

Transportation Commission August 19 - 20, 2015

Wednesday, August 19, 2015**Program Management Workshop (Richard Zamora, Josh Laipply, Maria Sobota)**

See: <https://www.codot.gov/about/transportation-commission/current-agenda-and-supporting-documents/01-program-management-workshop-aug.pdf> for Transportation Commission (TC) packet information on this topic.

Purpose

The Program Management Office (PMO) Workshop provides the TC with an update on the delivery of programs and significant projects. This month there is a focus on the Flood and Responsible Acceleration and Maintenance and Partnerships (RAMP) Local Agency Programs.

Discussion and Comments

- It was explained that the graph depicting Cash & Federal Obligation Target Balance in the Program Management Update presentation was modified for clarity since the last TC meeting held in July 2015. This slide presents information comparing projected and actual expenditures by month for FY 2016, taking into account the Capital Construction Fund (Fund 400), Other Funds Cash Balance, Bridge Enterprise (BE) expenditures, and Federal Obligation Limit (Cash Equivalents). See the presentation in the Program Management Workshop packet.
- The Expenditure Performance Index (XPI) for July 2015 was .74, CDOT missed the target, but this figure represents the highest amount of expenditure in July since 2008. PMO office will conduct data analysis to determine why the target was not met. A majority of the work is currently under construction, so the PMO is optimistic about hitting the target next month. In July, CDOT spent \$77.8 million of the \$104.7 million expenditure target.
- The Chief Engineer noted that CDOT will be identifying the lead metrics needed to get ahead of the XPI and prevent not reaching the target. There is a framework for accountability in place to help meet future XPI goals. There is a lot of construction variability in summer months, but there is still a lot of the construction season left. In the winter months, the construction variability that impacts XPI is more stable.
- Projects that are under performing that will require TC action are US 287 Conifer to Laporte Bypass, and the Adaptive Signal Controls on US 85 and the US 34 Bypass – Greeley.
- A Commissioner asked why the US 287 project is more over budget compared to last year, after the project had undergone re-scoping. It was explained that there are several measures in place now (that were not in place for US 287) that will help to reduce the probability of this situation being repeated. Factors that contributed to the increase even though the project's scope was cut, included CDOT incurring additional expenses related to the re-design, and other factors including increasing costs due to inflation, local match issues, etc.

Budget Workshop (Maria Sobota)

See <https://www.codot.gov/about/transportation-commission/current-agenda-and-supporting-documents/02-budget-workshop.pdf> for TC packet information on this topic.

Purpose

This memorandum summarizes information related to fiscal year (FY) 2016-17 budget topics and timing, including:

- FY2016-17 budget process:
 - Introduction to CDOT budget process
 - Timeline
 - Revenue forecasts
 - Decision Items
 - Legislative Decision Item
 - Capital Development Committee project selection

Discussion and Comments

- August is the month CDOT kicks off the budget cycle for fiscal year (FY) 17.
- A Commissioner noted concerns over the timing of the coordination of the revenue projections. The TC meets before the revenue forecasts come out, and asked how CDOT contends with this.
- The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) explained that CDOT does have numbers that they work with, but as information comes to the Department, the projections are updated. Surplus and deficits that occur are dealt with through the TC contingency.
- CDOT is building the tools to support cash management, and made some key hires that will now allow for increased transparency within the budget process.
- The Budget cycle for FY 17 kicked-off on July 9, the budget team has gone out to the Regions to discuss the formation of the FY 17 budget. It is important that people understand how the CDOT budget is created.
- A "Budget 101" presentation was provided to the TC and attendees. See Attachment B of the Budget Workshop packet.
- The CFO presented on the finalization of the FY16 budget. The roll forward requests of the FY 16 budget will occur at the regular TC meeting. These include TC contingency, and/or staff recommended initiatives.
- Maintenance Level of Service (MLOS) Priority Projects, Item 3 on the maintenance list, that includes paying the US 36 concessionaire an additional \$80,000 to adjust for inflation was a major concern. The Chief Engineer explained that this is how the contracting process works. Payments to adjust for inflation are not unusual.
- Concern was expressed by the TC regarding the proper oversight of Plenary Roads (the US 36 concessioner) to ensure that this entity is not taking advantage of CDOT in any way. It was also noted that performance measures on maintenance are areas where CDOT can hold Plenary Roads accountable.

I-70 East RFP Joint Transportation Commission and Bridge Enterprise Board workshop (Tony DeVito)

See: <https://www.codot.gov/about/transportation-commission/current-agenda-and-supporting-documents/03-i-70-east-rfp-joint-workshop.pdf> for TC packet information on this topic.

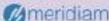
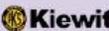
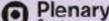
Purpose

Provide an update on the Request for Proposal Process for the I-70 East project.

Discussion and Comments

- A Commissioner had some questions about confusing wording in the Request for Proposal (RFP) that requires clarification.
- Four team were short-listed and deemed eligible to bid on the I-70 East project.
- CDOT will dedicate \$850 million to the project and will commit 50 percent of the available BE revenues, after debt service charges are covered, toward the project.
- A Commissioner expressed concern that there may not be enough BE funds available for bridge needs outside the Denver metro area for the 35 years of the project.
- One Commissioner feels strongly that regardless of how BE expenditures toward the project are decided, nothing in excess of 50 percent of BE funds should be spent on the I-70 East project.

The four teams that made the short list to bid for the I-70 East project are presented below.

