

Resolution #TC-17-10-14

Instructing the Department to submit an application under the INFRA Discretionary Grant program and support priority projects submitted by other Colorado applicants.

Approved by the Transportation Commission on October 19, 2017.

WHEREAS, the Nationally Significant Freight and Highways Projects Program (NSFHP) was authorized by Congress in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, Pub. L. No. 114-94, 129 Stat. 1312 (2015); and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Funding Availability was issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) on July 5 for the NSFHP Program under the name Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Discretionary Grant Program for FY 2017 and FY 2018, subject to further appropriations; and

WHEREAS, applications for the INFRA discretionary grant program are due to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation on November 2, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the USDOT's consideration of INFRA discretionary grant applications will be based on four key program objectives: supporting economic vitality, leveraging of federal funding, innovation, and performance and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) staff evaluated and analyzed potential projects for the Department to submit under the INFRA discretionary grant program and identified one project to be submitted by CDOT and three additional projects to be submitted by local entities and supported with a commitment of matching funds by the Transportation Commission; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Department is instructed to submit a single application for the following project under the INFRA Discretionary Grant program:

- I-70 Westbound Peak Period Shoulder Lane

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in order to show the Department's financial commitment to the I-70 Westbound Peak Period Shoulder Lane project and because a state match is required and enhances the viability of the application, the Commission commits to funding up to \$80 million of state match for the project from Senate Bill 267 or other available state funds, with the source to be determined and allocated if the INFRA grant application is successful.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commission also commits to providing up to \$250 million of state match for a local grant application for I-25 Colorado-Springs Denver South Connection from Senate Bill 267 or other available state funds, with the source to be determined and allocated if the INFRA grant application is successful.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commission also commits to providing up to \$200 million of state match for a local grant application for I-25 North SH 402 – SH 56 (Segment 6) from Senate Bill 267 or other available state funds, with the source to be determined and allocated if the INFRA grant application is successful.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commission also commits to providing up to \$58.4 million of state match for a local grant application for US 85: Centennial Highway from Transportation Commission Program Reserve or other available state funds, with the source to be determined and allocated if the INFRA grant application is successful.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department may provide letters of support for priority projects submitted for an INFRA grant by other Colorado applicants.

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Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado

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Date