

**RESOLUTION #TC-3109**

**Approving the Systems Level Study for the Interchange Improvements at I-76 and Bridge Street**

**Approved by the Transportation Commission on: October 17, 2013**

**WHEREAS** in November 2004 the Transportation Commission approved revisions to Policy Directive 1601 concerning the state highway interchange approval process; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Brighton has completed a System Level Study for a proposed new interchange at I-76 and Bridge Street; and

**WHEREAS** in accordance with the Policy Directive 1601, the staff of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has reviewed the Systems Level Study and found it to be consistent with the Policy Directive 1601; and

**WHEREAS** in accordance with the Policy Directive 1601, the Systems Level Study documents the need for the proposed Interchange at I-76 and Bridge Street to accommodate anticipated travel volumes at acceptable levels of service for the next 20 years; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed interchange will provide local and regional east-west connectivity, relieve congestion at Bromley Lane and Baseline, improve access as well as traffic flow on the roadway network surrounding Bridge and I-76; and

**WHEREAS** the cost to construct the proposed Interchange is estimated to be 6.5 million in 2013 dollars; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Brighton is funding 100 percent of the construction of the Interchange at I-76 and Bridge Street and is requesting no financial support or in-kind assistance from CDOT for these efforts; and

**WHEREAS** all costs and responsibilities associated with project maintenance and operations shall be determined through an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Brighton and CDOT consistent with the financial plan in this Systems Level Study; and

**WHEREAS** approval of the Final Maintenance and Operations IGA by the Chief Engineer consistent with the financial plan included in the Systems Level Study is necessary prior to construction; and

**WHEREAS** in accordance with the Policy Directive 1601, the City of Brighton was an active participant in the System Level Study and is in agreement with the proposed project and financial plan as described in the System Level Study; and

**WHEREAS** Transportation Commission approval of the Systems Level Study is contingent upon CDOT and FHWA approval of the proposed Environmental Assessment (EA) for this project; and

**WHEREAS** the Transportation Commission recognizes that this approval is not the final approval step, and recognizes that, should the environmental document identify a preferred alternative different from that identified in the Systems Level Study, the Transportation Commission will reconsider the Systems Level Study; and

**WHEREAS** approval of a proposed project by the Transportation Commission is contingent on the inclusion of the proposed project by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) in the fiscally constrained regional transportation plan and transportation improvement program; and

**WHEREAS** the Transportation Commission recognizes that this approval does not ensure incorporation of the proposed interchange in the constrained regional transportation plan by the corresponding MPO/TPR.; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Brighton must obtain approval of the applicable FHWA interchange access, design and environmental decision documents by the CDOT Chief Engineer and/or FHWA prior to final approval by the Chief Engineer; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant must demonstrate significant progress towards implementation of the project within 3 years of the date of approval this resolution,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Transportation Commission approves the Systems Level Study for the Interchange Improvements at I-76 and Bridge Street pending:

1. Inclusion of the proposed interchange in the fiscally constrained regional transportation plan and state transportation improvement program; and
2. Completion and approval of the appropriate environmental decision document consistent with the CDOT Environmental Stewardship Guide; and
3. Approval of applicable interchange access, design and environmental permitting documents by the appropriate agencies; and
4. Approval by the Chief Engineer of an IGA for the financing, construction, maintenance and operations of the facilities associated with the construction of the Interchange consistent with the Systems Level Study.

The Chief Engineer is authorized to enter into an IGA with the applicant for the construction, maintenance and operations of the facilities associated with the construction, operations and maintenance of the Interchange at I-76 and Bridge Street and the City of Brighton consistent with this Systems Level Study.

  
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Herman Stockinger III, Secretary  
Transportation Commission of Colorado

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Date