

Resolution #TC -3136

Approval of FY 2015 FASTER Transit Funds

Approved by the Transportation Commission on: February 20, 2014

WHEREAS, pursuant to 43-4-811 (2) the Department will receive, from the State share of the FASTER program, ten million dollars for state fiscal year 2015 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, five million dollars for state fiscal year 2015 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, 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 & Rail for FY 2015; and, by means of Resolution 3133, dated January, 16, 2014, \$3.0 million per year is 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 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 and issued a call for projects throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, by means of Resolution , dated February 21, 2013, tentatively awarded \$4.6 million for Fiscal Year 2015 from the FASTER Transit Statewide program and \$4.5 million for Fiscal Year 2015 from the FASTER Transit Local program, pending later written confirmation that such projects remain eligible and ready for implementation as proposed; and

WHEREAS, staff has confirmed that such projects remain eligible and ready for implementation as proposed, removed any projects that were not eligible or were not ready for implementation, and considered new requests for funds still remaining available; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Transit & Rail evaluated and scored the applications considered best suited for consideration for the FASTER Transit Statewide funds and developed a list of projects recommended for funding, attached hereto as Table A; and

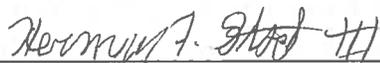
WHEREAS, the CDOT Engineering Regions evaluated and scored the applications considered best suited for FASTER Transit Local funds and developed a list of projects recommended for funding, attached hereto as Table B; and

WHEREAS, Division of Transit & Rail staff and the CDOT Engineering Regions provided key evaluation factors associated with the projects which were awarded no funding or less funding than requested, attached hereto within Table C; and

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

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

- 1) award \$6.0 million in FASTER Statewide Transit funds for Fiscal Year 2015 using "Table A: Projects Recommended for FY15 FASTER Transit Statewide Funding," dated February 5, 2014;
- 2) award \$5.0 million in FASTER Local Transit funds for Fiscal Year 2015 using "Table B, Projects Recommended for FY15 FASTER Transit Local Funding," dated February 5, 2014;
- 3) provide to all applicants the key evaluation factors for projects awarded no funding or less funding than requested, using "Table C: Key Factors in the Evaluation of Proposed Projects Not Recommended for Full FY15 FASTER Transit Funding," dated February 5, 2014;
- 4) provide to all applicants the appropriate conditions that will be applied to their projects, as set forth in "Table D: Conditions for Recommended FY 15 FASTER Projects," dated February 5, 2014.



Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado



Date

Table A: Projects Recommended for FY15 FASTER Transit Statewide Funding, 2/5/2014

Applicant (agency rank if more than one application)	Project	FY15 request	FY15 recommended award
NFRMPO (a)	Vanpool replacement vehicles (36)	\$64,000	\$64,000
RTD 2	Thornton Park-n-Ride Expansion	\$997,404	\$997,404
Mountain Metro 2	Vanpool Vehicle Replacements (9)	\$216,000	\$216,000
DTR	Service Development Plan for North Front Range Commuter Rail	\$95,100	\$95,100
Superior/Louisville	DDI Transit Improvements	\$463,610	\$463,610
Aspen 1	Rubey Park Transit Center Redevelopment	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Thornton	SH 7 at I-25 Carpool Lot	\$521,988	\$521,988
City of Greeley	Greeley Evans Transit Regional Transfer Facility (b)	\$1,509,920	\$1,176,035
RTD 6	Church Ranch P-n-R Boarding Platforms Relocation	\$2,604,781	\$1,265,863
City of Fort Collins	Preventative Maintenance for FLEX	\$200,000	\$200,000
Totals		\$7,672,803	\$6,000,000

NOTES:

(a): Denotes funds that will be used to match federal grant funds
(b): Remainder of City of Greeley project funded from FASTER Local (Table B)

