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DATE: September 10, 2021
TO: Transit & Rail Advisory Committee
FROM: Amber Blake, Director, Division of Transit & Rail
SUBJECT: Senate Bill 228 Status Report

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on SB 228 transit projects approved for Years 1, 2, and 3 through the reporting period ending June 30, 2021.

Action

Informational only, no action required.

Background

Senate Bill 228 (SB 228) provided CDOT with \$200M in new revenue in FY 2016, \$79M in FY 2017, and \$79M in FY 2018. At least 10% (approximately \$35.8M = \$20M + \$7.9M + \$7.9M) must be dedicated to transit. The SB 228 program must be used for strategic, TC-approved projects with statewide or regional significance.

In August 2016, the Transportation Commission approved \$20M in commitments toward a list consisting mainly of Park-n-Ride investments around the state, and bus purchases for rural regional services now branded as “Bustang Outrider”. Two of the earlier projects were withdrawn, and the funds were reprogrammed.

In November 2017, the Commission approved \$9.9M in projects which consisted of bus purchases, match for rail improvements, and funds for local agency capital purchases (\$7.9M Year 2 funds, +\$2.0M re-programmed from Year 1 funds). In August 2018, the Commission approved \$10.9M in projects which consisted of bus purchases, local agency capital purchases, and Park-n-Ride investments.

In March 2019, the Transportation Commission committed the final \$2.5M in funds to the Bustang Fleet replacement fund.

Details

SB 228 Project Update

The following table provides a brief description of each project and its current status. A more detailed schedule is included as an attachment.

SB 228 YEAR 1		
Project	Description	Status
Program and Construction Management (\$2.0 M)	Consultant assistance for project development and program/construction management for the SB 228 transit projects.	Executed contract with AECOM, the program/construction management consultant retained by Bridge Enterprise for technical assistance. Contract to be extended through December 2021 with SB 267 funds.
Winter Park Express Platform (\$1.5 M)	Project to construct the Winter Park Express platform and related railroad improvements. CDOT partnered with Winter Park Resort, Amtrak and the UP.	COMPLETED Project completed in partnership with Region 3. The official opening service was on January 6 th , 2017.
Bus Purchases (\$2.5 M)	Purchase of branded over-the-road coaches for Outrider.	COMPLETED Six coaches were delivered in March 2018.
Centerra-Loveland Mobility Hub (\$5.0 M)	Part of a much larger project to build managed lanes from Loveland to Ft. Collins. Includes a center median Bustang station and a new Park-n-Ride at Kendall Parkway and I-25. The station is now known as the Centerra-Loveland Mobility Hub.	Construction of the transit station and the corresponding roadway segment (design-build contract) started in July 2019 and is scheduled to be completed in 2023.
Woodmen Road Park-n-Ride Replacement (\$3.0 M)	Relocation and construction of the primary Bustang bus stop and Park-n-Ride in Colorado Springs.	WITHDRAWN Negotiations with the property owner of the identified site failed. CDOT will explore other methods to increase parking capacity of the existing site. The funds were re-programmed for Year 3 projects.
San Miguel County Park-n-Ride (\$1.5 M)	Design and construction of a new Park-n-Ride outside of Telluride that will serve local and regional transit services.	COMPLETED Partnership with Region 5 and local agency partners. Construction was completed in December 2018.
Frisco Transit Center - Phase 1 (\$2.5 M)	Rehabilitation and expansion of a transit center in Frisco which serves local routes, Bustang, Greyhound, and private car rental businesses.	COMPLETED Partnership with Region 3 and local agency partners. Construction was completed in summer 2021.
Rifle Park-n-Ride (\$2.0 M)	Relocation and expansion of a Park-n-Ride to better serve local and regional transit, and future Bustang service.	WITHDRAWN City officials encountered obstacles in working with the property owner of the preferred site and providing funds for off-site improvements associated with the Park-n-Ride. The funds were re-programmed for Year 2 projects.

SB 228 YEAR 2		
Project	Description	Status
Bus Purchases (\$2.4 M)	Four coaches to expand Bustang service to Grand Junction and meet system demand in other parts of the state.	COMPLETED Delivered in May 2018.
TIGER 9 Match (\$1.0 M)	CDOT portion of local matching funds for TIGER 9 Southwest Chief for route restoration and repair.	The TIGER 9 application was successful. The FRA agreement was executed in August. Most of the rail re-lay work, switches, and crossings in Colorado and Kansas were complete by May 2021. New Mexico segment starts at a later date.
Local Agency State of Good Repair (\$6.5 M)	Funds available for local transit agency capital needs (bus replacements, transit stops, etc.).	To date, \$5.8 M has been awarded to local capital projects. Additional awards planned for Years 4 and 5 of the Local Agency State of Good Repair program.

SB 228 YEAR 3		
Project	Description	Status
Bus Purchases (\$3.2 M)	Five coaches to expand Bustang service. Two for the Bustang West line, one for the Bustang North line, and two in support of the South I-25 Gap Project.	COMPLETED Delivered in May 2019.
Local Agency State of Good Repair (\$3.5 M)	Funds available for local transit agency capital needs (bus replacements, transit stops, etc.). Funds will be drawn down over a two-year period.	To date, \$5.8 M has been awarded to local capital projects. Additional awards planned for Years 4 and 5.
Pueblo Park-n-Ride - Design (\$0.5 M)	A Park-n-Ride in North Pueblo to accommodate intercity, regional, and local transit services.	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.
Tejon Park-n-Ride (\$0.5 M)	Minor improvements to CDOT owned Park-n-Ride to better accommodate intercity and local transit services.	Scope development in progress.
Bustang Fleet Replacement Fund (\$2.5 M)	Funds Bus Replacement budget for approximately 2 years.	TC approved funding in May 2019. Money was deposited into bus replacement fund.
Program and Construction Management (\$0.7 M)	Consultant assistance for project development and program/construction management for the Front Range Passenger Rail effort.	Contract has been executed and consultant services are underway.

Next Steps

The Division of Transit and Rail will continue to advance the approved SB 228 projects and provide quarterly progress updates to the Transportation Commission and the Transit & Rail Advisory Committee.

Attachments

Strategic Transit Projects (SB 228) - Transit Program Roadmap