

**Resolution #BTE-2022-07-03**

Committing BTE funds for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Bridge Investment Program Discretionary Grant Opportunity to replace six BTE eligible bridges as part of the I-270 Critical Bridges Project and to plan the replacement of 17 BTE eligible bridges as part of the Region 1 Bridge Pre-scoping Project.

**Approved by the Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise Board of Directors on July 21, 2022.**

**WHEREAS**, the Colorado General Assembly created the Colorado Bridge Enterprise (CBE) in C.R.S. 43-4-805 as a government-owned business within the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT or Department) for the business purpose of financing, repairing, reconstructing, and replacing Designated Bridges, defined in C.R.S. 43-4-803(10) as those bridges identified as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete and rated poor; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, the Colorado General Assembly passed Senate Bill 21-260, which was signed into law by the Governor on June 17, 2021, expanding the BE to include both designated bridge projects and surface transportation infrastructure projects for tunnels, and renaming the expanded enterprise the Statewide Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise (BTE), C.R.S. § 43-4-805(2)(a)(I); and

**WHEREAS**, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law or BIL) established the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) to provide grants, on a competitive basis, to improve bridge condition and the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridges; and

**WHEREAS**, the BIL authorizes and appropriates \$2.447 billion to be awarded through the BIP by the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) in FY 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the FY 2022 BIP Grants was issued by the USDOT on June 10, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the NOFO establishes three BIP funding categories: (1) Large Bridge Projects for projects with total eligible project costs of greater than \$100 million, (2) Bridge Projects for projects with total eligible project costs of \$100 million or less, and (3) Planning Projects for planning, feasibility analysis, and revenue forecasting associated with the development of a project that would subsequently be eligible to apply for assistance under the BIP; and

**WHEREAS**, applications for Large Bridge Projects, Bridge Projects, and Planning Projects are due to the USDOT by 11:59 PM E.D.T on August 9, 2022, September 8, 2022, and July 25, 2022, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2022 BIP grants will award discretionary funds on a competitive basis for bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, and protection projects that: (1) improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight over bridges; and (2) improve the condition of bridges in the United States by reducing (a) the number of bridges, and total person miles traveled over bridges, that are in poor condition or that are in fair condition and at risk of falling into poor condition within the next three years, or (b) the number of bridges, and total person miles traveled over bridges, that do not meet current geometric design standards or

cannot meet the load and traffic requirements typical of the regional transportation network; and

**WHEREAS**, the USDOT has designated six project outcome criteria which will be used to evaluate and rate the responsiveness of an application for the Large Bridge Project and Bridge Project funding categories: (1) state of good repair, (2) safety, (3) mobility and economic competitiveness, (4) climate change, resiliency, and the environment, (5) quality of life, and (6) innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, the USDOT will assess how a proposed planning project is envisioned to lead to a bridge project or large bridge project as well as the project description, schedule, and budget when evaluating an application for the Planning Project funding category; and

**WHEREAS**, Staff performed an evaluation of potential projects for the Department to submit under a BIP grant application and identified two separate projects with BTE eligible scope that are recommended for submittal based on the USDOT's evaluation criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, Staff recommend the I-270 Critical Bridge Project as a priority a candidate under the Large Bridge Project funding category and the Region 1 Bridge Pre-scoping Project as a priority a candidate under the Planning Project funding category, and

**WHEREAS**, the two recommended projects are included in the CDOT 10-Year Plan and aligned with the Department's strategic vision, and

**WHEREAS**, the BTE Board is being asked to commit BTE funds to address these deficient structures and increase the competitiveness of the Department's common applications.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the BTE Board commits to providing up to \$57.5 million of state matching funds for six BTE eligible structures under a grant application for the I-270 Critical Bridges Project in Region 1 if this grant application is successful.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the BTE Board commits to providing up to \$1,281,000 of state matching funds for four BTE eligible bridges under a grant application for the Region 1 Bridge Pre-scoping Project if this grant application is successful.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in order to show the Department's financial commitment to the two recommended projects, the BTE commits to providing up to a combined maximum of \$58,781,000 of funding to replace six BTE eligible bridges as part of the I-270 Critical Bridges Project and to plan the replacement of 17 BTE eligible bridges as part of the Region 1 Bridge Pre-scoping Project if both of the Department's applications are awarded a grant by the USDOT.

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