

Transportation Commission Resolution #20241203

1601 Interchange Approvals U.S. 34 & 47th Ave. and U.S. 34 & 35th Ave. (Greeley, CO)

Approved by the Transportation Commission on December 18, 2024

Whereas, in April 2021 the Transportation Commission approved revisions to Policy Directive 1601 concerning the state highway interchange approval process; and

Whereas, the City of Greeley has completed a System Level Study (SLS) for proposed new interchanges at U.S. 34 at 47th Ave, U.S. 34 at 35th Ave, and a Center-loaded Mobility Hub; and

Whereas, in accordance with the Policy Directive 1601, the staff of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has reviewed the Systems Level Study and found it to be consistent with the Policy Directive 1601; and

Whereas, in accordance with the Policy Directive 1601, the Systems Level Study documents the need for the proposed Interchanges at U.S. 34 & 47th Ave. and U.S. 34 & 35th Ave. to accommodate anticipated travel volumes at acceptable levels of service for the next 20 years; and

Whereas, the cost to construct the proposed Interchange is estimated by the applicant to be \$131.2 million in 2024 dollars; and

Whereas, the City of Greeley, the North Front Range MPO and Federal Grants and Loans are funding 93.9 percent of the design, NEPA and construction of the Interchanges at U.S. 34 & 47th Ave. and U.S. 34 & 35th Ave.; CDOT is contributing \$8 million (or 6.1 percent) for the construction of the mobility hub and transit elements of the project; and

Whereas, all costs and responsibilities associated with project maintenance and operations shall be determined through an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Greeley and CDOT consistent with the financial plan in this Systems Level Study; and

Whereas, approval of the Final Maintenance and Operations IGA by the Chief Engineer consistent with the financial plan included in the Systems Level Study is necessary prior to construction; and

Whereas, in accordance with the Policy Directive 1601, the City of Greeley was an active participant in the System Level Study and is in agreement with the proposed project and financial plan as described in the System Level Study; and

Whereas, Transportation Commission approval of the Systems Level Study is contingent upon CDOT (and FHWA) approval of NEPA; 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 that identified in the Systems Level Study, the Transportation Commission will reconsider the Systems Level Study; and

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

Now Therefore Be It Resolved,

The Transportation Commission approves the Systems Level Study for the Interchange Improvements at (project location) pending:

1. Inclusion of the proposed interchange in the fiscally constrained regional transportation plan and state transportation improvement program; and
2. Completion and approval of the appropriate environmental decision document consistent with the CDOT Environmental Stewardship Guide; and
3. Approval of applicable interchange accesses, design, Transportation Demand Management strategies and environmental permitting documents by the appropriate agencies; and
4. Approval by the Chief Engineer of an IGA for the financing, construction, maintenance and operations of the facilities associated with the construction of the Interchange consistent with the Systems Level Study.
5. Approval by the Chief Engineer of an IGA for the proposed and ongoing TDM measures relative to the 1601 policy and 3% ADT reduction requirements as outlined in the “good faith effort” proposed in the TDM plan for approval.

The Chief Engineer is authorized to enter into an IGA with the applicant for the construction, maintenance and operations of the facilities associated with the construction, operations and maintenance of the Interchanges U.S. 34 34 at 47th Ave, U.S. 34 at 35th Ave and a Center-loaded Mobility Hub with the City of Greeley consistent with this System Level Study.

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Herman Stockinger, Secretary
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