

**Resolution #TC-1752**

**Jefferson Parkway Public Highway Authority**

**WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission approved revisions to Policy Directive 1601 concerning the state highway interchange approval process; and**

**WHEREAS, the Jefferson Parkway Public Highway Authority has completed the System Level Study for the proposed intersections/interchanges of the Jefferson Parkway with SH128, SH72, and SH93 that has been reviewed by staff of the Department and found to be consistent with the steps contained in Policy Directive Number 1601; and**

**WHEREAS, the System Level Study documents the need for the intersections/interchanges to facilitate regional continuity and connectivity in the region; and**

**WHEREAS, the recommended connection with SH 128 is an intersection by 2015 and an interchange by 2035 but will be further studied in the Project Level Study; and**

**WHEREAS, the recommended connection with SH 72 is an intersection by 2015 and an interchange by 2035 but will be further studied in the Project Level Study; and**

**WHEREAS, the recommended connection with SH93 is an intersection by 2015 and an interchange by 2035 but will be further studied in the Project Level Study; and**

**WHEREAS, the proposed improvements will accommodate all projected 2015 and 2035 traffic volumes at and through the interchanges at acceptable levels of service (D) during the morning and evening peak hours; and**

**WHEREAS, the Jefferson Parkway Public Highway Authority will be requesting the proposed interchange improvements be amended into the DRCOG 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program; and**

**WHEREAS, Environmental documents for the three connections will be completed to address details and environmental issues related to the project; and**

**WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission recognizes that this approval is not the final approval step, and recognizes that, should the environmental document identify a preferred alternative different from the alternatives identified in the System Level Study, the Transportation Commission will reconsider the System Level Study; and**

**WHEREAS, the proposed interchanges will be funded through local funds or private investors and the Colorado Department of Transportation is not participating in the funding of the proposed improvements; and**

**WHEREAS, the responsibility for routine and long-term costs of ramps, traffic signals and bridges associated with the interchanges will be addressed in a subsequent Operations and Maintenance Intergovernmental Agreement between the Department and the Jefferson Parkway Public Highway Authority; and**

**WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission recognizes that this approval does not ensure incorporation of the proposed interchanges in the constrained regional transportation plan by the corresponding Metropolitan Planning Organization/Transportation Planning Region; and**

**WHEREAS, the applicant must demonstrate significant progress towards implementation of the project within 3 years of the date of approval this resolution.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**

- 1. The Transportation Commission approves the System Level Study for the proposed intersections/ interchanges of the Jefferson Parkway with SH128, SH72, and SH93 as meeting the standards set forth in Policy Directive Number 1601, adopted by the Transportation Commission.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,**

- 2. The approval is contingent on:**

- Inclusion of the proposed improvements in the fiscally constrained regional transportation plan and state transportation improvement program; and**
- The understanding that a more detailed traffic impact study will be conducted at least at those intersections that appear to have unacceptable levels of service (SH 93/Washington, SH 93/SH 72, SH 72/64<sup>th</sup>, and SH 72/86<sup>th</sup>)**
- Completion and approval of the appropriate National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) decision document with meaningful public involvement consistent with the CDOT Environmental Stewardship Guide and CDOT NEPA Manual; and**
- Approval of applicable interchange access, design and environmental permitting documents by the appropriate agencies; and**

- **Approval by the Chief Engineer of an IGA for the financing, construction, maintenance and operations of the facilities associated with the construction of the proposed improvements consistent with the System Level Study, Project level Study, and future NEPA decision documents.**