

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.

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Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado

3/18/21

Date