

Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise Resolution #BTE20260402

Approval and Adoption of the Ninth Fiscal Year 2025-26 Project Budget Supplement for the Statewide Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise (BTE).

Approved by the Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise Board of Directors on April 16, 2026.

Whereas, in 2009, the Colorado General Assembly created the Colorado Bridge Enterprise (BE) in C.R.S. § 43-4-805 as a government-owned business within CDOT for the business purpose of financing, repairing, reconstructing, and replacing designated bridges, defined in C.R.S. § 43-4-803(10) as those bridges identified by CDOT as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete and rated by CDOT as poor; and

Whereas, in 2021, the Colorado General Assembly passed Senate Bill 21-260, which was signed into law by the Governor on June 17, 2021, expanding the BE to include both designated bridge projects and surface transportation infrastructure projects for tunnels and renaming the expanded enterprise the Statewide Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise (BTE), C.R.S. § 43-4-805(2)(a)(I)(2021); and

Whereas, in 2023, the Colorado General Assembly passed House Bill 23-1276, which was signed into law by the Governor on May 15, 2023, approving the expansion of the scope of the BTE authority to include preventative maintenance for bridges rated as fair and good and to include the repair, reconstruction, replacement, and maintenance of bridges rated as fair if they are bundled with a project to address a designated bridge; and

Whereas, pursuant to C.R.S. § 43-4-805(5)(m), the BTE Board of Directors (the “Board”) is empowered to set and adopt, on an annual basis, a program budget for the BTE; and

Whereas, the BTE Board of Directors previously committed up to \$18 million of BTE state matching funds for the I-76 Phase IV project under the name of I-76 Phase IV Safety and Mobility Project and up to \$14 million of state matching funds for the US160 Elmore’s Corner East project under the name of US 160 Safety and Mobility Project contingent on the award of grants through federal discretionary grant programs (Resolution #BTE 2023-02-03), which are inclusive of the USDOT Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program; and

Whereas, a \$29.19 million grant was awarded to Morgan County through the INFRA program to be applied by CDOT toward construction costs and the implementation of the I-76 Phase IV project and a \$58.94 million grant was awarded to La Plata County through the INFRA program to be applied by CDOT toward construction costs and the implementation of the US160 Elmore’s Corner East project; and

Whereas, after the refinement of the scope for these projects and the completion of the design phases, the total BTE eligible costs associated with the two projects were determined to be \$18.3 million and \$18.7 million, respectively, which exceed the initial commitments approved by the BTE Board in Resolution #BTE 2023-02-03; and

Whereas, Staff is returning to the BTE Board as described in the supporting materials for Resolution #BTE 2026-04-02 to request formal approval to allocate budget for these projects and has determined that fully funding these projects is in the best interests of the BTE, CDOT, the grant recipients, and all other internal and external stakeholders; and

Whereas, under Policy Directive 703.0, approval by the Board is required to establish initial funding for BTE-eligible construction projects as well as any project increases above certain thresholds over the life of the project; and

Whereas, the project request(s) included in the Supplement and summarized below are consistent with the FY 2025-26 through FY 2028-29 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and

Description	Region	Project Number	Eligible Structures Addressed	Amount Requested
Increase Design Phase	1	26276	F-13-X and F-13-Y	\$ 1,417,337
Increase Design Phase	3	27145	F-11-T	\$ 1,114,840
Initiate Construction Phase	3	26992	J-04-X	\$ 1,156,162
Initiate Construction Phase	4	26378	C-22-AY and C-22-BG	\$ 18,303,556
Initiate Construction Phase	5	26704	P-05-B	\$ 16,106,248

Whereas, the project budget request(s) being presented to the Board for approval this month have been reviewed and met BTE funding eligibility as well as prioritization criteria; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, after review and consideration, the Ninth Supplement to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget is approved by the Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise Board.


 Herman Stockinger, Secretary
 Statewide Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise Board of Directors