

Resolution #TC-2022-09-08

Commission support for prioritized wildlife corridors.

Approved by the Transportation Commission on September 15, 2022

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 22-151 created within the State Treasury a Colorado Wildlife Mitigation Fund, and authorized the transfer of \$5 million in state general funds into the fund; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 22-151 designated the funds to be utilized for the full range of wildlife crossing needs identified in the Department's 10-Year Plan that include wildlife crossing components, or other wildlife passage opportunities, or other wildlife passage opportunities identified by the Department, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Colorado Wildlife and Transportation Alliance, or other identified stakeholder groups; and

WHEREAS, the Department was required to consult with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Transportation Alliance concerning the distribution of money from the fund to prioritized projects; and

WHEREAS, the Department has consulted with partner entities as required and have determined a prioritization process for distribution of the funds as follows:

- Apply funding to several projects in active construction that have identified funding gaps. Funding will allow wildlife components to be added to the scope of work. These projects are identified on CDOT's 10 Year Plan, and identified as priorities within the state's Wildlife Prioritization Studies.
- Apply funding to projects identified in 10 Year Plan and Wildlife Prioritization Studies that will go to construction in the next year that have a budget deficit.
- Apply funding to initiate the design of two projects identified on the 10 Year Plan and the Wildlife Prioritization Studies.
- Apply funding to the administrative costs of the Colorado Wildlife and Transportation Alliance.
- Preserve approximately 25% of the Fund as match for upcoming federal grant opportunities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission supports the prioritization process determined by the Department and wildlife stakeholders and supports the resulting project funding contained in Appendix A.

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