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SUBJECT: Senate Bill 267 Status Report

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on SB 267 transit projects approved for Years 1 and 2 through the reporting period ending June 30, 2020.

Action

Informational only, no action required.

Background

The state legislature provided new transportation funding through Senate Bill 17-267 (SB 267). SB 267 provides \$192M for strategic transit capital projects over four years beginning in FY 2019. SB 267 gives authority to the Colorado Transportation Commission to designate and select projects, and requires that a minimum of 25% of SB 267 funds be spent in rural counties with fewer than 50,000 residents.

The strategic transit project portfolio, including project type, location, match requirements, etc., and the project selection criteria and ratings, were presented to the Transit and Rail Advisory Committee, the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee and the Transportation Commission in 2019. The Transit and Rail Advisory Committee and Transportation Commission also provided guidance on the project portfolio comparison, favoring a mix of CDOT and partner capital projects, while still providing enough funding through the Capital Call for local agencies to make strategic investments to their transit infrastructure.

A list of proposed strategic transit projects covering Years 1 through 4 was presented to the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee, the Transit and Rail Advisory Committee and the Transportation Commission in October and November 2019. This list included several previously approved projects, proposed CDOT and partner transit facility projects (50% match required), and allocations for remaining funds to be distributed to local agencies through upcoming Capital Calls (20% match required). On December 19, 2019 the Transportation Commission approved the complete SB 267 Transit Program for Years 1-4, totaling \$192M.

Updates

Senate Bill 267 provides four years of funding totaling \$192M for strategic transit investments, however, the funding is approved on a year-by-year basis. Through Q4 2019, Year 1 funds totaling \$42M had been received. Year 2 funds of \$50M were received at the end of Q2 2020 increasing available funding to \$92M. The bond sale in Year 2 garnered an extra \$6.0 M for the Transit program which brought the funding total to \$98M. Funding for Years 3 and 4, an additional \$50M each, remains uncertain. Although the Transportation Commission voted to approve all four years of SB 267 projects in December for planning purposes, the Year 3 and 4 projects will be reevaluated when it is clear that such funding may become available.

Since the last quarterly report, the following has changed: RTD's Central Corridor project was canceled at the request of the recipient; RFTA Glenwood Maintenance Facility's scope was changed to take place in Phase 2 of the project; and the amount for the SMART purchase of property was reduced to \$1.86 M. Other budget changes included: The Frisco Transit Center - Phase II amount was reduced from \$4.20 M to \$3.44 M; Poncha Springs Welcome Center Improvements amount increased by \$2,496 to \$502,496; and Summit County Transit Operations Center Design and Engineering was increased by \$5,000 to \$425,000.

Four new projects were added to the Years 1 and 2 portfolio subject to approval at the August Transportation Commission meeting. Those projects are Estes Park Transit Improvements (\$1.03 M), Buena Vista Park-n-Ride and Intermodal Facility (\$0.60

M), Pagosa Springs Multimodal Facility (\$1.08 M), and Durango Transit Capital Improvements (\$2.0 M). A fifth project—Burnham Yard CRISI Grant Match (\$5.98M)—is subject to approval in August as a grant match. This project was previously approved when CDOT intended to purchase the Yard outright and before the CRISI notice of funding availability was announced.

Details

CDOT’s Region and Division staff, as well as partner and local agency staff, will continue to advance the approved SB 267 projects. Progress resulting from this collaborative effort will be reported to the Transit & Rail Advisory Committee and the Transportation Commission throughout the duration of the program. The following table provides updates on individual SB 267 transit projects through June 30, 2020:

