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TO: Transit & Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC)
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DATE: August 14, 2020
RE: 2021 Consolidated Call for Capital Projects (2021 CCCP)

Purpose

Choose a direction for releasing a Consolidated Call for Capital Projects in August 2020.

Action

Provide feedback on the recommended approach. A future resolution is proposed for November/December when capital call projects have been evaluated, and action would be requested at that time.

Background

CDOT conducted a survey of transit agencies from June 17-24, 2020, and asked a series of questions about the financial standing of transit agencies. The survey asked about expectations in calendar 2020, and forecasts for 2021. While transit agencies commented that the severity and duration of COVID-19 impacts on transit service are difficult to predict, 85% of agencies expected 2021 to be the same or worse than 2020. In 2020, \$30 Million of CARES Act funds were passed through to Rural Colorado (excluding 5311(f)) agencies. If 2021 is similar, rural transit agencies will need another \$30 Million to maintain service at or near pre-COVID levels.

Outside of special programs, CDOT usually passes through \$11 Million in rural FTA admin & operating funds (primarily 5311 and 5310-Rural), and \$16 Million in a variety of capital funds.

- CDOT staff recommends utilizing up to \$10 Million in capital funds and “converting” it to admin & operating funding for transit agencies (A&O).
- Staff is collecting feedback on the amount of A&O that should be provided, and what should be released in 2021, when a trajectory on additional stimulus dollars and local revenue sources will be more clear.

Details

The following table illustrates the ability of funding in this post-COVID world to be responsive to transit agency needs. CDOT plans to move forward with the FTA and Volkswagen Settlement funds in this fall’s CCCP.

Funding Source	Staff recommendation for funding distributions
State FASTER Funds & SB 228 Funds for Local Purposes	Up to \$10 million converted to A&O; the remainder withheld for 2021
Federal “Rural” Transit Funds from 5310, 5311, 5339 Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$0.9M Rural 5311 & 5310• \$5.1M 5339(a) bus and bus facilities	\$0.9 million converted to A&O or held for 2021 \$5.1 Million in CCCP
Settlement Funds for Electric Buses	\$5 Million in CCCP

Proposed August CCCP Release	\$10.1 M = \$3.64 M Rural 5339 + \$1.46 M Small Urban 5339 + \$5 Million statewide Settlement
Total All Programs	\$21 Million

There is no adjustment to the “Settlement” Funds due to the inflexibility of their legally-allowable uses.

CDOT is responsible to fund and maintain a state of good repair for transit agencies participating in CDOT’s Transit Asset Management Plan (TAMP). CDOTs responsibility extends to 53 small urban and rural public transportation providers, and includes just over 1,300 vehicles. CDOT has averaged about \$9.3 M per year to rural and small urban agencies, and just over 50 vehicles to keep pace with replacement needs. The remaining \$6+ Million has been allocated to the large urban agencies: RTD, Mountain Metro, and TransFort.

Recommendation

The staff recommendation is to release the CCCP in August with FTA and Volkswagen Settlement funds. Additional A&O will be provided in the interim.

Next steps

Release a 2021 CCCP by August 31 based on feedback from TRAC and the Transportation Commission

Attachment:

None