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SUBJECT: 10-Year Plan Amendment Approach

Purpose

With the near completion of the first four years of the 10-Year Plan Strategic Pipeline of Projects, it is now time to prioritize and advance projects from the out years of the plan considering the sustainable funding provided by SB 260. CDOT and its planning partners want to be responsive to the funding provided by SB 260, plus the federal level infrastructure funding that may be coming to Colorado. Lastly, we need to amend the 10-Year Plan to address the SB 260 requirements, including compliance with the new standard for reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

Action

No action is required. Information only.

Background

Projects in the 10-Year Plan were based on statewide outreach, funneled through rural Transportation Planning Region (TPR) and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) prioritization within the framework of TC guiding principles. The 10-Year plan represents a multimodal approach to planning with transit and highway projects combined together to address our transportation challenges and needs.

The 10-Year plan was built assuming a fiscal constraint of ~\$500 M / year. The plan was divided into two segments that included a four year prioritized list of projects and an unfunded list of projects for the outyears (Years 5-10). The four year prioritized list of projects was based on the assumed SB 267 revenue that would come to the state. In late 2019, TC approved a \$1.6 billion list of highway projects, and a \$192 million list of transit capital projects to be funded with the assumed SB 267 funding over the four year period. While the four year prioritized list of projects was based on SB 267 fiscal constraint, we were in the fortunate position of receiving even more funding than anticipated, primarily due to federal stimulus funding and the recent passage of SB 260. This allowed us to advance some additional projects from the out years of the plan ahead of schedule that were critical in nature and met the project readiness requirements of the funding.

Details

At the September meeting, CDOT staff will provide a recap of the 10-Year Plan funding to date and what we have accomplished with that funding. Recognizing that we are close to completing the first four years worth of projects in the 10-Year Plan, CDOT staff will then discuss an approach for amending the 10-Year Plan recognizing the new requirements from SB 260.

10-Year Plan Reformat

In June of 2021, CDOT staff reformatted the 10-Year Plan project tables to better reflect the Plan's multimodal approach to addressing our transportation challenges and needs. The feedback on the new format was positive and has led to further recommendations from stakeholders and planning partners on how we can make the planning document an even more effective tool to communicate project status, phasing, and funding needs for every project. CDOT staff has now further refined the 10-Year Plan project tables based on these recent recommendations (see link in the Attachments section below).

Please note that while the project tables now link directly to the unique fact sheets that have been created for the over 400 projects identified in the 10-Year Plan, the fact sheets are still in the process of being updated to tell a more complete funding story for each project. We anticipate being finished updating all the fact sheets by mid-October.

CDOT works to continuously improve the 10-Year Plan as a living document with the goal of giving the public and stakeholder groups an easy to understand and transparent view of how the projects identified by them are now being delivered. This goal is especially important as we work together in the coming months to amend the 10-Year Plan.

Next Steps

CDOT staff will follow the timeline as described in the presentation and return to TC in October for a more detailed briefing and discussion on fiscal constraint for the 10-Year Plan Amendment.

Attachments

Presentation

Link to Reformatted 10-Year Plan project tables:

<https://www.codot.gov/programs/your-transportation-priorities/your-transportation-plan>