

Resolution # TC -1938
Second Award of FASTER State Transit Funds

Approved by the Transportation Commission
December 29, 2010

WHEREAS, pursuant to 43-4-811 (2) the Department will receive, from the State share of the FASTER program, ten million dollars for state fiscal year 2009-10 and for each succeeding state fiscal year, to be used by the Department “for the planning, designing, engineering, acquisition, installation, construction, repair, reconstruction, maintenance, operation, or administration of transit-related projects, including, but not limited to, designated bicycle or pedestrian lanes of highway and infrastructure needed to integrate different transportation modes within a multimodal transportation system, that enhance the safety of state highways for transit users;” and

WHEREAS, this funding is herein referred to as the FASTER State transit funds; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission of Colorado has agreed to use a portion of the FASTER State transit funds for administrative expenses associated with the Division of Transit and Rail and has budgeted such funds in the amount of \$6.7 million for FY 2010-2012; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission considered a variety of options for how the remaining \$23.3 million could be distributed and awarded; and

WHEREAS, the Commission selected an option that called for maximum cooperation and collaboration between the CDOT Engineering Regions, TPRs and MPOs, Division of Transit and Rail and Division of Transportation Development in order to build upon the guidance developed for the FASTER local funds program and to maximize the coordination of the two programs; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission, in Resolution No. 1906, dated September 16, 2010, described that option and established written guidelines to be followed in implementing the selected option; and

WHEREAS, Division of Transit and Rail staff distributed the guidelines throughout the State and issued a call for projects throughout the State in cooperation with the CDOT Engineering Regions, TPRs, MPOs, and the Colorado Association of Transit Agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Transit and Rail and the CDOT Engineering Regions received applications for FASTER funding; and

WHEREAS, Division of Transit and Rail staff reviewed FASTER applications and conducted individual meetings with each CDOT Engineering Region to discuss which project applications should be considered for FASTER State transit funds, given that requests that would be eligible for FASTER State transit funds greatly exceeded the available amount; and

WHEREAS, Division of Transit and Rail staff scored the applications considered for FASTER State transit funds using six evaluation criteria, those being criticality, financial capacity, financial need, project impacts, readiness, and multimodal/interregional value; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Transit and Rail staff applied the six criteria to all but park-and-ride projects, which were deemed to have the same score except for the multimodal/interregional value criterion; and

WHEREAS, Division of Transit and Rail staff, in the absence of both a statewide transit plan and a permanent advisory committee for the Division, chose to recommend the award of funds with consideration to Regional equity by distributing funds in close proximity to the formula used for the FASTER local funds;

WHEREAS, the Division of Transit and Rail conducted a joint meeting with all the CDOT Engineering Regions to present and discuss its recommendations; and

WHEREAS, at the December 16, 2010 Commission Meeting, the Commission passed **Resolution # TC-1936**, Award of FASTER State Transit Funds, and further directed staff to provide recommendations for the remaining \$2.33 million of available FASTER State Transit Funds for Fiscal Year 2011;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission directs staff to award \$2.33 million in FASTER State Transit funds for Fiscal Year 2011 to the I-70 Mountain Corridor AGS Feasibility Study requested by Region 1. The project is included in the full listing of FASTER Statewide Transit Funds for Fiscal Years 2010 through 2012 as depicted in Tables A through E, dated December 29, 2010. The project is contingent upon inclusion in the appropriate MPO Transportation Improvement Program and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and will use implementation procedures A through H as set forth in **Resolution # TC-1936** (December 16, 2010).



Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado