

Resolution #TC-15-5-1

Instructing the Department to commit \$1M in TC Contingency funds to the City of La Junta for their TIGER VII Southwest Chief application as matching funds.

Approved by the Transportation Commission on May 21, 2015

WHEREAS, the State Freight & Passenger Rail Plan, adopted by the Transportation Commission in March, 2012, identifies, in the Short-Range Investment Program, preserving existing Amtrak trains in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the State Legislature passed HB 1161 creating the Southwest Chief Rail Line Economic Development, Rural Tourism, and Infrastructure Repair and Maintenance Commission in the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the City of Garden City, Kansas was awarded a TIGER VI grant to repair the Southwest Chief track mainly in Kansas and into eastern Colorado; 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 were due to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation on May 4, 2015 and final applications are due on June 5, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Junta is applying for a TIGER VII discretionary grant for the repair of track on the Amtrak Southwest Chief route through Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico; up to a \$30M total project with up to \$9.234M in local match (including CDOT for \$1M); and


WHEREAS, the City of La Junta has matching fund commitments from Amtrak for \$4M, the Burlington Northern Railway for \$2M, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for \$1M, and local communities across Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico for \$234K collectively.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Department will commit \$1M in TC Contingency funds to the City of La Junta for their TIGER VII Southwest Chief application as matching funds; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the City of La Junta is unsuccessful in securing a TIGER VII grant, the CDOT funds remain in the TC Contingency.



Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado



Date