SB 267 YEARS 1 & 2		
Project	Description	Status
Burnham Yard - CRISI Grant Match (\$5.98 M)	CRISI Grant Match toward CDOT purchase of decommissioned rail yard from UP to move consolidated main line eastward to accommodate various highway and rail expansion projects.	CDOT submitted a CRISI grant application to FRA in June for \$40M (80%) towards \$50M site purchase. Award announcement expected in fall 2020.
Bustang Fleet Purchases (\$1.88 M)	Fleet purchases to support service at Castle Rock and/or Lone Tree.	Project has been approved by TC.
Castle Rock and/or Lone Tree Transit Station(s) (\$7.30 M)	Site selection, design and construction of a new transit station near Castle Rock and/or Lone Tree.	Planning and stakeholder engagement activities and conceptual design have started.
Idaho Springs Park-n-Ride (\$1.30 M)	Expanded Park-n-Ride with interchange improvements and slip ramps on I-70.	Project has been approved by TC.
Safer Main Streets Program (\$26.00 M)	Contribution for design and construction of BRT elements. Total funding offered is \$77.50 M (includes highway \$).	Application closed August 14; project selection underway.
Bijou Street Storage & Maintenance Facility (\$3.00 M)	Design and construction of new 10-bay Bustang facility located at the Region 2 Vehicle Storage Facility in central Colorado Springs.	Project is in construction. Anticipated completion in September 2021.
Colorado Springs Transit Center (\$5.00 M)	Contribution to the construction of a new Downtown Transit Center at the northeast corner of Nevada Ave & Pikes Peak Ave that serves as a hub for Mountain Metro Transit local bus operations; Bustang and Greyhound intercity bus operations; taxis and TNCs; bikeshare; and pedestrians. Includes City-owned public parking & private residential, commercial and office development on upper floors.	Project has been approved by TC.
Cripple Creek Admin & Operations Facility (\$0.12 M)	Design of a new administrative/ operations facility that will provide a space for the transit division.	Awarded through Capital Call. Executed contract in place.
North Pueblo Mobility Hub (\$1.10 M)	ROW purchase, design and construction of new mobility hub in Pueblo with 100 - 200 parking spaces.	Project is in design.

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Prowers County Bus Barn & Office Extension (\$0.11 M)	Construction of office space extension on existing bus storage facility.	Awarded through Capital Call.
Pueblo Administrative and Maintenance Facility (\$0.98M)	Relocate and construct facility for Pueblo Transit, with parking available for use by Bustang/Outrider. Match funds to leverage FTA 5339 funds.	This project was not awarded the FTA funds. Scope revision TBD.
South Central Storage and Maintenance Facility (\$0.20 M)	Land purchase, design and construction of new bus storage and maintenance facility for Trinidad would house SCCOG Transit and Phase 3 Outrider from Trinidad to Pueblo.	Project has been approved by TC.
Southwest Chief Track Improvements - CRISI Grant Match (\$0.05 M)	CDOT portion to fund study to offer thru-car service on Southwest Chief to Pueblo and Colorado Springs. Total match money & grant totals \$450M.	Project has been approved by TC and received award from FRA.
Southwest Chief Track Improvements - BUILD Grant Match (\$1.0 M)	CDOT portion of Southwest Chief track improvements - Rail replacement, turnouts and grade crossing replacements on La Junta Subdivision between Kansas and Colorado.	Project has been approved by TC and received award from FRA.
Crested Butte Storage Facility (\$0.60 M)	Design of new bus storage facility in Crested Butte for Bustang storage.	Project has been approved by TC.
Frisco Transit Center - Phase 2 (\$3.44 M)	Construction of Phase 2 of the Frisco Transit Center. Serves Summit County's service to Leadville, Fairplay, Breckenridge, and Keystone.	Design nearly complete. Construction expected to begin in 2021 and complete in summer 2022.
RFTA Aspen Maintenance Facility Improvement - Phase 9 (\$1.00 M)	Replacement of existing underground fuel tanks with new, double-walled tanks and monitoring systems, in order to reduce the risk of leak or spill.	Awarded through Capital Call. Executed contract in place.
RFTA Glenwood Maintenance Facility - Phase 2 (\$2.98 M)	Site work incl. building and foundation demolition, roadway realignment, earthmoving, and retaining walls construction.	Awarded through Capital Call. Project won \$11.48 M FTA 5339(b) grant in August.
Summit County Transit Operations Center (\$0.43 M)	Design of a larger, upgraded facility necessary to accommodate all Summit Stage buses, support vehicles and offices.	Awarded through Capital Call. Executed contract in place.
Western Slope Storage and Maintenance Facility (\$0.26 M)	Land purchase, design and construction of new Bustang storage and maintenance facility near Montrose.	Project has been approved by TC.
Winter Park Transit Maintenance Facility - Phase 1 (\$0.20 M)	Phase 1 - Design of a new transit storage, maintenance, and admin facility located in a rural area.	Awarded through Capital Call. Executed contract in place.

