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TO: Transportation Commission

FROM: Mark Imhoff, Director - Division of Transit & Rail

SUBJECT: Transit Grant Selection and Awards

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to provide information and results for CDOT Division of Transit & Rail's annual grant competition for transit capital funds.

Action

Review only. No action needed.

Background

In October 2016 CDOT issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to state and local government authorities, nonprofit organizations, operators of public transportation or intercity bus service, and other transit groups. The NOFA solicited proposals for transit capital projects that are eligible for funding through federal and state programs that CDOT administers. This competitive process combines funds from relevant Federal Transit Administration programs (5310, 5311, and 5339) and the Colorado FASTER Transit program into a single application process.

Details

DTR received over 70 applications totaling over \$36 million in grant requests. Unfortunately, CDOT has less than \$17 million available in funds, so there were a number of unfunded projects. Nonetheless, we were able to fund a large percentage of the highest priority projects.

The applications were reviewed and scored by a team made up of representatives from various organizations within CDOT including the Division of Transit & Rail, Division of Transportation Development, Office of Policy and Governmental Relations, and Office of Civil Rights. The criteria used in the evaluation for FASTER projects were established by CDOT's Transportation Commission and are documented in CDOT Policy Directive 1608.1. These criteria include considerations such as age, mileage, and special considerations for vehicle projects. Facility project applications were evaluated against criteria that included considerations such as need, readiness, project purpose, and special considerations. Similar criteria for FTA-funded projects are documented in CDOT's State Management Plan. The Director of CDOT's Division of Transit & Rail has approved this set of projects.

Key Benefits

The awarded projects further the goals of the Statewide Transit Plan in the areas of system preservation and expansion, transit system development and partnership, and increased mobility.

Next Steps

CDOT staff looks forward to working with its transit grant partners to quickly move these projects to completion. Staff will soon begin working with grantees to develop a grant agreement and to procure the transit assets. CDOT reserves the right to remove grant funds if we determine the project is not proceeding at a reasonable pace (e.g.,



unreasonable delays in executing the grant agreement, delays in procuring the equipment, etc.). This action would be preceded by at least one formal written warning.

Attachments

The projects chosen for FTA funding are found in the attached Tables A through F. The projects chosen for FASTER funding are in Tables G through I. Tables J lists each of the projects not chosen for funding, or only for partial funding, along with the rationale for their lower score or reason they were not selected.



Funding Awards for FTA FY17: February 21, 2017

| Table A: FTA Section 5310 Rural Capital Awards | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Applicant | Project | No. Vehicles | Project Type | Grant Award |
| All Points Transit* | Accessible Minivan Replacements | 2 | Vehicle Replace | \$76,800 |
| Dolores County | Accessible Minivan Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$34,400 |
| Grand County Council on Aging | Cutaway Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$52,794 |
| Horizons Specialized Services | Van Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$31,248 |
| Huerfano/Las Animas Area COG* | Cutaway Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$64,000 |
| Prowers County* | Cutaway Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$51,200 |
| Southern Ute Community Action Programs, Inc* | Cutaway Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$58,609 |
| Teller Senior Coalition | Accessible Minivan Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$41,600 |
| Total | | | | \$410,651 |

* Project uses FY18 FASTER as match

| Table B: FTA Section 5310 Small Urbanized Capital Awards | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Applicant | Project | No. Vehicles | Project Type | Grant Award |
| Easter Seals (Greeley) | Van Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$45,926 |
| Family Health West (Grand Valley) | Van Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$39,354 |
| Greeley-Evans Transit (Greeley) | Cutaway Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$83,365 |
| Senior Resource Development Agency (Pueblo) | Cutaway Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$52,410 |
| Via Mobility Services (Boulder) | Accessible Minivan Replacements | 2 | Vehicle Replace | \$81,548 |
| Total | | | | \$302,603 |

| Table C: FTA Section 5310 Large Urbanized Capital Awards | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Applicant | Project | No. Vehicles | Project Type | Grant Award |
| Seniors' Resource Center (Arapahoe County) | Cutaway Replacements | 2 | Vehicle Replace | \$124,160 |
| Seniors' Resource Center (Adams County) | Cutaway and Sedan Replacements | 3 | Vehicle Replace | \$152,600 |
| Total | | | | \$276,760 |

| Table D: FTA Section 5311 Capital Awards | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Applicant | Project | No. Vehicles | Project Type | Grant Award |
| Cripple Creek | Service Truck | 1 | Equipment | \$25,000 |
| Mountain Express | Bus Replacements | 2 | Vehicle Replace | \$299,200 |
| Seniors' Resource Center (Jefferson County) | Cutaway Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$66,080 |
| Steamboat Springs Transit | Cutaway Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$82,000 |
| Summit County | Bus Replacements | 2 | Vehicle Replace | \$743,552 |
| Total | | | | \$1,215,832 |

