

Resolution #TC20-01-02

Providing the Colorado Department of Transportation with approval to implement Phase III Implementation of Bustang Routes

Approved by the Transportation Commission on January 16, 2020

WHEREAS, Colorado Senate Bill 09-108 Funding Advancement for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery provides \$10 million annually to specific statewide transit projects, while providing the Colorado Transportation Commission the authority to designate and select projects for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Transportation Commission has previously approved \$2.5 million annually for rural regional operating projects like the Bustang Outrider Rural Regional Bus System through TC Resolution # 17-11-13; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration provides over \$11.5 million for section 5311 rural transit funding support, for operations, administration and capital; and

WHEREAS, at least 15% (at least \$1.7 million) of FTA 5311 is required to be set aside to support intercity bus services within the state, known as FTA 5311(f); and

WHEREAS, to reduce the financial risk to providers, FTA allows the 5311(f) project's local match to be covered up to 100% with a defined in-kind contribution provided by private intercity bus providers or Transportation Development Credits as flexed from Colorado's FHWA toll credits; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Transportation Commission provided direction to continue efforts expanding the Bustang Outrider bus system using uncommitted FTA and/or FASTER operating funds; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Transportation Commission provided direction to consider geographic equity, social equity, implementation feasibility and feedback from stakeholders when scoring each proposed route for implementation; and

WHEREAS, the total operational costs for the recommended phase III expansion routes launching in 2021 would collectively cost approximately \$1.417 million in FASTER and FTA 5311(f); and

WHEREAS, the capital costs to procure the necessary rolling stock for the phase III expansion would be approximately \$2.44 million and manufacture time would be at least 8 months from Notice to Proceed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Colorado Transportation Commission approves and directs the Colorado Department of Transportation to implement the staff recommended Phase III Bustang Outrider routes, totaling four routes, to begin operations in 2021, each notated with the proposed associated operational and capital costs:

Trinidad - Pueblo

- Operations - \$230,000, 5 days per week
- Capital - \$360,000

Sterling - Greeley/Denver

- Operations - \$240,000, 5 days per week
- Capital - \$360,000

Telluride - Grand Junction

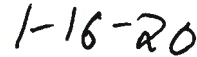
- Operations - \$347,000, 5 days per week
- Capital - \$860,000

Craig - Denver via U.S. 40

- Operations - \$600,000, 7 days per week
- Capital - \$860,000



Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado



Date