

## Transportation Commission March 18-19, 2015

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### Wednesday, March 18, 2015

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

**Cash Balance** – The cash balance is approximately \$1,231.8 million, \$220.0 million above the target. Cash decreased compared to same time last year, but is not currently decreasing at the rate set by our target. A related measure is the cash plus cash equivalents balance. The cash plus cash equivalents balance is approximately \$1,586.1 million, \$57.5 million over the target. This balance is now closer to our normal expectations for this time of year. The federal obligation, which is CDOT’s authorization to bill FHWA for reimbursement of expenditures, is the main driver of cash equivalents. In a normal year CDOT receives federal obligation for the entire year in October. Due to the Continuing Resolution impacting FHWA, CDOT received its federal obligation in prorated amounts this year to date. In January, FHWA authorized obligation of approximately \$300 million through May 31, 2015 bringing cash equivalents back in line with expectations.

**XPI and 2015 Expenditure Goal** - This month the Expenditure Performance Index (XPI) increased to 0.78, a sixth consecutive monthly improvement as CDOT draws nearer to its 2015 \$900 million expenditure goal.

- It is doubtful the 2015 expenditure goal of \$900 million will be met, but CDOT is making progress toward reaching it. Factors contributing to delays in expenditure spending are over budgeting and the percentage of contingency funds in project budgets. It was noted that in some instances a 15 percent contingency is too high, particularly if contractors can realize efficiencies that CDOT had not anticipated.
- Last year, CDOT hit the construction market late, with bid letting occurring in May. This year bid letting was this month for projects to begin construction next year.

**Asset Management** - The Program Management Office provided a status update of the four main programs (Flood, RAMP, FASTER/HSIP, and Asset Management), with a focus on Asset Management. The Schedule Performance Index (SPI) for the 2014 Asset Management increased to a 1.00, while the 2015 Asset Management and RAMP Partnership and Operations programs both increased to 0.91 and 0.89 respectively. This month introduces an SPI of 0.89 for 2016 Asset Management. Two new asset categories, traffic signals and walls, were added for 2016 Asset Management.

- The surface treatment program has an XPI of 1.26 through January and 1.30 through February. This program is performing well. Additional program-specific XPI data continues to be developed.
- It was suggested that reviewing project-level detail for surface treatment might ensure accountability. This information will be provided to the Transportation Commission (TC) next month.

**RAMP** – The 16 RAMP (Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships) Partnerships projects that are under program controls together have approved budgets of \$323.99 million and a total current forecasted cost estimate of \$336.94 million. The only RAMP project of the 16 for which CDOT contributed additional money was a \$14 million allocation to the I-25 and Cimarron Expressway project. The apparent successful bidder for that Colorado Springs area project had a bid \$2.5 million below the estimate. The \$2.5 million will be returned to the Contingency RAMP Reserve Fund.

- Of the remaining RAMP projects that require intergovernmental agreements (IGAs), 42 have had IGAs executed, three are awaiting local review and signature, seven are being drafted at CDOT headquarters, and three are pending submittal to CDOT headquarters. The 10 IGAs being drafted are not delaying CDOT construction. Seven are associated with devolution and three contain in-kind matches that need to be documented in the IGAs.

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**I-70 Eastbound Peak Period Shoulder Lanes Construction** – In preparation for a budget supplement that would be presented Thursday, Commissioners indicated support for adding \$4.6 million in Surface Treatment, Regional Priority Program, and Bridge Enterprise funds to the I-70 PPSL project. The reasons for the overall budget increase were schedule acceleration to meet the fall 2015 opening date, additional ground improvements for the bridge foundation at an interchange, and installation of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) equipment that had been deferred from a previous construction package.

See supporting detailed information at: <https://www.codot.gov/about/transportation-commission/current-agenda-and-supporting-documents/01-program-management-workshop.pdf>

**Draft FY 16-19 STIP Workshop (Maria Sobota and Debra Perkins-Smith)**

**Action Requested** - TC approval to release the Draft FY 16-19 STIP for a 30 day public review and comment period.

- The Draft FY 16-19 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is available at: <https://www.codot.gov/business/budget/statewide-transportationimprovement-program-stip-reports-information>. Public notice of the 30 day review and comment period will be provided through a variety of means, including through the CDOT website, e-mail announcement, newspaper advertising, and via mail. Hard copies of the Draft FY 16-19 STIP will also be available at CDOT Region and HQ offices, FHWA Colorado Division and FTA Region 8 offices, TPR offices, and at Colorado Depository Libraries.

**STIP Overview** - The approach and framework for the STIP was evaluated as part of cash and program management initiatives. The Draft FY 16-19 STIP incorporates several changes resulting from this process, including the shift to a rolling four year STIP, an expenditure basis for CDOT projects included in the STIP, and changes designed to streamline the STIP, increase flexibility, and reduce the need for frequent amendment.

