

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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TO: Transit & Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC)
FROM: Ann Rajewski, Chairperson
DATE: May 6, 2011
RE: Fiscal Year 2011 FTA Discretionary Grants

In 2010, the FTA released six Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA) between April 13, 2010 and May 28, 2010. Many of these grants required that rural transit projects or projects under a specified dollar amount be submitted in a consolidated application by the States. Since Congress has decided not to earmark in FY 2011 and only recently passed a budget for the remainder of FY 2011, it is likely, but not guaranteed, that a similar situation will occur this year.

In February CDOT and CASTA made a joint visit to DC and while there visited the FTA to discuss the discretionary grant process, how we could make the process less arduous and present more fundable applications. The FTA encouraged CDOT to prioritize the projects that applied as part of a consolidated application. In order to help the Division of Transit & Rail to complete this task a draft list of prioritization guidelines (attached) is being sent to the various stake holders and interest groups. The TRAC will make recommendations to the Transit & Intermodal Committee on this important process.

The other groups that will give input to the TRAC include:

- Division of Transit & Rail staff
- CASTA Board of Directors
- Transit & Intermodal Committee
- STAC

In 2010 CASTA and CDOT worked together to gather information needed for a statewide consolidated application, but the effort suffered from the short deadlines and inadequate detailed reviews of content. It is the intent of CASTA and CDOT to collect information before issuance of NOFAs, better determine which requests fit into which NOFAs, to review the applications more closely for adequacy of content and consistency, and to submit the most competitive package of projects. To this end CASTA has hired a consultant to begin the process in hopes of getting much of the work done before the first NOFA is released which will likely to happen the second or third week of May.



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Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, Bill Moore served several years as the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee representative for the Pueblo Area Council of Governments. He represented his region with distinction while he maintained a broad perspective in all matters of statewide concern; and

WHEREAS, Bill Moore provided leadership to guide CDOT in its mission "To achieve the best multimodal transportation system for Colorado that most effectively and safely moves people, goods and information"; and

WHEREAS, the welfare, safety and economic well-being of Colorado's citizens depends to a great extent on transportation and Bill Moore worked closely with the Colorado Transportation Commission, the Colorado Department of Transportation, local governments, private industry and the general public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that sincere appreciation and esteem are hereby expressed to

Bill Moore

on this *13th* day of *May, 2011*

for his outstanding contributions to the State of Colorado and its citizens. The Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee and the Colorado Department of Transportation will certainly miss his dedication, enthusiastic support and influence.

Chairman, Gunnison Valley TPR

Vice Chairman, Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments

CDOT Executive Director

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