Table E: FTA Section 5339 Rural Capital Awards

| Applicant | Project | No. Vehicles | Project Type | Grant Award |
|---------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Durango | Intelligent Transportation System Software | N/A | Equipment | \$100,000 |
| Eagle County | Bus Replacements | 3 | Vehicle Replace | \$1,143,000 |
| Gunnison Valley RTA | Bus Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$571,200 |
| Mountain Express | Bus Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$120,800 |
| Total | | | | \$1,935,000 |

Table F: FTA Section 5339 Small Urbanized Capital Awards

| Applicant | Project | No. Vehicles | Project Type | Grant Award |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Greeley-Evans Transit | Bus Replacements | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$459,564 |
| Mesa County | Replacement Bus | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$392,000 |
| Via Mobility Services | Electric Charging Station | N/A | Equipment | \$120,000 |
| Total | | | | \$971,564 |

Funding Awards for FASTER FY18: February 21, 2017

| Table G: FASTER Urban Area Set-asides | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|
| Applicant | Project | | Project Type | Grant Award |
| Mountain Metropolitan Transit | Cutaway Replacements | 24 | Vehicle Replace | \$700,000 |
| Regional Transportation District | US36 and Sheridan PnR | N/A | Facility | \$1,500,000 |
| Regional Transportation District | Rider Alert System | N/A | Equipment | \$350,000 |
| Regional Transportation District | Downtown Track and Switches | N/A | Equipment | \$1,150,000 |
| Transfort | Vehicle Lift | N/A | Equipment | \$200,000 |
| Total | | | | \$3,900,000 |

| Table H: FASTER Local Pool | | | | |
|--|--|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Applicant | Project | No. Vehicles | Project Type | Grant Award |
| All Points Transit | Accessible Minivan Replacements - FASTER match | 2 | Vehicle Replace | \$15,360 |
| All Points Transit | Strategic Operating Plan | N/A | Planning | \$32,000 |
| Cripple Creek | Shop Equipment | N/A | Equipment | \$28,000 |
| Disability Services, Inc | Cutaway Replacements | 2 | Vehicle Replace | \$112,000 |
| Discover Goodwill of Southern and Western CO | Cutaway Replacements | 2 | Vehicle Replace | \$112,000 |
| Durango | Bus Stop Improvements | N/A | Facility | \$300,000 |
| Glenwood Springs | Replacement Bus | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$458,384 |
| Greeley-Evans Transit | Bus Yard Concrete Maintenance | N/A | Facility | \$160,000 |
| Huerfano/Las Animas Area COG | Cutaway Replacement - FASTER match | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$12,800 |
| Kiowa County | Accessible Minivan Purchase | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$36,000 |
| Mountain Express | Bus Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$149,600 |
| Mountain Village | Gondola Cabin Refurbishment - Phase 4 of 6 | 10 | Vehicle Rebuild | \$132,000 |
| Mountain Village | Gondola Cabin Refurbishment - Phase 5 of 6 | 10 | Vehicle Rebuild | \$132,000 |
| Mountain Village | Gondola Haul Rope Replacement | N/A | Equipment | \$520,000 |
| Prowers County | Cutaway Replacement - FASTER match | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$10,240 |
| Routt County | Replacement Cutaway | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$68,800 |
| Snowmass Village | Van Replacements | 2 | Vehicle Replace | \$100,000 |
| Southern Ute Community Action Programs, Inc | Cutaway Replacement - FASTER match | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$11,723 |
| Steamboat Springs | Overhead Crane | N/A | Equipment | \$96,000 |
| Steamboat Springs | Transit Stop Improvements | N/A | Facility | \$96,000 |
| Vail | Replacements Buses | 2 | Vehicle Replace | \$704,000 |
| Via Mobility Services | Bus Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$490,400 |
| Winter Park | Bus Replacements | 3 | Vehicle Replace | \$849,544 |
| Total | | | | \$4,626,851 |

| Table I: FASTER Statewide Pool | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|----|---------------------|--------------------|
| Applicant | Project | | Project Type | Grant Award |
| Colorado Springs | Minivan Vanpool Replacements | 11 | Vehicle Replace | \$293,744 |
| Fort Collins | Bus Replacements (FLEX) | 2 | Vehicle Replace | \$960,000 |
| Roaring Fork Transit Authority | Bus Replacements | 4 | Vehicle Replace | \$1,686,400 |
| Total | | | | \$2,940,144 |

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| Subtotal, FASTER Awards | \$11,466,995 |
| Subtotal, FTA Awards | \$5,112,410 |
| Total, All Awards | \$16,579,405 |

