

Resolution #T-15-2-2

Award of FY 2016-17 FASTER Transit Funds

Approved by the Transportation Commission on February 19, 2015

WHEREAS, pursuant to 43-4-811 (2) the Department will receive, from the State share of the FASTER program, \$10 million for state fiscal year 2016 and for each succeeding state fiscal year, to be used by the Department, pursuant to 19.43-4-206, "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," herein referred to as the FASTER Transit Statewide funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 43-4-811 (c)(2) the Department will receive, from the Local share of the FASTER program, \$5 million dollars for state fiscal year 2016 and for each succeeding state fiscal year, to be used by the Department "to provide grants to local governments for local transit projects," herein referred to as the FASTER Transit Local funds; and

WHEREAS, unprogrammed funds from prior fiscal years are available and are being made available for redistribution in fiscal year 2016; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the FASTER Transit Statewide funds, not to exceed \$1.0 million, will be used for administrative expenses associated with the Division of Transit and Rail for FY 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission, in Resolution No. 1906, dated September 16, 2010, established written guidelines to be followed in offering, distributing and awarding the FASTER Transit funds, and those guidelines were later revised to make them more consistent with guidelines established for Federal capital improvement grant programs in order to establish a more uniform capital improvement program; and

WHEREAS, Division of Transit and Rail staff distributed these guidelines throughout the state and issued a consolidated call for capital projects for both FASTER Transit funds as well as Federal Transit Administration funds; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Transit and Rail received applications from local agencies requesting funds, evaluated and scored the applications based on the guidelines and has developed a list of projects recommended for funding for fiscal year 2016, attached hereto as Tables A through D; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Transit and Rail is recommending, for planning purposes, the preliminary award of funding for fiscal year 2017, pending later written confirmation that each such project remains eligible and ready for implementation, and a determination that each such project maintains an evaluation score adequate to warrant funding relative to all applications received, attached hereto as Tables E through H; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission, by means of Resolution 3133, dated January, 16, 2014, resolved that \$3.0 million per year be allocated, beginning in FY 2015, from FASTER Transit Statewide program funds to be used for the operation, maintenance and capital needs associated with the interregional express bus program; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Transit and Rail, with Transportation Commission concurrence, has established, beginning in FY 2016, new funding categories within FASTER, along with a maximum allocation amount for each such category; and

WHEREAS, the new funding categories include up to \$1 million allocated for the operating expenses of regional bus services, and \$3.9 million allocated for urbanized areas over 200,000 population, under which \$3 million is suballocated to the Regional Transportation District, \$700 thousand to the City of Colorado Springs/Mountain Metropolitan Transit and \$200 thousand to the City of Fort Collins/Transfort; and

WHEREAS, Division of Transit and Rail staff have established certain conditions to be met by all local agencies receiving FASTER funds, as well as any specific conditions to be met by specified local agencies, in order to ensure prompt and appropriate project implementation within FASTER and standard grant guidelines, attached hereto as Table I;

WHEREAS, Division of Transit and Rail staff have developed a list of projects which were awarded no funding or less funding than requested, and provided a rationale for its determinations relative to those projects, attached hereto as Table J; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission directs staff to:

- 1) award \$6,076,965 in FASTER Statewide Transit funds for Fiscal Year 2016 and \$4,114,930 in FASTER Local Transit funds for Fiscal Year 2016 to the projects set forth in Tables A through D, dated February 6, 2015;
- 2) announce the tentative award of FASTER funds for fiscal year 2017 to the projects set forth in Tables E through H, dated February 6, 2015, with the provision that in order to be awarded funding in fiscal year 2017 each project must remain eligible and ready for implementation, and maintain an evaluation score adequate to warrant funding relative to all applications received;
- 3) provide to all local agencies that have been awarded funds for fiscal year 2016 the appropriate conditions that will be applied to their projects, as set forth in Table I, dated February 6, 2015.
- 4) provide to all applicants a listing of projects which were awarded no funding or less funding than requested, along with a rationale for the department's recommendations relative to those projects, as set forth in Table J, dated February 6, 2015.

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Date