**STIP Funding Levels**

- The benefits of this approach will include a significant reduction in the number and frequency of STIP amendments, increased flexibility to make minor changes to projects or programs without triggering a STIP amendment, and a more streamlined and user-friendly STIP.
- The STIP must be fiscally constrained. Fiscal constraint of the STIP is based on the 2040 Program Distribution adopted by the TC in February 2014. Fiscal constraint of the STIP, however, is not equivalent to Program Distribution as some programs are not included (i.e. Program Delivery/Administration, Debt Service, Road Equipment, Property, Safety Education, etc.) in the STIP while other additional revenue sources (i.e. Regional Transportation District (RTD) funding) from MPO TIPs are included.
- The Draft FY 16-19 STIP includes programs totaling approximately \$3.7 billion, \$1.3 billion in RTD projects and programs, and 16 regionally significant projects totaling \$617 million.

**Discussion of Action** - The release of the draft STIP in April 2015 for a 30-day public review and comment period was approved to start March 28th through April 30th, with a Public Hearing for the Draft STIP to be held on April 16th during the Regular Meeting of the TC.

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**Next Steps** - The STIP will be released on March 28<sup>th</sup> for 30-day public review and comment period (through April 30<sup>th</sup>). A STIP Public Hearing will occur on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

For more details see STIP presentation at: <https://www.codot.gov/about/transportation-commission/current-agenda-and-supporting-documents/02-draft-fy16-19-stip-workshop.pdf>

### **Budget Workshop (Maria Sobota)**

**Requested Action** - This month the TC is being asked to review final changes to the FY2016 Annual Budget and to adopt the budget prior to the submission to the Governor for approval on or before April 15, 2015.

Changes made to four line items within the budget are as follows:

- Administration (Appropriated)—Line Number 62 increased from \$28,812,139 to \$29,037,385;
- Aeronautics—Line Number 69 reduced from \$39,400,000 to 30,000,000;
- Permanent Recovery—Line Number 95 increased from \$87,000,000 to \$174,500,000;
- TC Contingency—Line Number 98 reduced from \$2,198,160 to \$1,972,914.

**Discussion of Action** - Maria reviewed the Final FY2016 Budget, highlighting the few changes compared to the Draft Budget adopted by the TC in November, 2014. Changes included a significant increase to the Permanent Recovery budget from \$87 million to \$174.5 million, and a \$9.4 million decrease to the Aeronautics budget that is attributed to fuel rate decreases. The TC contingency budget was decreased by \$225,000 to account for an equal increase to the Administration budget. The TC will take formal action to adopt the proposed budget at the March 19<sup>th</sup> TC meeting.

**Next Steps** - Upon adoption, the FY2016 Budget will be forwarded to the Governor for approval on or before April 15, 2015.

For more details on the FY2016 Budget changes see: <https://www.codot.gov/about/transportation-commission/current-agenda-and-supporting-documents/03-budget-workshop.pdf>

## **Thursday, February 19, 2014**

### **Individual Commissioner Comments (Commission Members in Attendance)**

Commissioners commented on the following topics and expressed appreciation and/or support for the following campaigns, events, and/or projects:

- Towards Zero Deaths
- I-70 East Industry Forum
- Bustang Service
- Executive Director Bhatt's Road Trip

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

- Focusing on meeting staff in one-hour blocks of time
- Impressed with commitment and professionalism observed
- Identified need to manage upwards – Governor, Cabinet, etc. Transportation is an important topic to this group.
- Glad to see an appetite for transit in Colorado. For example, a Ski train event attended –was very successful

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- Towards Zero Deaths – there are 480 deaths annually in Colorado, and 3,500 serious injuries –improving Safety is a top priority.
- Goal is to make CDOT best DOT in the Country – Engineering news in Rocky Mountain West – CDOT recognized as owner/operator of the year. Will be announced in the April 2015 issue.
- This weekend on Saturday will assist with project to fill headquarters parking lot pot holes, prior to family arriving on Sunday.

### **Chief Engineer’s Report (Josh Laipply)**

- Bustang – latest challenge – Denver bus operator contracted with is being sold off
- Division of Transit and Rail (DTR) is doing a great job and conducting due diligence to on this change. Staff will keep the TC informed regarding this situation.

### **HPTE Director’s Report (Mike Cheroutes)**

In process of initiating a media campaign on express lanes and tolls and how they are used.

