

Resolution #TC-RES-2021-01-01 SM

Resolution Related to Federal COVID-19 Relief Package

Approved by the Transportation Commission on January 4, 2021.

WHEREAS, a \$900 billion COVID-19 relief package and a \$1.4 trillion FY 2021 omnibus appropriations package was passed by Congress and signed by the President of the United States on December 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the funding package includes \$9.8 billion for surface transportation for State Departments of Transportation, and Colorado's share of this would be 1.37% or \$134.3 million; and

WHEREAS, taken together, COVID Relief and FY 21 Supplemental funding is expected to provide Colorado approximately \$150 million; and

WHEREAS, the legislation dictates that funding will be allocated based on the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program formula that is based on population (larger urban, small urban, rural, flexible) with portions sub-allocated to the large urban Transportation Management Areas; and

WHEREAS, in addition to eligible uses under the STBG Program, stimulus funds may be used for costs related to preventive maintenance, routine maintenance, operations, personnel, including salaries of employees (including those employees who have been placed on administrative leave) or contractors, debt service payments, availability payments, and coverage for other revenue losses; and

WHEREAS, funding is available through September 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission (Commission) supports the following goals for these additional funds:

Move Quickly

- By allocating dollars quickly, CDOT can ensure maximum benefit to Colorado's economy.
- CDOT has focused on projects ready to go to advertisement as soon as possible (preferably February-April).
- CDOT staff will provide formal guidance to sub-recipients within 30 days on the timely use of funds.

Retain Focus on 10-yr Plan

- Projects come from the 10-yr plan (specifically Years 3 and 4 of the SB267 list) and reflect stated priorities from the plan (e.g. improving assets).

Distribute Dollars Equitably

- Because these dollars are intended to help the economy, staff proposes distributing them equitably across the state using the same formula as was used for the SB267 funding.

Advance Health and Sustainability Goals

- Continue critical COVID infrastructure support--Revitalizing Main Streets--supporting communities through the winter months.
- Help modernize our approach to NEPA so that project investments continue to

support GHG goals.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Transportation Commission approves the attached list of projects to be implemented with funds received from the COVID-19 relief and government funding package contingent upon their inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in order to show how quickly Colorado can make use of transportation funds, the Commission anticipates sub-recipients to approve projects by April, 2021, and expects most projects to go to advertisement by summer, 2021; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commission supports staff developing expenditure curves for all projects, including those chosen by sub-recipients, to ensure all stimulus funds are expended by the September 30, 2024 deadline, and if a project is unable to meet that deadline, a new project shall be chosen.

Herman F. Stockinger A.A.A.

Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado

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Date

Project Proposals

- **Region 1 Target \$45.9 M**
 - **DRCOG TMA sub-allocation \$36.2 M**
 - CDOT will issue sub allocation guidance to DRCOG requesting quick action on allocating dollars in order to maximize near-term economic benefits.
 - **Region 1 flexible \$9.7 million**
 - Proposed use of region-wide dollars is for Noise Wall Maintenance. This project is identified in years 5-10 of the 10-year plan.
- **Region 2 Target \$25.5 M**
 - The proposal for all of R2's target amount of \$25.5 M is to go to the SH 21 and Research Parkway Interchange project identified in the 10-Year Plan. This includes both the PPACG TMA sub-allocation of \$8.5 M (or other existing PPACG STBG funds) and the remaining R2 flexible dollars.
 - A loan from the TC Program Reserve to be paid back (assumes Year 3 COPs) will fund the remaining balance for the project.
- **Region 3 Target \$20.3 M**
 - US 50 Grand Junction to Delta Repairs (from 10-Year Plan): \$15 M
 - I70B (Region funded in 10-year plan) stimulus funds would be swapped with Region funds (Faster Safety, Surface treatment, RPP) and these funds would be placed in the US 6 Fruita to Palisade Safety Improvements (from 10-Year Plan): \$5.6 M
- **Region 4 Target \$32.1 M**
 - **NFRMPO TMA sub-allocation ~\$4 M**
Proposed Local Agency Projects:
 - North LCR 17 Expansion: \$760,000
 - Intersection Improvements SH 257 & Eastman Park Drive: \$1 M
 - Timberline Rd Corridor Improvements: \$2.69 M
 - **Region 4 flexible ~\$28 M**
 - Berthoud Mobility Hub at SH 56 / I-25 (from 10-Year Plan): \$6.5M
 - I-76 West of CO144 Westbound Rural Paving (from 10-Year Plan): \$8.05M
 - SH385 Phillips/Yuma County Line South Rural Paving (from 10-Year Plan): \$7.1M
 - SH119 Adaptive Signal System (from 10-Year Plan): \$2.4 M
 - Two Bridge Maintenance Projects: \$550,000
 - Replacement of X-lite guardrail end treatments: \$1.6 M
 - DRCOG Local Agency project SH7 & 119th St in Lafayette: \$2.6 M
- **Region 5 Target \$10.6 M**
 - US 160 McCabe Creek Major Structure Replacement (from 10-Year Plan): \$7.5 M
 - CO 141 North of Naturita Resurfacing (from 10-Year Plan): \$3.1 M
- **Additional Investments**
 - Continued Support for Revitalizing Main Streets (\$2M)
 - Modernizing NEPA (\$75k)
 - Bridge Repairs (~\$6M)