Table J: Unfunded and Partially-Funded Projects

| Applicant | Project | No. Vehicles | Project Type | Request | Rationale |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|
| All Points Transit | IT Upgrades | N/A | Equipment | \$20,000 | CDOT policy that minimum grant amount must exceed \$25,000 |
| Colorado State University | Foothills Transit Station | N/A | Facility | \$2,642,556 | While not required of state agencies, CDOT looks favorably on multiple funding partners, particularly for large requests like this. This project does not provide other funding partners. Also, construction schedule may be unrealistic if state or federal were involved due to contracting and NEPA requirements. |
| Community Intersections | Cutaway Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$52,499 | Vehicle does not meet minimum age/mileage requirements for replacement. |
| Cripple Creek | Service Truck | 1 | Equipment | \$54,400 | Partially funded project using FTA 5311 funds. |
| Durango | ADA Transition Plan | | | \$891,165 | Partially funded project using FASTER Local funds. CDOT requested to narrow scope of project to transit elements |
| Durango | Trolley Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$132,000 | Vehicle does not meet minimum age/mileage requirements for replacement. |
| Eagle County | Bus Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$381,000 | Equity considerations and limited funding availability |
| Family Health West | Scheduling Software | N/A | Equipment | \$5,861 | CDOT policy that minimum grant amount must exceed \$25,000 |
| Fort Collins | Bus Replacements (FLEX) | 2 | Vehicle Replace | \$960,000 | Equity considerations and limited funding availability |
| Glenwood Springs | Bus Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$458,384 | Equity considerations and limited funding availability |
| Greeley | Bus Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$459,564 | Equity considerations and limited funding availability |
| Gunnison Valley RTA | Bus Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$571,200 | Equity considerations and limited funding availability |
| Horizons Specialized Services | Sedan Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$18,076 | CDOT policy that minimum grant amount must exceed \$25,000 |
| Loveland | Regional Transfer Facility | N/A | Facility | \$1,600,000 | Concerns that project is not ready since the City has not finalized land purchase. Applicant needs to make a more compelling business case that it can pay for ongoing maintenance and operations of the facility. |
| Metro Taxi Denver | Accessible Minivan Purchase | 10 | Expand Fleet | \$403,760 | The applicant demonstrated financial commitment and capacity but CDOT determined it is not an eligible recipient for Section 5310 funds since it does not provide "shared ride taxi service to the general public on a regular basis." Also, the applicant may not be prepared for federal requirements associated with a federal grant such as civil rights plan. |
| Neighbor to Neighbor | Cutaway Purchase | 1 | Expand | \$45,600 | Project is not identified in intercity planning efforts. Applicant didn't discuss business plan for operating expanded services. |
| Northwest Colorado COI | Accessible Minivan Purchase | 1 | Expand Fleet | \$40,000 | Applicant did not make compelling case for need and did not discuss business plan to address increased operational costs associated with larger fleet. |
| Regional Transportation District | DUS Wayfinding Signs | N/A | Facility | \$550,000 | Given the private partner relationship with DUS, the committee would have preferred to see more local contribution to the project. No benefit/cost documentation. |
| Regional Transportation District | Bike and Ride | N/A | Facility | \$520,000 | Applicant provided evidence of project need, but didn't provide maintenance plan and didn't provide other funding partners or letters of support from nearby communities. |
| Roaring Fork Transit Authority | Bus Replacements | 7 | Vehicle Replace | \$2,951,200 | Equity considerations and limited funding availability |
| Silver Key Senior Services | Van Replacements | 2 | Vehicle Replace | \$72,000 | Applicant has not fully executed awards granted in previous years |
| Southwest Colorado COI | Accessible Minivan Purchase | 1 | Expand Fleet | \$34,720 | Applicant did not make compelling case for need - 26 trips in 2015. Applicant did not discuss coordination efforts with the other several providers in the area that provide trips for seniors and disabled. |
| Summit County | Bus Replacement | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$371,776 | Equity considerations and limited funding availability |
| Summit County | Frisco Transit Center, Phase 3a | N/A | Facility | \$352,000 | The project is not yet designed and a grant for Phase 3 is premature. Applicant didn't provide information documenting benefits of project. Applicant didn't provide written business plan. |
| Teller Senior Coalition | Camera System | N/A | Equipment | \$7,540 | CDOT policy that minimum grant amount must exceed \$25,000 |
| Telluride | Cutaway and Bus Replacement | 2 | Vehicle Replace | \$405,600 | Vehicles do not meet minimum age/mileage requirements for replacement. |
| Trinidad | Depot Hall Renovation | N/A | Facility | \$750,000 | Project doesn't appear to be part of a long-term planning effort connected with the transportation region. The project is not ready in terms of environmental review or written commitments from other participating transit agencies. CDOT has general questions about several issues such as land ownership, development of other pieces of the project, and other funding partners. |
| Vail | Bus Replacements | 5 | Vehicle Replace | \$1,760,000 | Equity considerations and limited funding availability |
| Vail | Bus Stop Enhancements | N/A | Facility | \$2,080,000 | Applicant didn't provide increased ridership information to justify improvements. CDOT may consider participating in future grants if request is smaller and targeted to stop(s) with greatest effect and/or with regional/interregional connections. |
| Via Mobility Services | Bus Replacements | 2 | Vehicle Replace | \$980,800 | Equity considerations and limited funding availability |
| Via Mobility Services | Cutaway Rebuild | 1 | Vehicle Replace | \$9,394 | CDOT policy that minimum grant amount must exceed \$25,000 |
| Total | | | | \$19,581,095 | |