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TO: Transit and Rail Advisory Committee
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SUBJECT: Approval of Senate Bill 17-267 Year 3 Transit Projects

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to request a recommendation from the Transit and Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC) to the Transportation Commission (TC) for approval of Year 3 Senate Bill 17-267 (SB 267) allocations for strategic transit projects.

Action

The Division of Transit and Rail (DTR) requests a recommendation from the TRAC to approve funding allocations for strategic transit projects to be funded with SB 267 Year 3 funds.

Background

In December 2019, the TC approved a strategic transit capital projects list totaling \$192 million. This transit list was expanded in March, April, and August 2020 when thirteen additional transit projects were identified and authorized by the TC. Due to COVID-19's impact on the state's economy, CDOT had to scale back or defer some projects. Discussions were held with TRAC and TC beginning in the spring/summer of 2020, and concluded with add back funding scenarios.

In February 2021, DTR staff provided an update to the Senate Bill 267 Strategic Transit Program covering projects funded with SB 267 Years 1- 2. In March 2021, DTR presented project proposals for SB 267 Year 3 funds to TRAC, STAC, and TC. With few exceptions, the proposals remain consistent with the 10-Year Plan strategic pipeline of projects and "add back" projects previously approved by the Transportation Commission that were postponed.

Details

Transit projects are generally prioritized considering current project status (i.e., in planning, design, or construction phase), availability of matching funds/awarded grants, project readiness, and regional equity. Additional considerations include 1) restoring funding to approved projects which were reduced when the four-year program was scaled back to Years 1 & 2 funding only, 2) installation of electric vehicle charging stations and micro mobility options at mobility hubs and transit facilities, 3) adding Bustang and Outrider bus stops, shelters and signs to locations which were not yet identified in December 2019 and, 4) addressing scope, schedule and/or budget revisions to approved projects. The Year 3 program also includes nine new proposed transit projects, which are summarized below.

I-25 and SH 7 Interchange Mobility Hub - \$1.5M

- Design of bus slip ramps and a new Park-n-Ride for Bustang's North Line
- Project advanced from Years 5-10 pipeline of projects

Grand Junction Mobility Hub - \$0.5M

- Grant Application and preconstruction of a multimodal facility to accommodate Bustang, Grand Valley Transit, Greyhound and possibly Amtrak (dependent upon preferred alternative)

- Project is consistent with CDOT's vision to construct mobility hubs in strategic locations, where opportunities exist to partner with transit agencies, local governments, and private developers to leverage funding and create multimodal facilities

Snowmass Transit Center - \$4.5M

- Construction of a new transit facility in Snowmass Village
- Design and environmental clearance, funded with MMOF and local funds, to be completed by end of 2021
- Project advanced from Years 5-10 pipeline of projects

Montrose Multimodal Facility - \$2.98M

- Multimodal center in Montrose serving All Points Transit, San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation, and Outrider
- Funds were repurposed from Western Slope Storage and Maintenance Facility project

Region 3 Outrider Storage in Montrose - \$0.5M

- Storage for 2 to 4 Outrider buses in a Region 3 Maintenance Yard
- Funds were repurposed from Western Slope Storage and Maintenance Facility project

Outrider Improvements at Steamboat Springs, Milner, Hayden and Craig - \$0.32M

- Safety/stop improvements to support Craig to Denver Outrider line
- Project advanced from Years 5-10 pipeline of projects

Outrider Improvements at Winter Park and Tabernash - \$0.16M

- Safety/stop improvements to support Craig to Denver Outrider line
- Project advanced from Years 5-10 pipeline of projects

Firestone-Longmont Mobility Hub Access Improvements - \$2.0M

- Safety improvement to construct full movement signalized intersection to allow for left turns out of park-n-ride
- Serves interim and center median mobility hubs

Salida Transit Capital Improvements - \$0.92M

- Design and construction of two bus stops on US 50 with safe pedestrian crossings and ADA walkway improvements

Next Steps

April

1. Present proposed SB 267 Year 3 transit project list to Transit and Rail Advisory Committee for recommendation
2. Present proposed SB 267 Year 3 transit project list to Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee for recommendation
3. Present final SB 267 Year 3 transit project list and materials to Transportation Commission for approval

Once the final SB 267 Year 3 amount including premium is finalized, staff will come back with any adjustments, including the opportunity to add projects.

Attachments

Presentation