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DATE: January 15, 2021
TO: Transit & Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC)
FROM: David Krutsinger, Director, Division of Transit & Rail (DTR)
SUBJECT: Transit COVID Guidance

Purpose

The purpose of this information is to solicit advice for the next six months of the COVID Pandemic with regard to transit operations, and social/physical distancing guidance.

Action

Information and discussion only; no action required.

Background

On November 3, 2020 CDOT released guidance developed in conjunction with the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE). CDOT received feedback that some clarifications and better prioritization of the information would improve the ability of transit agencies to meet the intent of health-based guidance. CDOT and CDPHE released those clarifications, and a longer document on December 24, 2020. CDOT also released additional CARES funds to resort agencies to address capacity constraints on December 21, 2020.

Details

CDOT responded to resort agency / winter recreation community concerns about this winter season, relative to COVID physical distancing requirements. The funding (next page) aids in supporting transit agency needs to make COVID-related winter surge capacity possible by paying for additional drivers / driver hours and/or to lease additional buses. The amounts in the table were to expend immediately (Dec 21st), with a contract (on FTA pre-award authority) to follow later (est. March). This money is 100% FTA CARES Act, with no match required.

CDOT is aware that the efforts to follow the guidance and also serve the customers are not easily or instantaneously solved with the additional money. Future holiday weekends, and the general public's impatience with on-going social distancing will create continued pressures for transit agencies. However, with cases increasing again after the holidays, with the more-transmissible form of COVID being found in Colorado, and with vaccine distribution taking longer than expected nationwide, there will be the need for continued focus on the twin challenges of distancing and capacity balancing until at least the late spring (aka mud-season in the high mountain recreation areas).

Next Steps

Adjust and adapt based on TRAC Guidance
Begin distribution of new Stimulus Funds for 2021 to provide more financial assistance

Attachments

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Executive Director Lew letter from 12/24
Updated COVID Guidance
FAQs
Full-length Pandemic Protocols

CARES Phase 3 - Winter Surge Capacity	
Agency	CARES Act
Very Large	
	Apportionment
Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA)	\$ 300,000
Eagle County	\$ 200,000
Summit County (Summit Stage) (incl Lake & Park)	\$ 200,000
Aspen	\$ 200,000
Vail	\$ 200,000
Mountain Village, Town of	\$ 150,000
	\$ 1,250,000
Large	
Breckenridge, Town of	\$ 150,000
Steamboat Springs, City of	\$ 150,000
Snowmass Village, Town of	\$ 150,000
Winter Park, Town of	\$ 150,000
Durango, City of	\$ 150,000
	\$ 750,000
Medium	
Crested Butte (Mountain Express)	\$ 100,000
Gunnison Valley Rural Transportation Authority	\$ 100,000
Avon	\$ 100,000
Glenwood Springs, City of	\$ 100,000
San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation	\$ 100,000
Town of Telluride	\$ 100,000
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	\$ 600,000

\$ 2,600,000