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DATE: November 2022
TO: Transit & Rail Advisory Committee
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SUBJECT: Transit Grants FY22 Report

Purpose

The memo provides the Transit & Rail Advisory Committee with a FY22 update on the Transit Grants Program, with data reflective of the FY ending June 30, 2022.

Action

For information only. No action needed.

Background

Policy Directive 704.0 “Policy Governing the Efficient Use of FASTER Revenue”, update June 4, 2020: states that; “The Mobility Systems Committee shall review quarterly reports submitted by Division of Transit and Rail which contain the expenditures and status of all FASTER funded projects and the reconciliation of FASTER funding”.

FTA Circular 5010.1E requires that CDOT, as a recipient of FTA funds, provide Federal Financial Reports (FFR’s) and Milestone/Progress Reports (MPR’s). This information is assembled by members of the Division of Transit & Rail (DTR), the Business Office within the Division of Accounting and Finance (DAF), and the Office of Financial Management & Budget (OFMB).

Details

Table 1 provides a high-level summary of FASTER and FTA Funding status, contracting, and spending, for FY 22.

Table 1: Financial Trends from Budget to Expenditure

Funding Source & Year	Total FY 22 Funding Available Including Roll-Over	% Contracted 4 th Qtr. Ending 6/30/2022	% Spent 4 th Qtr. Ending 6/30/2022
FASTER FY 22	\$25.9 M	98%	76%
FTA FY 22	\$85.9 M	100%	70%
FHWA RAISE FY 22	\$24.2 M	NA	NA
Bustang Fare Box Revenue FY22	\$ 1.6 M	NA	NA

Project Assistance / Lessons Learned

PD 704 asks DTR to regularly identify projects that are experiencing significant changes to scope, schedule, or budget. Once identified, DTR staff then can apply more project management controls, offer more technical assistance, or it can serve as an advance notice to the TRAC and Mobility Systems Committee that some projects may be subject to PD 703’s rules regarding budget changes. Table 2 presents the highlights for relevant projects and agencies, updated through June 2022.

Project	Change being Experienced	Description / Response
Capital Projects (rolling stock)	Pricing for Rolling Stock is increasing faster than agreements can be executed - Cannot hold pricing even with the signed/legal agreement in place. Supply chain is slow in obtaining/delivering rolling stock and Buy America is a factor in competition, driving costs up.	CDOT Procurement/DTR are working with Rolling Stock Vendor(s) to address pricing increase frequency to put reasonable parameters around it contractually that will work for the vendor and for the State. CDOT Procurement is also working with the State Controller on exceptions for CDOT allowing them to work with pre-award authority for both federal and state funding as well as other options might be available to allow agencies to order rolling stock as early as possible and DTR to contract as early as possible.

Table 3 Summary Transit Grant Contracting & Invoicing Performance

The 2022 progress stands at 165 of the forecast 350 contracts to be delivered for the fiscal year.

Goal Area	Results
Timely Contracts	Normal Year: 175 to 200 Grant Agreements, Contracts, & Extensions 2022 Goal: 350 contracts & extensions, 165 for fiscal year 2022 (pricing of rolling stock has affected contracting, can't get price agreements in place to contract timely)
Timely Payments (Average Days ≤ 30 Days)	24 days to payment, for FY 2022 July 1, 2021 - Jun 30, 2022
Statutory Violations	1 Statutory Violation in FY year 2022

Next Steps

With the recent changes in DTR staffing, funding, and services we have been looking at PD's 704 and 1608.1 to ensure that we are in line with required reporting to stakeholders. To ensure we are being good stewards of the funding transparently with our stakeholders and providing meaningful support to the communities in Colorado, DTR would like to provide data/reporting differently to the TC, beginning with the November 2022 report. The new report will outline DTRs Key Metrics, including program financials by funding source; plan for obligation of projects by type of project, i.e., Capital, Admin, Operating, Equipment, etc. and will provide a quarterly summary of project status. We would also like to provide PIO Updates which will provide a summary of all DTR Programs, the good, the bad and the ugly.

Attachments:

None