

## **Resolution #TC-2021-03-11**

Authorizing Department Staff to submit U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant application.

### **Approved by the Transportation Commission on March 18, 2021.**

**WHEREAS**, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act authorizes the INFRA program at \$4.5 billion from FY 2015-2016 through FY 2019-20, and the Continuing Appropriations Act of 2021 authorizes \$1.0 billion for FY 2020-21, to be awarded by the USDOT on a competitive basis to projects of national or regional significance that meet statutory requirements. (Pub. L. 114-94, December 4, 2015); and

**WHEREAS**, the USDOT released a 2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity for the \$1.0 billion INFRA program; and

**WHEREAS**, applications for the FY 2021 INFRA Discretionary Grant Program are due to the USDOT by 11:59 PM E.S.T on March 19, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, highway and bridge projects carried out on the National Highway System (NHS), including projects that add capacity on the Interstate System to improve mobility or projects in a national scenic area are eligible for the FY 2020-21 INFRA Discretionary Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the USDOT's evaluation of FY 2020-21 INFRA Discretionary Grant Program applications will be based on key program objectives: supporting economic vitality; addressing climate change and environmental justice impacts; advancing racial equity and reducing barriers to opportunity; leveraging of federal funding; innovation; and performance and accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, CDOT Staff performed an evaluation of potential projects for the Department to submit under a unified grant application and identified one project that will be submitted for consideration based on the key program objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Colorado Transportation Commission allocated potential Senate Bill (SB) 17-267 funding to various projects in November 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the department asked staff to submit grant proposals that required no excess matching funds allocated by the Transportation Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, department staff has submitted one tentative project, the I-270 Safety and Mobility Project to the Transportation Commission for endorsement; and

**WHEREAS**, the I-270 project scope includes a Colorado Bridge Enterprise (CBE) eligible bridges and the CBE Board is being asked to commit up to \$90.0 million in matching funds

to address these structure and increase the competitiveness of the Department's application; and

**WHEREAS**, the department is able to accelerate work on the I-270 corridor if this federal grant is received; and

**WHEREAS**, once approved, CDOT will work with regions and planning partners to create a grant application for INFRA to submit by the federal deadline of March 19, 2021.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Transportation Commission adopts the I-270 INFRA project, with application to be completed as detailed in the USDOT Notice of Funding Opportunity.

*Herman F. Stockinger III*

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Herman Stockinger, Secretary  
Transportation Commission of Colorado

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Date