

**Transportation Commission June 17 - 18, 2015**

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**Wednesday, June 17, 2015**

Please see: <https://www.codot.gov/about/transportation-commission/current-agenda-and-supporting-documents/june-packet-2015.pdf> for the June 2015 Transportation Commission (TC) Packet.

**SH 6 Devolution Workshop (Maria Sobota, Dave Eller)****Action**

CDOT Region 3 requests that the TC evaluate, discuss, and determine if the devolution of US 6 between Gypsum (Milepost 142.00) and Eagle (Milepost 149.67) is in the best interest of CDOT. Region 3 Staff have identified the following items that may benefit CDOT by reducing:

- Future maintenance, engineering, and specialty unit staff commitments to the corridor.
- CDOT's future financial responsibilities for projects not identified in our asset management programs (i.e. corridor capacity improvement projects in the Towns of Gypsum and Eagle).
- CDOT's assets by eliminating three bridges, three major drainage structures, three traffic signals, 7.67 miles of pavement, and an overhead railroad structure with vertical height restrictions.

**Recommendation to TC**

- That TC approves of the SH 6 devolution between Gypsum and Eagle based on current financial market and 4% net present value (NPV), for the amount of \$12,176,196 with \$6,606,196 funding from TC Contingency (the Staff Recommendation).

**Program Management Workshop (Richard Zamora, Josh Laipply, Maria Sobota)****Purpose**

The Program Management Workshop provides the TC with an update on the delivery of programs and significant projects. This month there is a focus on Asset Management, in particular the 2015 and 2016 programs.

- The cash balance is approximately \$1,150 million, \$259.1 million above the target. Cash decreased compared to the same time last year, but is not currently decreasing at the rate set by the target.
- The cash plus cash equivalents balance is approximately \$1,390 million, \$12.7 million over the target.
- This month the cumulative expenditure performance index (XPI) increased slightly to a 0.80 and the monthly XPI increased to a 0.94.
- The Schedule Performance Index (SPI) for Flood is at 0.94, and the RAMP Partnership and Operations program decreased slightly to a 0.95 from a 0.99 last month. With the focus this month on Asset Management, SPI's for the fiscal year (FY) 2014, 2015 and 2016 are as follows, 1.00 (FY2014), 0.99 (FY2015), and 0.98 (FY2016).
- To date the FY15 Asset Management program has budgeted 98% of its approved budget and committed 86% to projects with 60% of the Engineering Capital projects advertised, in construction, or complete.

**Action**

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No Action. For Information Only.

### Discussion and Comments

- I-70 Simba Underpass Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships (RAMP) project – request to add \$5 million to budget, which falls within the TC contingency budget despite the increase.
- Question was raised if RAMP projects are still coming in higher than anticipated; response was that RAMP projects are averaging 1% over their cost estimates currently.
- Program Management is looking to add evaluation of projected economic conditions prior to establishing future targets for Expenditure Performance Index (XPI) and Cost Equivalent (CE).
- Will attempt to solicit bids earlier in the year during the off-season.
- Going forward, Cash Equivalents (CE) projections will use more current information - past two years instead of past 10 years.
- Developing scenarios for CE is under consideration to be prepared for varying future situations.
- FY 2016 projection for construction of projects is between \$790 million and \$850 million.
- Obtaining spending authority is an issue; may need to provide more granular level financial data to State Controller's Office.
- There is a struggle with the continuing resolution (short-term extension of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century [MAP-21]) impacting FHWA in terms of CDOT's funding being pro-rated this year to date.
- The CE balance reported in the June TC Packet does not reflect the expected additional \$74 million in obligation from FHWA for June and July due to the timing of receipt of notice.

### I-70 East Quarterly Update (Tony DeVito)

#### Project Details

- The final EIS is scheduled to be released in January of 2016, with initial internal/cooperating agency review of the document beginning this summer.
- A Record of Decision (ROD) for Phase 1 is expected in the summer of 2016. Future phases will require the completion of additional RODs.
- Upcoming milestones include:
  - June 22, 2015: Deadline for receipt of Statement of Qualifications
  - July 24, 2015: Announcement of shortlisted teams
  - August 18-19, 2015: High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) Pre-Draft Request for Proposal (RFP) Public Meetings
  - September 2015: Release of Draft RFP (available publically)
  - Spring 2016: Final RFP (available publically)
  - End of 2016/Early 2017: Financial Close
- Considerable progress has been made toward securing a funding commitment from the City of Denver to help address the \$90 million shortfall resulting from the forecasted reduction in SB 228 revenues. An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Denver is currently under legal review.