Team	Equity Members	Lead Contractors	Lead Engineers	Lead Operators
Front Range Mobility Group	   	  	 	  
Kiewit/Meridiam Partners	 		 	
5280 Connectors	 	 		
I-70 Mile High Partners	 	 	  	 



Thursday, August 20, 2015

Roll Call

- All Commissioners were in attendance

Audience Participation: Subject Limit: 10 minutes; Time Limit: 3 minutes

- None

Comments of Individual Commissioners

- Commissioners welcomed and congratulated new leadership – Maria Sobota as the new CFO and Paul Jesaitis as the new Region 1 Regional Transportation Director (RTD)
- Mike Cheroutes was recognized for his service as the High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) Director.
- The passing of CDOT employee, Scott Ellis, was observed, and condolences were conveyed.
- Commissioner Heather Barry was welcomed back to the TC by Commissioners.
- Commissioners had received many complimentary comments from their constituents, and a thank you was dispensed to CDOT staff for their support on various work conducted throughout the state.
- Bustang was mentioned as being very successful, especially out in the west in terms of ridership and demand for service increases. A thank you to all involved in implementing Bustang was conveyed.
- Looking into linking Bustang to Colorado State University transit somehow.
- Various meetings attended by TC members were highlighted that serve as a good tool to continue to communicate the need for more transportation funding.
- A combination meeting of the Ports to Plains and the Heartland Expressway was held that highlighted Nebraska's investment on these corridors that surpass investments by CDOT.
- Would eventually like to see the Statewide Travel Model used to see how to potentially move traffic off of I-25 North and use these eastern facilities to their full capacity.
- During emergency response to rockslides that occurred in Region 3, CDOT and Commissioner worked on how to message need for more dollars for transportation.
- Animas River is improving in Durango, and Red Mountain Pass project is impressive to see, but should be avoided due to road work occurring.

Executive Director's Report (Shailen Bhatt)

- Reiterate the Animas River is improving
- Recognized Mike Cheroutes for his work as HPTE Director, and announced that Mike will remain at CDOT in a part-time capacity for a while, until a replacement is found. CDOT is conducting a national search to fill his position.
- Spoke of the loss of Scott Ellis and expressed his condolences.
- Technology Summit that CDOT will host is occurring on October 28th to bring in private industry to discuss technology and transportation. Anthony Foxx, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, will be the key note speaker.

Chief Engineer's Report (Joshua Laipply)

- Recognized loss of Scott Ellis and his great work on getting US 34 back open after the 2013 Floods
- Welcomed and congratulated Maria and Paul
- Congratulated and recognized Johnny Olson, RTD Region 4, for bringing in Union Pacific Railroad into the US 85 Coalition

High Performance Transportation Enterprise (Michael Cheroutes)

- Offered a thank you for his recognition and recognized his staff as key contributors to his success
- High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) Board met yesterday and:
 - Kicked-off the tolling regime for Peak Period Shoulder Lane on I-70 project.
 - Adopted an open records policy, recommended by Audit. This will result in CDOT being a national leader in terms of the level of transparency.

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Division Report (John Cater)

- Discussed American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and 25-year anniversary.
- ADA training course is occurring in Durango, CO.
- Attendees will experience using a wheelchair to gain perspective on infrastructure available or lacking for access. Course is full.
- CDOT is currently a national leader in creating an inventory of ADA facilities
- An ADA transition plan is underway and Colorado still has gaps to fill and needs to identify where to start, how to invest, and move forward with implementing the plan.
- Also working with Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) on this, as they need to comply with ADA.
- Recommend to remind Transportation Planning Regions (TPRs) of the need for ADA improvements too.

Act on Consent Agenda – Approved unanimously on August 20, 2015.

These were the resolutions approved as part of the consent agenda:

- Resolution to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2015 (Herman Stockinger)
- Resolution to Approve the Repeal of Policy Directive 805.0 "Work Zone Safety and Mobility" dated 10.16.08 (Ryan Rice)
- Resolution to Approve the Repeal of Policy Directive 1222.0 "Driving Record and License Requirements" (Kevin Furman)
- Resolution to Approve the Disposal of parcels 3A-EX and 3b-EX, SH 285, Englewood (Paul Jesaitis)
- Confirmation of CDOT Divisions (Herman Stockinger)
- Additions to FY 16 Maintenance July Project List (Kyle Lester)

Discuss and Act on the 2nd Budget Supplement of FY 2016 (Maria Sobota) – Approved unanimously on August 20, 2015.

- **Region 4 - \$7,833,509–RAMP Public-Public Contingency Fund-** Increase RAMP funding approved for project #4-20 North College / US 287 Conifer to LaPorte Bypass.
- **Region 4 - \$146,448–RAMP Operations-** Increase RAMP funding approved for project #4-41/4-13 Adaptive signals on US 34 Bypass and US 85 in Greeley. Project budget will increase from \$1,250,000 to \$1,396,488 combined cost for project award.
- **Region 3 - \$1,500,000–Transportation Commission Contingency Reserve-**SH 13 at Mile Post 30.5- Failure of Mechanically Stabilized Earth retaining wall, due to heavy rainfall and elevated ground water conditions.

Discuss and Act on FY 2015 Roll Forward Request– Approved unanimously on August 20, 2015.**Action**

- The TC is being requested to approve a \$3.64 million roll forward for MLOS priority projects.