

Resolution # TC-17-5-2

Federal Freight Program Project Approval

Approved by the Transportation Commission on May 18, 2017

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act created the National Highway Freight Program to improve the efficient movement of freight on the National Highway Freight Network; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Freight Program is a new formula program for freight projects with funding authorized for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2016 through FFY 2020; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Freight Program is anticipated to provide approximately \$15 million (federal) annually to Colorado through FFY 2020; and

WHEREAS, projects have been identified and evaluated for the first two years of funding (FFY 2016 and FFY 2017) based on eligibility and evaluation criteria developed in cooperation with the Freight Advisory Council (FAC) and Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC); and

WHEREAS, the eligibility and evaluation criteria were developed based on federal program requirements and goal areas identified in the 2040 Statewide Transportation Plan, State Highway Freight Plan, and Transportation Commission Policy Directive 14.0; and

WHEREAS, projects identified for consideration based on eligibility and evaluation criteria were reviewed by the FAC and STAC and significant input was provided on the priority of different project and project types, the significance of project benefits to freight, and the appropriateness for freight funding; and

WHEREAS, based on the results of evaluation and input provided, 14 projects totaling \$35.75 million have been identified for National Highway Freight Program funding; and

WHEREAS, an additional five projects have been identified for program development using State Planning and Research (SPR) funds and will be considered for funding for implementation in subsequent years of the National Highway Freight Program; and

WHEREAS, the projects identified for funding represent a balanced portfolio of projects with significant benefits to freight mobility and safety, and

WHEREAS, the projects were identified with the support of the FAC and STAC; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission approves the 14 projects identified as FY 2016 – FY 2017 National Highway Freight Program Projects, dated May 18, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the case of approved projects that assume other funding sources, funding approval may be reconsidered and other projects proposed in substitute if

these other sources become unavailable and project implementation is significantly delayed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon completion of an approved project, any National Highway Freight Program funds that remain as a result of project savings are to be made available for the implementation of other projects identified for potential National Highway Freight Program funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commission directs staff to take appropriate steps to move forward with the obligation of National Highway Freight Program funds for the approved projects, including required designations under the National Highway Freight Network, and amendments to Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) or Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

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Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado

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Date