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TO: Transit & Rail Advisory Committee
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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 December 31, 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.

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.

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 December 31, 2020:

SB 267 YEAR 1		
Project	Description	Status
Burnham Yard - CRISI Grant Match (\$tbd)	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 but did not receive a grant award. SB 267 transit funds may still be used to support this project in the future.
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.
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.
Prowers County Bus Barn & Office Extension (\$0.11 M)	Construction of office space extension on existing bus storage facility.	Awarded through Capital Call.
Southwest Chief Thru-car Study - 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.
Arterial Transit and Bike/Pedestrian Improvements on I-70 Business/US 6 Corridor (\$1.5 M)	Arterial Transit & Bike/Ped Improvements combined with highway improvements	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.	Project completed in partnership with RFTA.
RFTA Glenwood Maintenance Facility - Phase 3/7 (\$2.98 M)	Site work incl. building and foundation demolition, roadway realignment, earthmoving, and retaining walls construction. Scope revisions pending.	Awarded through Capital Call. Design expected to be completed in spring 2021. Construction expected to be completed by the end of 2022.
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. Design is out for bid.
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. Design is expected to be complete by summer 2021.
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. Currently scoping with FTA & CDOT.

SB 267 YEAR 1		
Project	Description	Status
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 January 2021. Region 4 considering the use of stimulus funds to finance full build before 2023.
Centerra-Loveland Mobility Hub (\$6.0 M)	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.
Longmont/Firestone/Weld County Mobility Hub (Interim Design) (\$0.68 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 by summer 2021. Access improvements will be completed as a separate project
Longmont/Firestone/Weld County Mobility Hub (Interim Construction) (\$6.04 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 the fall of 2021.
Longmont/Firestone/Weld County Mobility Hub (Ultimate Center Median - 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 2020. Consultant selected. Design kick-off January 2021.
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 has been withdrawn.
SMART Administrative & Maintenance Facility (\$1.86M)	Purchase of Existing Real Property including buildings.	COMPLETED Purchase is complete. SMART closed on the property in October.

SB 267 YEAR 2		
Project	Description	Status
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 Mobility Hub (\$0.30 M)	Site selection, design, and construction of a new transit station near Castle Rock.	Planning activities have started.
Lone Tree Mobility Hub (\$7.00 M)	Site selection, design, and construction of a new transit station Lone Tree.	Planning, 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.

SB 267 YEAR 2		
Project	Description	Status
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 in August 2020. Project selection completed. Detailed data analysis in progress.
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. Public Private Partnership agreements are in negotiation.
North Pueblo Mobility Hub (\$1.10 M)	ROW purchase, design and construction of new mobility hub in Pueblo with 100 - 200 parking spaces.	Design at the initial location was stopped to consider a new site which may serve more customers. An alternatives analysis is being performed at both locations.
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. Plan to resubmit application to FTA next year.
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 - 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 was approved by TC but did not receive the BUILD grant. Plan to resubmit application to USDOT next year.
Crested Butte Storage Facility (\$0.80 M)	Design of new bus storage facility in Crested Butte for Mountain Express, GVRTA, and Bustang storage.	Project has been approved by TC. Additional funds were approved by TC in December
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.
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.
Estes Park Transit Improvements (\$1.03 M)	Various transit projects and improvements in Estes Park.	This project was approved at August TC. Scope development/refinement is in progress.
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.

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Project	Description	Status
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. Anticipate IGA in early 2021.
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 (\$15 K) and FTA 5339 (\$1.81 M).
Bustang Outrider Improvements (\$3.05 M)	Stops, shelters and minor roadway/sidewalk upgrades at numerous locations throughout Colorado.	Design standards have been developed. Scope development and refinement underway.

Next Steps

The Division of Transit and Rail will continue to work on preconstruction activities as well as participate in project meetings through construction, and provide quarterly updates to the Transit and Rail Advisory Committee and the Transportation Commission.

Attachments

Strategic Transit Projects (SB 267) - Transit Program Roadmap