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**DATE:** November 5, 2021  
**TO:** Transit & Rail Advisory Committee  
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**SUBJECT:** 2022 Super Call Status Update

### Purpose

Inform the Committee of the progress on 2022 Super Call project selection

### Action

Information and feedback only.

### Background

DTR released the very first Super call for 2022 Operating, Capital and Planning projects, with a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) sent statewide and dated June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. DTR announced the availability of over \$32.3M in Federal, State, and private funds; Applications had dispersed due dates as the capital applications were last due on Sept 3, 2021.

### Details

A total of 129 applications were received with over \$70 M requests, which far exceeded the funding availability. Capital requests were four times of the amount available, showing a very strong demand in Colorado Transit as we appear to be quickly recovering from COVID.

- DTR staff followed its internal policies and the evaluation criteria set forth in the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), led and facilitated evaluation committees for operating, capital and planning project selection.
- Nine 5310 mobility management projects and five 5310 operating projects were recommended by the evaluation committee utilizing CRRSAA, ARP 5310 and regular 5310 funds.
- Eleven 5304 projects were recommended by the planning evaluation committee.
- Capital project evaluation is still in session, updates will be posted.

### Key Benefits

Award of these projects will 1) enhance the access of people in rural and small urbanized areas to health care, shopping, education, recreation, public services, and employment by encouraging the



development, maintenance, improvement, and use of public transportation services, and 2) improve Colorado's State of Good Repair, particularly in rural and small urbanized areas, and allow services to be expanded.

### **Options and Recommendations**

Due to the high demand of capital funds, DTR staff recommend releasing ARP 2022 funds for 2022 and first six months of 2023 operation needs, then utilizing and reserving 2022 regular 5311 funds for 2022 and future year's capital (fleet) projects.

### **Next Steps**

Once the award recommendations are approved by the DTR director, DTR staff will notify applicants of its decisions, including reasons for not awarding funds, and next will begin the process of programming, budgeting and contracting for those who were awarded funding. The detailed award list will be published once the final decisions are made.

### **Attachments**

No attachments.