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- Five teams have submitted Request for Qualifications (RFQs) due to close June 22<sup>nd</sup>
- The first phase of the ROD includes:
  - Lowering of I-70 between Colorado and Brighton boulevards

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- Placing a landscaped cover over the highway between Columbine and Clayton streets
- Adding one additional express toll lane in each direction from I-25 to I-225
- City of Denver has agreed to make the I-25 and Alameda project (estimated at \$30 million) the City's top priority for Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) funding in the next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) cycle.
- IGA between the City of Denver and CDOT is anticipated to be signed on June 29<sup>th</sup> during Denver City Council meeting
- A \$30 million - \$40 million gap in funding still remains. Denver requested additions to the project, such as enhanced landscaping, wider bridges, and bypass/auxiliary lanes.
- There is a need to explain the importance of this project to the rest of the state and the rationale for why all SB228 money is going towards this project.
- Need to be transparent from the beginning of this project to explain risks and responsibilities,
- This project will be provided redundant drainage systems – one system from CDOT the other from the City of Denver.

**Thursday, June 18, 2015**

### Roll Call

- Excused absences for Commissioners Thiebaut and Hofmeister
- Commissioner Barry attended via conference call

### Audience Participation

- Carter Sales of the Highlands Ranch Neighborhood Coalition commented on concerns related to the 70% reduction of proposed noise mitigation for the C-470 project from University to Quebec.
- Terri Binder from Club 20. Terri thanked the TC for representing the entire state, not just where they are from, and stressed how important a statewide transportation plan is that serves all of Colorado citizens.
- Commissioner Peterson called upon Jim Hancock, Gypsum Town Engineer, to answer questions pertaining to the SH 6 devolution. Jim expressed his support for SH 6 Devolution, and offered to answer any questions about the devolution that might arise. No questions were raised.

### Comments of Individual Commissioners

- Commissioners leaving – Commissioners Aden, Barry, and Gruen were recognized and thanked for their service on the TC.
- CDOT is stronger today than in the past; should be a point of pride for all involved.
- CDOT staff was recognized for their contributions.
- Major summit in Northern Colorado brought people together and provided a platform for visibility of transportation in Colorado.

### Executive Director's Report (Shailen Bhatt)

- Thanked and recognized Commissioners leaving the TC.
- Thanked and recognized Heidi Humphrey's work and her departure from CDOT to the Department of Revenue on July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Recognized and thanked the outgoing TC Chair, Commissioner Peterson.

### Chief Engineer's Report (Joshua Laipply)

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- US 85 Right-of-Way lease with Railroad underway – had 50 year lease that was extended for a year. Under negotiations now and is a substantial effort and important to CDOT.

**FHWA Division Report (John Cater)** – No one from FHWA was present to comment.

**Act on Consent Agenda – Approved unanimously on June 18, 2015.**

- Resolution for Regular Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2015 (Herman Stockinger)
- Resolution for Legislative Memorial Designations (Andy Karsian)

**Discuss and Act on OSOW Rules (Kyle Lester, Joshua Laipply, Dan Wells)** – Approved unanimously on June 18, 2015.

TC approved an update to the Rules Pertaining to Transport Permits for the Movement of Extra-Legal Vehicles or Loads (“Oversize Overweight [OSOW] Rules”), 2 CCR 601-4 in conformance with current practice. Also approved delegation of authority to hold a public hearing regarding amendments.

**Discuss and Act on Resolution to Approve the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Rate (Maria Sobota)** – Approved unanimously on June 18, 2015.

TC approved maintaining the current interest rate at 2.50% for SIB loans originating in the first half of the State fiscal year 2016.

**Discuss and Act on Updated Resolution to Central City SIB Loan Application (Maria Sobota)** – Approved unanimously on June 18, 2015.

The TC approved the Central City Transportation Enterprise SIB loan request, totaling \$1,521,693.

**Discuss and Act on the 12<sup>th</sup> Budget Supplement of FY 2015 (Maria Sobota)** – Approved unanimously on June 18, 2015.

- Region 4 – \$1,784,950 – *SH 23 Holyoke to The State Line*- Surface Treatment-
- Aeronautics - \$135,000 – *Personal Services*
- Hazardous Materials - \$1,000,000–*FY16 Property Management Hazardous Materials*-
- Region 3 - \$3,450,972-*SH13 Retaining Wall Failure*-May 20<sup>th</sup>
- Region 3 - \$6,570,000–RAMP Public-Public Contingency Fund-
- Region 3 - \$1,700,000–RAMP Operations - I-70 Vail Chain Station Improvements

**Discuss and Act on the Devolution of SH 6 (Maria Sobota, Dave Eller)** – Approved unanimously on June 18, 2015.

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**Discuss and Act on Relocation of CDOT HQ and Region 1 Headquarters - Approved unanimously on June 18, 2015**

- Approves issue and award of an RFP for a design-build contractor for no more than \$1.7 million for the initial design amount.

**Discuss and Act on Relocation of CDOT Region 2 Headquarters - Approved unanimously on June 18, 2015**

- Approves issue and award of an RFP for a design-build contractor for no more than \$1.3 million for the initial design amount.

**Other Matters****Nominating Committee Recommendations for TC Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary - Approved unanimously on June 18, 2015.**

TC approved the following TC positions:

- TC Chair – Commissioner Connell
- TC Vice Chair – Commissioner Reiff
- TC Secretary – Herman Stockinger