Resolution #TC-15-4-3

Instructing the Department to submit applications for projects under the USDOT TIGER VII Discretionary Grant program and support priority projects submitted by other Colorado applicants.

Approved by the Transportation Commission on April 16, 2015

WHEREAS, on December 16th, the President signed the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 that includes a $500 million authorization for National Infrastructure Investments, referred to by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) as TIGER Discretionary Grants; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Funding Availability was issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) on April 2 for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Discretionary Grant Program (also known as TIGER VII); and

WHEREAS, pre-applications for the TIGER VII discretionary grant program are due to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation on May 4, 2015 and final applications are due on June 5, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the USDOT's consideration of TIGER VII discretionary grant applications will be based on state of good repair, economic competitiveness, quality of life, environmental sustainability, and safety as primary selection criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) staff evaluated and analyzed potential projects for the Department to submit under the TIGER VII discretionary grant program; and

WHEREAS, the USDOT limits eligible applicants to three grant applications that may be submitted for consideration; and

WHEREAS, CDOT may co-sponsor other applications without those applications counting against the application limit imposed by USDOT; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Department is instructed to submit applications for the following projects under the USDOT TIGER VII Discretionary Grant program:

- Capital Project: I-25 Bus on Shoulder, US 36 to Downtown Denver (co-sponsor with RTD)
- Capital Project: I-70 West SSMARTT Corridor Improvements
- Capital Project: I-70 Simba Run (Vail) Underpass

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, should any of the above listed projects not be able to meet the financial, technical or other requirements for a competitive TIGER VII application, said project will not be submitted by the Department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department may provide letters of support for priority projects submitted for a TIGER VII grant by other Colorado applicants.

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Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado

4-21-15

Date