



I-70 East

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TO: Transportation Commission

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SUBJECT: Quarterly Update

Purpose

This memo summarizes the status of the I-70 East project across three key areas:

- Preparation of the final environmental impact statement
- Project delivery and procurement
- Funding status

Action

No actions are requested at this time, this memo is for information purposes only.

Background

Commission Resolution 3179 (July 21, 2014) directed staff to prepare quarterly updates on the development of the I-70 East Project and related procurement efforts.

Details

Environmental Impact Statement

The final EIS is on schedule to be released on January 15, 2016. A 30-day review period will follow the release with three public hearings held during the comment period. The team hosted a series of corridor-wide meetings in mid-August to provide an update on the EIS status. In October, staff teams went door-to-door to the 300 homes adjacent to the interstate to provide an update on the proposed mitigations for the project.

A Record of Decision (ROD) for Phase 1 is expected in the summer of 2016. Future phases will require the completion of additional RODs. Phase 1 is the initial project as identified by the Commission in December 2014.

- Lowering the highway between Colorado Blvd and Brighton Blvd
- Placing a landscaped cover over the highway between Columbine and Clayton Streets
- Adding one additional express toll lane in each direction from I-25 to I-225

Project Development and Procurement

Following the Commission's decision in February 2015 to pursue a Design Build Finance Operate Maintain (DBFOM) method of delivery for I-70 East, staff has moved forward to engage industry in the I-70 East project. Completed and upcoming milestones include:

- ✓ March 11, 2015: Industry Forum
- ✓ March 25, 2015: Release of Request for Qualifications (available publicly)
- ✓ June 22, 2015: Deadline for receipt of Statement of Qualifications
- ✓ July 24, 2015: Announcement of shortlisted teams
- ✓ September 15 and 29, 2015: Release of Draft No 1 Request for Proposals (available publicly)
- Winter 2016: Second Draft RFP (available publicly)
- Spring 2016: Third Draft RFP (available publicly)
- Summer 2016: Final Draft RFP (available publicly)
- Summer 2016: Record of Decision
- End of 2016/Early 2017: Financial Close



Transparency

CDOT and HPTE continue to implement provisions of Executive Order D 2014-010 requiring additional transparency measures in the development of projects utilizing public-private partnerships. In addition to the public release of the above noted procurement documents, a third series of outreach meetings were held in advance of the September release of the first draft of the RFP. These meetings included:

Public Meeting in Commerce City: August 17

Public Meeting in Aurora: August 18

Telephone Townhall: August 19

Public Meeting in Denver: August 20

Small Business and Workforce Development

TC Resolution 3179 also directed staff to develop a comprehensive program addressing disadvantaged and small business utilization and workforce development on the I-70 East project. The team hosted a small business networking event on October 22 with the four shortlisted teams, which was attended by nearly 300 people. The team has received conditional approval from FHWA to participate in a SEP-14 Local Hiring Pilot Program and is beginning the process to set a local hiring goal for the project. The team—in partnership with the Civil Rights and Business Resource Center—also has initiated discussions with stakeholders on the project’s approach to small business engagement and workforce development.

Funding and Expenditures

The project has developed a detailed draw-down of non-developer costs through FY2022, including staff charges, contract commitments, ROW purchases, railroad and utility agreements. These non-developer costs (which are netted out of the \$1.2B project cost) have been used to inform a Maximum Availability Payment (MAP) Upset Limit for the project. The Upset Limit will be released to the shortlisted teams in conjunction with the second draft of the RFP. Each bidder’s proposed MAP will need to be under this limit to be considered responsive. Because of bidding confidentiality, the non-developer draw-down cannot be released at this time.

This month’s Bridge Enterprise budget request was submitted in order fulfill key non-developer financial commitments through the end of the fiscal year, including needs related to ROW and EIS development. Going forward, the Project Director will brief the Commission on an annual basis of the anticipated draw-down for the upcoming fiscal year.

Staff continues to monitor the quarterly forecasts of SB228 revenues. The next quarterly forecast is expected in December 2015. The first year transfer of SB228 revenues will be set by the March 2016 Legislative Council forecast.

