

Transportation Commission June 16, 2016, CDOT Headquarters Auditorium, 4201 E. Arkansas Ave, Denver, CO 80222

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## Transportation Commission (TC) Workshops Thursday, June 16, 2016

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### **Project Management Office (PMO)/Cash Management Workshop (Josh Laipply, Maria Sobota, Jane Fisher)**

#### **Purpose**

- The Program Management Workshop provides the TC with an update on the integration of Cash Management and Program Management, Asset Management, and the Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships (RAMP) program. The Asset Management program is the largest part of the program that CDOT actively manages. Last month's TC presentation identified that additional asset management information is desired to help the TC make informed policy decisions.
- Provide an overview of the Cash Balance program related to cash flow and its monthly balance targets. The US 385 Intersection at Yuma CR 33.6 RAMP Partnership (RAMP #4-51) project is requesting an additional \$125,000 in RAMP Contingency funding for a total estimated project cost of \$ 739,000. The shortfall is due to overall construction price increases and an additional 2 inch overlay component for the project.

#### **Requested Action**

- 1) Review updated asset management information to confirm it meets the TC's needs.
- 2) Per Policy Directive (PD) 703, staff is requesting TC approval to budget an additional \$125,000 in RAMP Contingency funding via the June TC budget supplement to advertise the project.

#### **Discussion and Comments**

- The Chief Engineer explained that the information provided was in response to what was discussed at the May 2016 meeting to make reporting of information more clear. It was mentioned that June is a big month for expenditures. CDOT hit 12.8% mark target of all annual expenditures based on expenditures for June in previous years.
- TC requested a comparison of expenditures from last year in June. This year, more expenditures were made for June than last year.
- TC raised no questions regarding the cash balance.

### **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Workshop (Joshua Laipply, Maria Sobota, Greg Diehl)**

#### **Purpose**

Members of CDOT's Executive Management Team (EMT) have expressed a strong desire to move forward with a strategic and programmatic approach that addresses non-compliant curb ramps that are not scheduled to be addressed through regular project delivery. The primary purpose of the requested funds, anticipated to be \$55 million for FY 2016-17 through 2020-2021, is to attain full compliance with the ADA Title II federal laws over the next five years.

#### **Action**

Information Only. TC will requested to approve this funding next month.

### **Discussion and Comments**

- The Chief Engineer went over history of ADA compliance. FHWA is making a transition plan to be compliant with ADA for curb ramps over 5 years. Region 1 is reviewing all their facilities to determine where they are compliant.
- How incorporate ADA compliance into the regular program was evaluated. CDOT needs additional funding to become compliant – most ramps are in the Denver area.
- Any time CDOT repairs roadway that includes curb ramps, CDOT is required to bring the facility into compliance. The contingency request asks for the transition program to bring all ramps up to code in 5 years.
- TC will not vote on this this month –agenda item for July 2016.
- Clarified that \$55 million programming funds to comply with ADA curb ramp standards would be new funding.

## **Transportation Commission Regular Meeting Thursday, June 16 2016**

### **Roll Call**

- Commissioners Thiebaut and Schriener were excused. All other nine Commissioners were in attendance.

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

- No audience participation

### **Comments of Individual Commissioners**

- Rebecca White was thanked for her work on the application that won the FHWA On-the-Job Training (OJT) grant of \$400,000 that includes training of potential CDOT contractors.
- Last month's trip to Steamboat Springs was widely appreciated, giving the TC a chance to see work done on wildlife corridors and the beautiful countryside.
- A presentation to a Rotary Club on the CDOT budget and financing was well-received and informative to meeting attendees.
- A TC member attended a conference which 10 of the 13 Denver City Council members also attended; the TC member took the opportunity to discuss the Central 70 project with Denver City Council members.
- Replacement of five bridges on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue is continuing; the project delivery method, design, and execution have been impressive.
- The Marine Corps Memorial near the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Colfax Avenue in Lakewood is getting some much-needed improvements after right of way issues were resolved.
- A CDOT-Ute Mountain Ute Maintenance Agreement was signed during a recent Bear Dance ceremony.
- Commissioner Connell received many thanks for her leadership of the TC over the past year.
- Zach Alexander received thanks for his work as the TC liaison, and Herman Stockinger was recognized for his work as TC secretary.
- A TC member heard many compliments from transit representatives attending the Colorado Association of State Transit Officials (CASTA) conference in Durango regarding their appreciation to CDOT for CDOT's collaborative communications.

