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Project Code: None
Project #: S0029 (5)
Location: Fort Morgan

DATE: November 30, 2012

SUBJECT: **Transportation Commission Agenda for December 20, 2011**

Requested Action:
Declaration of Excess Property, Rainbow Bridge, Fort Morgan Colorado

Background:
In 1922 Morgan County acquired right of way to construct a bridge. The bridge has been named the Rainbow Bridge because of its unique architecture (pictures attached). Morgan County conveyed the bridge and the right of way it occupies (the Property) to CDOT in 1964. CDOT accepted the property via Transportation Commission Resolution 1159-C.

Later in the 1960's CDOT realigned SH 52 and built a new, wider bridge to accommodate the new alignment. The Rainbow Bridge can no longer be utilized for transportation purposes, even in an emergency situation, because it does not have the structural capacity to support modern traffic loads. CDOT Region 4 has determined the Property is excess and no longer needed for transportation purposes.

The City of Fort Morgan has requested that CDOT convey the Property to them to use as a Public Park. Title 23 Part 710.403(d)(1) allows CDOT to convey property to other governmental agencies for nominal value in cases where the property will be used for a nonproprietary public use; such as a public park.

Conveyance of the Property to the City of Fort Morgan will alleviate CDOT's maintenance responsibilities and liabilities related to the Rainbow Bridge.

Subsequent to the passage of the excess parcel declaration, CDOT will convey the Property to the City of Fort Morgan via a quitclaim deed.