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DATE: May 10, 2019
TO: Transit & Rail Advisory Committee
FROM: David Krutsinger, Director - Division of Transit & Rail (DTR)
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RE: SB 18-001 Multimodal Options Fund Update

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update to the T&I Committee on the work of the Multimodal Options Fund Committee.

Action

Informational Only

Background

SB 18-001 includes a provision that establishes a Multimodal Options Fund. The Multimodal Options Fund has \$96.75M in dedicated revenue. Of that \$96.75M, \$2.5M is dedicated to the Rail Commission. The remaining \$94.25M is split between CDOT (15% or \$14.13M) and local governments (85% or \$80.12M).

The legislation directs the TC to establish a distribution formula for the local portion. The distribution formula must be based on population and ridership. The legislation also states that recipients shall provide a match equal to the amount of the award. However, the Transportation Commission, per legislation, may create a formula for reducing or exempting the match requirement for local governments or agencies due to their size or any other special circumstance. An advisory committee (“MMOF Committee”) to the TC was formed to work on and develop such recommendations.

Details

The legislation mandates the distribution formula for the local portion be developed in consultation with the Transit and Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC), the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC), transit advocacy organizations, and bicycle and pedestrian organizations. In addition to these groups, the legislation also states that the Multimodal Options Fund should promote a complete and integrated multimodal system that benefits seniors by making aging in place more feasible; benefits residents of rural areas by providing them with flexible public transportation services; provides enhanced mobility for persons with disabilities; and provides safe routes to school for children.

The MMOF Committee has held three meetings and developed the following general recommendations.

- 5% off the top (or \$4 Million of \$80.12) for administration, reporting, environmental/design reviews. To be adjusted later based on actual project selection.
- 81% of remaining \$76.12 to the five urban areas (MPOs), 19% to the ten rural planning regions (TPRs)
- Two sub-allocation formulas, one urban, and the other rural, to each of the fifteen areas of the state, with particular population and employment factors relevant to urban and rural areas.
- Match “relief” or reduction to be decided at the fifteen regions (TPRs) of the state. CDOT provided data to support that decision-making.
- General expectation that minimum transit project size of \$25,000, and minimum capital project size of \$150,000 would be observed for project selections, with reasonable bundling of smaller projects encouraged to reach these minimums.

Next Steps

- Develop staff recommendation, including opportunities to partner and leverage funding opportunities, for submission to the TC in June.
- TC Workshop and TC Approval requested at the June 19/20th meetings.
- In the future, CDOT will look to further leverage these funding sources through competitive multimodal funding opportunities.