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SUBJECT: Recommendations from 2020 Consolidated Call for Capital Projects

Purpose

Inform the TRAC of the projects recommended for funding under DTR's 2020 Consolidated Call for Capital Projects (CCCP), including Senate Bill 267 and Settlement Programs.

Action

Information and feedback only.

Background

DTR conducted its annual Consolidated Call for Capital Projects (CCCP), with a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) sent statewide on September 30, 2019. DTR announced the availability of over \$34 M in Federal, State, and private funds, and received 55 applications in response, requesting over \$46.7 M from 41 different organizations. DTR is recommending awards totaling \$32 M. The remaining \$2 M in un-awarded funds from the Settlement Program will be made available in the next CCCP. Many smaller transit agencies needed more time to be able to pursue electric buses. The requests and awards are outlined below.

Details

Regarding the 55 applications, many applications included more than one "request," e.g. one application requested the replacement of 7 vehicles. In DTR's 2020 CCCP, there were 35 applications for 85 vehicle replacements, totaling over \$15.7 M. DTR is proposing to award 80 of them with \$10.9 M. Vehicles were scored based on their age and mileage, with consideration given to documented special conditions.

DTR received applications for "other capital projects," a category which includes expansion vehicles, facilities (acquisitions, design/engineering, and construction), planning studies, and equipment. These applications were reviewed and evaluated by a committee of six members from different CDOT offices, including DTR, DTD, policy and EEO. There were 20 requests for "other capital" projects, totaling over \$21.4M. DTR is proposing to fund 14 of those projects, awarding \$11.5M. The requests and awards are as follows:

- Ten expansion vehicles were requested, while 7 were funded, totaling \$1.9M;
- Seven facilities (including acquisition, D/E, and construction) projects were requested, while six were funded with SB 267 funds, totaling \$12M;
- Six planning studies and equipment projects were requested, while four were funded, totaling \$0.5M.

Four applicants requested 11 electric buses from the Settlement Program; six buses were awarded to three applicants for \$2.9M; the remaining \$2.1 M available was not awarded and will roll forward to the next call for projects. One applicant received a failing score but was willing to accept diesel buses; those two diesel buses were awarded. The eligibility for use of Settlement funds is set by a spending plan known as the Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (BMP), which is the product of a partnership between CDOT, CDPHE, the Colorado Energy Office, and the Regional Air Quality Council. These applications were reviewed and evaluated by a team made up of experts from those partnering State agencies.

The three large urbanized area transit operators who receive FASTER set-aside funds will receive \$2.9M for the replacement of 33 buses, while another \$1M for RTD has been provided to DRCOG for awards to specialized operators in a separate call for projects.

Key Benefits

Concurrence with the recommendations of DTR staff will enable it to proceed with the award and contracting processes. Award of these funds will increase its contribution towards rural infrastructure projects and greatly enhance Colorado transit systems' progress towards alternative fuel usage.

Next Steps

DTR is recommending the selection of the attached projects and believes it has followed its internal policies and the evaluation criteria set forth in the Notice of Funding Availability. DTR is confirming with the Transportation Commission on whether a formal resolution should enumerate the specific SB 267 awards, as an addendum to the December 2019 decisions.

DTR staff will notify applicants of its decisions, including reasons for not awarding funds, and begin the contracting process for those who were awarded funding.

Attachments

The attached table lists all requests as well as awards.