Table B: Projects Recommended for FY15 FASTER Transit Local Funding, 2/5/2014

Applicant (agency rank)	Project	FY15 request	FY 15 Recommended Awards
Region 1: \$2,535,750 available			
Breckenridge 2	Replacement buses (2)	\$637,500	\$450,000
Douglas County	Replacement Vehicles to be Leased to private operator (4)	\$0	\$48,000
Seniors' Resource Center 2 (a)	Replacement Vehicles (4)	\$24,720	\$24,000
Summit County 2	Bicycle Racks	\$0 (c*)	\$13,405
Arvada 2	Olde Town Arvada Bus Transfer Facility phase 2	\$1,338,521	\$1,338,521
RTD 1	Civic Center Station Phase II	\$594,879	\$594,879
Seniors' Resource Center 1 (a)	Vehicle Replacements - SRC Urban and A-Lift (8)	\$48,000	\$48,000
Totals		\$2,643,620	\$2,516,805

Region 2 \$765,500 available			
Mountain Metro 4	Fixed Routed Vehicle Replacment (4)	\$1,216,000	\$765,000
Totals		\$1,216,000	\$765,000

Region 3 \$608,250 available			
Allpoints 1 (a)	Replacement Buses (7)	\$46,883	\$46,883
Crested Butte 3	Replacement 38 foot bus #28	\$132,000	\$132,000
Eagle County	Cutaway Replacement (3)	\$0 (c*)	\$50,000
Mesa County 1 (a)	Grand Valley Transit bus replacement (7)	\$521,737	\$239,367
Snowmass 2	Light-Duty Medium-Sized Cutaway Vans (4)	\$100,000	\$40,000
Town of Avon	Bus Replacements (3)	\$656,000	\$100,000
Totals		\$1,456,620	\$608,250

Region 4 \$830,050 available			
Boulder 2	Boulder Transit Stop Enhancements	\$54,800	\$54,800
Fort Collins 2	Implementation of Network Management System	\$120,000	\$120,000
Greeley 3 (a)	Fixed Route Service Vehicle Replacements (3)	\$179,478	\$179,478
Greeley 4 (a)	Paratransit/Demand Response Vehicle Replacements (4)	\$47,099	\$47,099
NECALG	Vehicle Replacements (3)	\$81,288	\$81,288
EEOG (a)	Vehicle Replacement	\$13,500	\$13,500
City of Greeley	Greeley Evans Transit Regional Transfer Facility (b)	\$1,509,920	\$333,885
Totals		\$2,006,085	\$830,050

Region 5 \$260,450 available			
Durango 2	Type I vehicle replacement	\$0	\$64,000
SUCAP 1 (a)	Road Runner Transit Fixed Route Bus Repl. (3)	\$11,200	\$11,200
Town of Mountain Village 1	Gondola - Main Drives and Motors End-of-Service-Life Replacement	\$466,000	\$176,741
Totals		\$477,200	\$251,941
Grand Total			\$4,972,046

NOTES:

(a): Denotes funds that will be used to match federal grant funds
(b): Remainder of City of Greeley project funded from FASTER Statewide (Table A)

Table C: Key Factors in the Evaluation of Proposed Projects Not Recommended for Full FY15 FASTER Statewide Transit Funding

Applicant	Project	FY15 request	FY 15 Recommended Award	Key Factors
RTD 6	Church Ranch P-n-R Boarding Platforms Relocation	\$2,604,781	\$1,031,978	Partial award - large request relative to amount of funding available; consider additional funding if any other funds are returned
Blackhills Stage Lines	Vehicle Replacement (1)	\$448,800	\$0	Route might be profitable enough for private funding; will be considered for FTA funding; DTR would have to sponsor, as FASTER cannot be awarded to a for-profit entity
Burlington Trailways	Vehicle Replacement (1)	\$497,970	\$0	Route might be profitable enough for private funding; DTR would have to sponsor and lease bus, as FASTER cannot be awarded to a for-profit entity; will be considered for FTA funding
Colorado State University	University Station MAX/BRT Bike Shelter and Wayfinding	\$115,709	\$0	Considered a lower priority overall, especially as an expansion; unsure of impact on transit ridership; unsure of how many bike securements used by transit riders as opposed to general student population
Vride	Public/Private Vanpool Partnership	\$289,075	\$0	No local match proposed; DTR essentially asked to sponsor the project but is not prepared to do so; needs further review; expansion project