

Resolution #TC2021-04-09

Approve Implementation of the Bustang Microtransit on the I-70 Mountain Corridor to augment Bustang Interregional Bus Service during weekend peak traffic congestion.

Approved by the Transportation Commission on April 15, 2021.

WHEREAS, the CDOT mission is to “Provide the best multi-modal transportation system for Colorado”; and

WHEREAS, The Bustang Interregional Bus System is an established, well-utilized bus service along the I-70 corridor, but the expansion of high-capacity passenger bus service is problematic due to the severe shortage of Commercial Driver’s License qualified drivers; and

WHEREAS, I-70 traffic congestion and gridlock continues to impede mobility for residents and visitors along the corridor, emitting tons of greenhouse gases and particulate pollution into the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, High-capacity passenger buses greater than 25 feet in length cannot safely negotiate the Mountain Express Lanes in Clear Creek County, requiring these buses to travel in the general-purpose lanes; and

WHEREAS, The Bustang Microtransit vans configured into a 14 passenger plus driver configuration and 23 ft in length are exempted from the Federal CDL requirement and have the potential for operating efficiently in the Clear Creek County Mountain Express Lanes, offering fast and frequent departures bi-directionally, reducing VMT and GHG emissions, offering a reasonably priced public transit fare structure, and using other transit-oriented highway programs to by-pass heavy traffic where possible; and

WHEREAS, The Bustang Microtransit program will initially commence operations between Denver Union Station and the Avon Station, capitalizing on the established connections to the corridor’s local public transit systems; and

WHEREAS, Corridor stakeholder outreach has commenced with the creation of the Microtransit Advisory Sub-Committee of the Transit & Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC); and

WHEREAS, The Bustang Microtransit program is a program within the Bustang Interregional Bus System; therefore, the Transportation Commission’s governance is established with TC Resolution TC-3133 and Policy Directive 1605.1

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Transportation Commission hereby approves that CDOT shall provide Microtransit service to augment the current Bustang Service initially along I-70 west as soon as December 2021 by amending CDOT’s contract with its current Bustang contractor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial Start-Up Fund of \$2.47 Million shall be established from the following sources:

- \$1.24 Million for vehicle purchases and after-market required on-board equipment from OIM existing FY 21 approved funds.
- \$1.23 Million to Operations and Maintenance from the Bustang annual apportionment of FASTER Statewide Transit Funds.

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