase parking capacity of the existing site. The \$3 million in funds originally identified for the project will be re-programmed in Year 3.
San Miguel County Park and Ride (\$1.5 M)	Design and construction of a new park and ride outside of Telluride that will serve local and regional transit services.	Partnership with Region 5. Construction is currently underway and will be completed in 2019.
Frisco Transit Center (\$2.5 M)	Rehabilitation and expansion of a transit center in Frisco which serves local routes, Bustang, Greyhound, and private car rental businesses.	Partnership with Region 3. Local officials are currently producing design and engineering plans for the transit center and construction will begin in 2019.
Rifle Park and Ride (withdrawn)	Relocation and expansion of a park and ride to better serve local and regional transit, and future Bustang service.	Project withdrawn. City officials encountered obstacles in working with the property owner of the preferred site and providing funds for off-site improvements associated with the park and ride. DTR hopes to continue working with the City and Region 3 to build a park and ride in the area in the future. The \$2 million in funds originally identified for the project were re-programmed for Year 2 projects.
TOTAL: \$15M		

YEAR 2		
Project	Description	Status
Bus Purchases (\$2.4 M)	Purchase of four 45' coaches for intercity and rural regional transit capital needs. Two buses are for the Bustang West route, one for the Bustang South route, and another for the Outrider Gunnison-Denver route.	COMPLETED Buses were delivered in June 2018.
TIGER 9 Match (\$1.0 M)	CDOT portion of local matching funds for TIGER 9 Southwest Chief for route restoration and repair.	The TIGER application was successful. CDOT is currently negotiating with Colfax County, NM (lead agency) to complete the contracting and environmental work.
Local Agency State of Good Repair (\$6.5 M)	Funds available for local transit agency capital needs (bus replacements, transit stops, etc). Funds will be drawn down over the next three years.	CDOT-DTR awarded the first \$2 million to local transit agencies for bus purchases. DTR announced these awards in April 2018. DTR will award the remaining funds over the next three years.
TOTAL: \$9.9M		

Resolution # TC-18-11-??

FY2018-2019 “Year 3” SB 228 Transit Fund Allocation

Transportation Commission of Colorado

Whereas, SB 228 funds have been allocated to CDOT for FY 2018/19 (\$79.9M), and at least 10% (\$7.9M) are to be used for transit projects; and

Whereas, \$3.0 Million in SB 228 funds were returned from a cancelled project (Woodmen) from the second such allocation (“Year 2”), and

Whereas, the list of projects meets the SB 228 criteria of being strategic in nature, and serving a statewide or regional purpose; and

Whereas, this list of projects was also reviewed with the Transit & Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC) and received unanimous approval in July 2018; and

Whereas, the Division of Transit & Rail developed a recommended list of SB 228 transit projects, and received the Transit & Intermodal Committee support (July 2018 meeting),

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission approves the list below of a total of \$10.9 Million in SB228 Transit Projects.

- \$3.2 Million Five 45-foot over-the-road coaches for North I-25 and South I-25 service expansion
- \$3.5 Million Offset to FASTER operating allocation (Nov 2017) to maintain local transit agency state-of-good repair for vehicles & equipment
- \$0.5 Million Pueblo park-and-ride design and environmental clearance
- \$0.5 Million Tejon (Colorado Springs) park-and ride improvements for safety and operability
- \$0.7 Million Program support on projects in this list
- \$2.5 Million Held in reserve, pending Pueblo design outcome, and/or identification of other needs. Requires subsequent TC action to use.
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- \$10.9 Million Total

Transportation Commission Secretary

Date