

Resolution # TC-3137

Authorization for the CDOT to budget RAMP projects

Approved by the Transportation Commission on: February 20, 2014

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 43-1-106(8)(a), C.R.S., the Colorado Transportation Commission (“Commission”) is charged with formulating general policy with respect to the management, construction, and maintenance of public highways and other transportation systems in the state; and

WHEREAS, the State Highway System is an essential component of Colorado’s integrated transportation system which is focused on safely moving people and goods to enhance the economic wellbeing, quality of life, and environment of the citizens of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have documented that there are significant unmet maintenance or preservation needs and capacity or mobility needs on the State Highway System; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation (“Department”) has implemented in SAP an Enterprise Resource Planning system which can support an expenditure based approach to project planning and budgeting; and

WHEREAS, and the Department is in the process of further refining its ability to fund and manage the capital construction program enabled by this change in planning and budgeting; and

WHEREAS, Governor John Hickenlooper and the Department’s of Transportation Executive Director Don Hunt announced on December 14, 2012, the Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships (RAMP) Program which is a new approach to budgeting and planning that will accelerate completion of transportation projects and create or sustain more than 10,500 jobs over five years; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution TC-3106 the Commission adopted the projects listed in the document titled “RAMP Partnership and Operations Projects” dated October 16, 2013); and

WHEREAS, per Resolution TC-3106, the Department shall advise the Commission if a project is unable to be moved forward; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution TC-3106, the Commission authorized the Department’s Chief Financial Officer to budget, without additional Commission action, an amount not to exceed five percent of the total project cost for the project as shown on the “RAMP Partnership and Operations Projects” approved on October 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution TC-3106, the Commission required the Department to develop on or before January 6, 2014, a project scope, schedule and budget for each Public-Public Partnership in the form and to the level of detail specified by the Chief Engineer; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution TC-3106, the Department reviewed evidence of local partner commitments along with the supporting scope, schedule, and budget, in a form specified by the Chief Engineer, for each RAMP Partnership and Operations project; and

WHEREAS, the projects included in the staff recommendation list are included in the document titled "RAMP Partnership and Operations Projects" dated and approved by the Transportation Commission on October 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer has extended deadlines to April 7, 2014 for projects in flood damaged areas as identified in the "RAMP Partnership and Operations Projects – Staff Recommendation List 2/20/14"; and

WHEREAS, the Department has provided the Commission with a list of projects with staff recommendation to begin budgeting funds for those projects that have non-substantive changes in scope, schedule or budget estimates; and

WHEREAS, the Department has provided the Commission with projects that require further review and discussion within the Department or with local agency partners to be reviewed and approved by the Commission at a future Transportation Committee Meeting; and

WHEREAS, Policy Directive 703.0 would otherwise require staff to obtain budget approval for certain individual projects such as these through the monthly Budget Supplement process; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has considered staff recommendation for the projects set forth in the "Partnership and Operations Projects - Staff Recommendation List 2/20/2014",

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to budget funds for the projects on the "Partnership and Operations Projects – Staff Recommendation List 2/20/2014" with non-substantive changes without further Commission consideration or approval.

Herman J. Stockinger

Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado

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Date