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Winter Park Transit Maintenance Facility - Phase 2 (\$2.60 M)	Phase 2 - Construction of a new transit storage, maintenance, and admin facility located in a rural area.	Awarded through Capital Call. Received a direct 2019 5339(b) award from FTA for \$12 M for construction.
Berthoud Mobility Hub (\$5.00 M)	Design and initial construction for ultimate center-loading express Bustang station constructed as part of North I-25 Segment 6.	Design in progress. Initial construction expected to begin September 2020.
Bustang Fleet Purchases (Region 4) (\$1.25 M)	Fleet purchases to support service at Longmont/Firestone/Weld County Mobility Hub	Project has been approved by TC.
Centerra-Loveland Mobility Hub (\$6.0M)	Construction of center median Bustang station and Park-n-Ride. Part of Region 4 I-25 Segment 7 Managed Lanes project.	Under construction. Anticipated completion by Spring 2022.
Estes Park Transit Improvements (\$1.03 M)	Various transit projects and improvements in Estes Park.	This project was approved at August TC.
SMART Administrative & Maintenance Facility (\$1.86M)	Purchase of Existing Real Property including buildings.	Awarded through Capital Call.
Longmont/Firestone/Weld County Mobility Hub (Interim Config. Design) (\$0.60 M)	Design of interim configuration to expand the existing Park-n-Ride from 116 existing spaces to around 280 proposed spaces. Serves Bustang to Fort Collins and Denver.	Design in progress and expected to complete in December 2020.
Longmont/Firestone/Weld County Mobility Hub (Interim Config. Const.) (\$2.70 M)	Construction of interim configuration to expand the existing Park-n-Ride from 116 existing spaces to around 280 proposed spaces. Serves Bustang to Fort Collins and Denver.	Construction expected to begin in Spring 2021.
Longmont/Firestone/Weld County Mobility Hub (Ultimate Config. ROW) (\$2.50 M)	Land purchase for ultimate center-median configuration to be constructed as part of North I-25 Segment 4.	ROW Purchase was approved by TC. Negotiations are ongoing.
SH 119 BRT (\$2.0 M)	Contribution in support of RTD's FasTracks commitment to provide BRT between Boulder and Longmont.	Design RFP released July 1; Kick-off meeting with CDOT and RTD scheduled for September 16, 2020
Buena Vista Park-n-Ride and Intermodal Facility (\$0.60 M)	Park-n-Ride and Intermodal Facility in Buena Vista (Gunnison-Denver Outrider Route).	This project was approved at August TC.
Durango Transit Capital Improvements (\$2.00 M)	Upgrade transit stops along US 550 to include ADA-compliant curb ramps, sidewalk cross slopes, and landings. Part of implementation of Durango Transit's ADA Transition Plan.	This project was approved at August TC.
Pagosa Springs Multimodal Facility (\$1.08 M)	This new facility will be ADA compliant, open to the public and store vehicles under shelter.	This project was approved at August TC and received additional funding from MMOF and FTA 5339(b)

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Poncha Springs Crossroads Welcome Center Improvements (\$0.50M)	Expansion and renovation of existing parking and transit facility adjacent to existing visitor center. At intersection of US 285 & US 50.	This project is on hold.
Bustang Outrider Improvements (Var.)	Stops, shelters and minor roadway/sidewalk upgrades at numerous locations throughout Colorado.	Design standards are currently being finalized.

Next Steps

The Division of Transit and Rail will schedule internal coordination meetings with:

1. Relevant Region partners to plan project implementation and determine project management roles

Attachments

Strategic Transit Projects (SB 267) - Transit Program Roadmap