



## Colorado Transportation Investment Office Memorandum

**To:** CTIO Board of Directors

**From:** Piper Darlington, CTIO Director, and Josh Gerace, CTIO Deputy Chief of Tolling Operations

**Date:** February 19, 2025

**Subject:** Safety and Toll Enforcement Program (STEP) - Safety Patrol Sponsorship and Intra Agency Agreement

### **Purpose:**

To update the Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO)<sup>1</sup> Board of Directors (Board) on an opportunity to utilize Safety and Tolling Enforcement (STEP) revenues to support safety patrol services on the I-70 mountain corridor.

### **Requested Action:**

CTIO staff is seeking Board approval of Resolution #462 authorizing an Intra Agency Agreement (IAA) for Safety Patrol Sponsorship, a \$450,000 M payment, and proposed Statement of Work (SOW) between CTIO and CDOT.

### **Background:**

CTIO partners with the Division of Maintenance and Operations (DMO), traffic operations team, to provide safety patrol services across the Express Lanes network. These services are highly visible and valued by the traveling public with CDOT's customer service team consistently receiving positive comments. For CTIO, they are especially critical to the operations of the I-70 Mountain Express Lanes (MEXL) during both opening and closing of the lane as well as during peak traffic times to ensure that accidents are cleared quickly and the MEXL lanes remain open for operations.

CTIO and CDOT have a number of Intra Agency Agreements (IAA) that recognize the specialized nature of the expertise and services CTIO provides to CDOT, such as the annual Fee for Service IAA, and CDOT provides to CTIO, through the annual Tolling Operations and Maintenance IAA. CTIO is seeking to use a similar structure to provide funding for the sponsorship of the critical safety patrol services on the I-70 Mountain Corridor using revenue STEP. As part of the sponsorship, CTIO will receive Express Lanes advertising on 9 safety patrol vehicles that operate along the corridor.

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<sup>1</sup> The High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) is now doing business as the Colorado Transportation Investment Office (CTIO). CTIO is how the enterprise refers to itself now and in the future. However, the HPTE name is retained for legislative and legal documents.

## Key Considerations

- The IAA model describes the business relationship between CTIO and CDOT. It enables CDOT to recoup the fair market value of its services to CTIO in an exchange transaction.
- This model has been validated by the Colorado Attorney General's Office and documents the necessary contractual obligations between CTIO and CDOT.
- Approval of the IAA will reinforce the mutually beneficial partnership between CDOT and CTIO and fairly compensate CDOT for the value it provides to CTIO through this sponsorship.

## Options and Recommendation

- Review and approve the IAA, \$450,000 payment, and SOW for year 1 services. **Staff Recommendation.**
- Review the IAA, \$450,000 payment, and SOW, but with instructions to add to amend the SOW. Staff would make the necessary revisions and return with a revised SOW and budget.
- Review the IAA, \$450,000 payment, and SOW, but with instructions to eliminate or reduce the SOW. Staff would make the necessary revisions and return with a revised SOW and budget.

## Next Steps:

- If approved by both the TC and CTIO Board, staff will take steps to execute the IAA and make the payment for year 1 services.
- CTIO and DMO staff will agree on final design of the advertising to be deployed on the safety patrol vehicles

## Attachments:

- Attachment A: I-70 Mountain Corridor Safety Patrol Sponsorship IAA
  - Attachment B: Resolution #462
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