

**RESOLUTION NUMBER TC-1846**

**General Delegation to Pursue Homeland Security and Preparedness Grants**

WHEREAS, the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress under Public law 107-296, 25 of November 2002, established the Department of Homeland Security and empowered such department to distribute funding through grants to state, local, tribal governments to enhance their ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks and other disasters; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ritter's Executive Orders, D 003 08, 04 of February 2008 established the Governor's Office of Homeland Security to manage and administer federal homeland security and preparedness grants in compliance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations;

WHEREAS, homeland security and preparedness include critical infrastructure protection, continuity planning, training and exercise, and interoperable communication; and

WHEREAS, the cost of implementing homeland security and preparedness improvements are over and above normal budget limits and require additional funds to procure; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous grant programs for monetary support to offset the additional cost of homeland security and preparedness, and are open to all state agencies such as CDOT; and

WHEREAS, these grant competition programs often have short windows of opportunity for application; and

WHEREAS, each separate grant competition application currently requires Transportation Commission approval.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Transportation Commission delegates to the Chief Engineer the authority to approve carefully and properly prepared grant packages for submission for competition with these outside funding sources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Engineer may administer any grant proceeds in support of homeland security and preparedness mentioned above. This includes dedication of staff labor hours, or additional funding within the annual program allocation for homeland security.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Engineer will report back on a semi-annual (twice annually) basis regarding the status of grants, and what funds have been re-allocated.