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

- Welcomed Commissioner Reiff as the new TC Chair and expressed appreciation for the fact that Commissioner Connell will still serve on the TC.

- Described attendance at the Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance. Expressed appreciation to Karrie Neet and Mike McVaugh who oversaw execution of the Maintenance Agreement with the Tribe. The Bear Dance was an amazing event.
- Visited Washington DC for Smart Cities Challenge final presentation. Denver has a good chance, as Denver was selected as one of eight. Also met with USDOT to discuss the Central 70 project and its 15 year methodical public engagement program. CDOT received recognition for this project and its public involvement effort was held up as a potential standard for other states to adopt.
- OJT – Recognized Rebecca White and Tony DeVito for being awarded for a pilot project conducting local workforce hiring and provided CDOT with a grant for \$400,000.
- Attended an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) America meeting. All the technological solutions being developed to address congestion are impressive. Also spoke with a trauma surgeon regarding the importance of seat belts and their potential to save lives, which could be used to support enacting a primary seat belt law. Additional work with the Colorado legislation regarding a primary seat belt law will occur next year.

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

- Reflecting back on the PMO Workshop, the TC made a policy decision to go cash based with expenditures. To provide perspective, a total of \$445 million will be expended next year, and we are scheduled to expend \$223 million in FY2017-18 and another \$83 million for FY2018-19, for a total of \$306 million, which are dollars CDOT would not have expended under previous practices. In addition, CDOT is now avoiding costs associated with inflation on these expended dollars.
- Resiliency is a key issue for CDOT and the TC was requested to think about a policy to support resiliency-related activities. Resiliency is critical to the state’s economy and to mobility.
- The award to CDOT of the OJT grant for \$400,000 shows local hiring coming together with this and workforce development. This is an approach to get divided communities (along I-70) engaged.
- Greg Diehl, who leads Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Emerging Small Businesses, won an AASHTO award from the civil rights committee, and was recognized for this award.
- TC desires staff to form a TC sub-committee to focus on resiliency.

#### **High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) (Nick Farber)**

A high level overview of what HPTE accomplished in May 2016 included:

- The US 36 celebration occurred on Monday morning – TC members attended the Plenary Roads celebration that same day.
- On Saturday there will be a bike ride at Avista Hospital to celebrate US 36 bike lane.
- The third draft of RFP for the Central 70 project was submitted.
- Reopened I-70 Mountain Express Lane.
- TC member impressed with Mountain Express Lane that kept eastbound I-70 traffic moving over the weekend. TC member would like numbers on results of the express lane. July 4<sup>th</sup> is the biggest traffic weekend on I-70 and HPTE will share results from that weekend with the TC.

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

- The Central 70 project is receiving a lot recognition and has received many compliments considering this project as “top notch”.
- OJT Grant for \$400,000 recognizes innovative national, regional and local workforce development. This grant program supports programs that: help raise standards of living, provide training for better job opportunities, and improve the transportation system.

- US 160 Wolf Creek Pass is a safety concern for trucks. A Road Safety Audit is occurring today (June 16, 2016) with a multi-disciplined team including representation from Colorado State Patrol (CSP), Colorado Motor Carriers Association (CMCA), and engineers from FHWA. This team is gathered to identify why crashes are happening. FHWA is looking forward to reviewing the results of their audit.
- FHWA met with the U.S. Forest Service regarding wildlife as emphasis is building on this issue. Wildlife crossing improvements along SH 9 are potential considerations for other places around the state.
- Executive Director expressed his appreciation to FHWA recognizing John Cater and FHWA staff for their high level of involvement with CDOT, and help with defending projects.

**Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) Report (Vince Rogalski)**

Topics covered at the last STAC meeting included:

- Federal and State legislative update – the change of high occupancy vehicle (HOVs) from 2+ to 3+ will occur, and CDOT and planning partners will need to be ready regarding how to respond to questions on this topic.
- Grant updates – CDOT supports the Western Road User Charge (RUC) consortium in conducting a multi-state pilot for RUC. According to research, rural communities are more equitably treated using RUC than the existing method of the gas tax.
- The Colorado Energy Office (CEO) is focused on enhanced use of alternative fuels and the location of electric charging facilities. CEO is also focused on promoting compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles.
- Development Program is a project list of \$8.5 billion, initially compiled to prepare for changes in legislation that would require quick identification of projects for newly available funding streams. The 10-year Development Program represents \$2.5 billion. STAC recognizes the need to refine the shorter list and identify and define “major projects”, which potential projects to add, and as a result of adding, which projects to remove from the list.
- Statewide Travel Model Overview –Need various entities in discussion and identify distinct issues in local areas. Also, common model parameters need to be established across the state, in order for information and results to be comparable.
- STAC is meeting next week on June 24, 2016.

**Act on Consent Agenda – Approved unanimously on June 16, 2016 with minor revision.**

a) Resolution to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2016 (Herman Stockinger) with one minor correction).

**Resolution to Approve HPTE's FY17 Fee for Service Agreement (David Spector) - Approved unanimously on June 16, 2016.**

- CDOT HPTE fee for service through Inter Agency Agreement (IAA). The resolution includes a process for CDOT to pay fair market value FY 2016-17 fees for service to HPTE, a total of \$2.08 million.

**Discuss and Act on the 12th Budget Supplement of FY 2016 (Maria Sobota) - Approved unanimously on June 16, 2016.**

- Includes \$125,000 for RAMP and Road X information.

**Discuss and Act on PD 703.0 Amendment - Cash Balance Policy (Maria Sobota/Josh Laipply) - Approved unanimously on June 16, 2016.**

- Adopt revised 703.0 today and the TC will revisit in fall of 2016.

- Josh and Maria were recognized for their efforts on this reiterative process to amend PD 703. Recognition was given by the TC that it was a fair, balanced, and transparent process.

**FY 2016-17 State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Interest Rate & Origination Fee Setting (Maria Sobota) – Approved unanimously on June 16, 2016. Rate approved.**

- Summarized to establish rate for next six months and includes the origination fee. The resolution will decrease the interest rate from 2.5% to 2.25%. The TC will revisit then SIB interest rate in six months.

**Report out from the TC Nominating Committee and Election of TC Officers for FY2017**

- The Nominating Committee included Commissioners Gifford, Hall and Hofmeister.
- TC held an election for the nominated candidates for TC Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary – and elected the recommended nominees - Gary Reiff as the new TC Chair, Sidney Zink as Vice Chair, and Herman Stockinger as the TC Secretary.
- Support for concept of alternating leadership annually between rural and urban Commissioners was expressed.

**Employee Recognition**

- TC experiences communication and common purpose continues with leadership transition.
- Commission Ed Peterson announced that back on November 8, 2014 – Region 1 received a maintenance award. Paul Jesaitis, Regional Transportation Director (RTD) of CDOT Region 1 spoke regarding the Marine Core Memorial at US 40/US 6. The award was for work on the memorial for ceremonies held in 2014. The project involved solving right-of-way issues among CDOT, the City of Golden, and Jefferson County. Commissioner Peterson expressed an apology for late delivery on behalf of the Marine League and Marine Core Memorial Association. Paul Jesaitis recognized CDOT staff: Tony DeVito, Rebecca White, Mike O’Neill, and Steve Harelson, along with Commissioner Ed Peterson, and recognized specifically CDOT’s Kirk Allen, who accepted the award, for his work on this project.