- Campaign will kick off shortly
- A telephone town hall for US 36 will occur in the near future

### **FHWA Division Administrator’s Report (Alicia Nolan)**

- Moving Towards Zero Deaths is saving lives and is supported by the Governor
- I-70 East Industry Forum showcased dedication and professionalism – I-70 East is a very important project to move forward
- In process of signing the Strategic Highway Safety Plan
- FHWA and CDOT signing Stewardship Agreement

### **Act on Consent Agenda - Approved unanimously on March 19, 2015**

- Resolution to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2015 (Herman Stockinger)
- Resolution to Approve the Special Workshop Minutes of February 5, 2015 (Herman Stockinger)
- Resolution to Approve 4.0 Audit Division Policy and Charter (Barb Gold)
- Resolution to Approve Policy Directive 1300.0 and Repeal of Related Policy Directives (Heidi Humphreys, Herman Stockinger)
- Resolution to Approve SH67 Town of Victor Devolution Time Extension (Karen Rowe)
- Resolution to Approve Greenwood Village Willow Drive Relinquishment (Tony DeVito) Additional Documentation: Easement and Exchange Agreement and the IGA
- Resolution to Approve Lyons Fire Department Disposal (Johnny Olson)
- Resolution to Approve SH287 Parcel Exchange (Johnny Olson)
- Resolution to Approve Devolution of US 6 - 40 and SH 103 to Idaho Springs (Tony DeVito)
- Resolution to Approve Revised Central City SIB Loan Resolution (Maria Sobota)

See the Commission Meeting Packet on pdf page 71 at: <https://www.codot.gov/about/transportation-commission/current-agenda-and-supporting-documents/march-2015-agenda-packet.pdf> for more details on these resolutions.

### **Discuss and Act on:**

- **9th Supplement to the FY’2015 Budget: Approved unanimously on March 19, 2015**

## MARCH 2015 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETINGS

- **Region 1** - \$3,098,030– **Surface Treatment**, Regional Priorities Program- I-70 EB PPSL CONSTRUCTION PACKAGE 3
- **Region 2** - \$1,800,000–**RAMP Operations**-Reduce project #2-08: US24 / Judge Orr Rd. Intersection Improvements and Increase project #2-17: US50 / 32nd Ln, US50 / Cottonwood Ave, US50 / 34th Ln. Intersection Improvements
- **Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO)** – Transfer of \$1.74 million (to ITS Cost Center and OPER) funds for equipment and instrumentation, software and licenses and consultant support for various initiatives and operational programs.
- **Region 4** - \$525,000–**RAMP Operations**-Reduce project #4-42: Fiber Optics and ITS Devices on I-76 and Increase project #4-50: Fiber Optic Communication from I-25 to CDOT West Yard. This transfer would leave \$4,478,607 of RAMP funds assigned to #4-42 and would bring the approved RAMP amount for #4-50 to \$2,225,000.
- **Region 5** - \$966,042 – **Culvert Construction**- R5 PRIORITY CULVERT SH 184 MM 25.1
- **Staff Maintenance** \$5,861,489 – Transfer from the Transportation Commission Contingency for Snow and Ice to the various Maintenance cost centers to complete winter operations for the remainder of the winter season.
- **FY 15 reconciliation contingency reserve** – is \$40 million now and on track to exceed by \$3 million – recommend more discussion to talk about using for flood liability.

See more details on pdf page 188 of the TC Packet at: <https://www.codot.gov/about/transportation-commission/current-agenda-and-supporting-documents/march-2015-agenda-packet.pdf>

- Adoption of **Fiscal Year 2016 Budget** – **Approved unanimously on March 19, 2015**

See more details on pdf page 38 of the TC Packet at: <https://www.codot.gov/about/transportation-commission/current-agenda-and-supporting-documents/march-2015-agenda-packet.pdf>

- Resolution to Approve the **2040 Statewide Transportation Plan** - approved unanimously - Plan Format described and RTPs – Statewide Transportation Plan Executive Summary Video was well received – **Approved unanimously on March 19, 2015**

See more details on pdf page 206 of the TC Packet at: <https://www.codot.gov/about/transportation-commission/current-agenda-and-supporting-documents/march-2015-agenda-packet.pdf>

### **Steven Hart Award**

CDOT received the History Colorado Stephen H. Hart Award for Historic Preservation a few weeks ago. This is the biggest award they have. CDOT was nominated by the State Historic Preservation Office. They were nominated for a new process for “developing and applying a collective approach for mitigating adverse effects to historic properties.” That means that CDOT came up with a way to mitigate for impacts and did it in a very collaborative way, and they were singled out for “meaningful mitigation for adverse historic effects.”

Hart was the first State Historical Preservation Officer in Colorado. Daniel Jepson, Greg Wolff, Lisa Schoch, and Kara Hahn at Headquarters, Jason Marmor in Region 4, and Ashley Bushey in Region 1 were recognized for their work.

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