



MEMORANDUM

TO: THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
FROM: JEFF SUDMEIER, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2020  
SUBJECT: FOURTH BUDGET SUPPLEMENT - FY 2020-2021

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Region 5

\$4,400,000 - Transportation Commission Program Reserve - 22420 US 550/160 Connection South Design Build Project - During the August Transportation Commission meeting Region 5 requested approval to transfer \$4.4M of FASTER Safety funds from project 22420 (US 550/160 Connection) to project 22107 (US 160 Wolf Creek West Fiber Project). The US 160 Wolf Creek project was awarded a federal grant and funds were needed to advertise prior to federal fiscal year end on September 30<sup>th</sup> in order to meet requirements of the grant. This transfer required TC approval because project 22107 was not on an approved FASTER Safety project list. The August request also indicated Region 5 would return to the TC requesting funds to backfill project 22420. Region 5 is requesting the use of \$4.4M in Transportation Commission Program Reserve funding to backfill the FASTER funds previously transferred from project 22420.

*Per Policy Directive 703.0, any request for Transportation Commission Program Reserve funds must be reviewed and approved by the Transportation Commission.*

*Please see the attached 22107 US 160 Wolf Creek West Fiber Project memo for additional information.*

Attachments:

- a. 22107 US 160 Wolf Creek memo



TCI Pool Reconciliation will be presented by Jeff Sudmeier in the TC Program Reserve section of the Budget Memo and will not be shown in the Budget Supplement.

**Transportation Commission Contingency Reserve Fund Reconciliation  
Fourth Supplement FY 2021 Budget**

Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance	Reference Document
June-20	Ending Balance 12S20		\$26,702,031	
July-20	Balance 1S21		\$43,816,921	
August-20	Balance 2S21		\$43,816,921	
September-20	Balance 3S21		\$35,688,432	
	No Requests this Month			
October-20	Pending Balance 4S21		\$35,688,432	

**Transportation Commission Contingency COVID Reserve Fund Reconciliation  
Fourth Supplement FY 2021 Budget**

Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance	Reference Document
June-20	Ending Balance 12S20		\$1,000,000	Allocated from TCC pool
July-20	Balance 1S21		\$1,000,000	
August-20	Balance 2S21		\$1,000,000	
September-20	Balance 3S21		\$1,000,000	
	No Requests this Month			
October-20	Pending Balance 4S21		\$1,000,000	

**Transportation Commission Maintenance Reserve Reconciliation  
Fourth Supplement FY 2021 Budget**

Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance	Reference Document
June-20	Ending Balance 12S20		\$0	
July-20	Balance 1S21		\$12,000,000	
August-20	Balance 2S21		\$12,000,000	
September-20	Balance 3S21		\$12,000,000	
	No Requests this Month			
October-20	Pending Balance 4S21		\$12,000,000	

**Transportation Commission Contingency Reserve Fund  
Emergency and Permanent Repairs-Nonparticipating costs and state match**

**September 11, 2013 Flood Related Monthly Activity**

Reg	State Highway	Mileposts	Project Description	County	Total Budget TCCRF
		0.000 - 0.000			\$ -
		0.000 - 0.000			\$ -
			Total		\$ -

**Spring 2015 Flood Related Monthly Activity**

Reg	State Highway	Mileposts	Project Description	County	Total Budget TCCRF
					\$ -
			Total		\$ -

**Grand Total TCCRF Activity for Emergency Relief Since Last Reporting**

**\$ -**



FY 2020-2021 Contingency Reserve Fund Balance Projection		
September TC Contingency Balance (Emergencies)	\$35,688,432	
<i>Pending Requests:</i>		
No Requests this Month	\$0	
Pending October TC Contingency Reserve Balance	\$35,688,432	
<i>Projected Outflow:</i>		
	Low Estimate	High Estimate
State Match for Emergency Relief/Permanent Recovery	(\$2,000,000)	(\$5,000,000)
State Match for Spring 2015 Floods	\$0	(\$2,500,000)
<i>Projected Inflow:</i>		
	Low Estimate	High Estimate
None	\$0	\$0
Projected FY 2020-2021 YE Contingency Balance	\$33,688,432	\$28,188,432
<i>TCCRF Surplus (Deficit) to Reach \$25M Balance July 1, 2021</i>	<i>\$8,688,432</i>	<i>\$3,188,432</i>

\* See FY 21 Budget memo for TCI Pool Reconciliation.





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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 29, 2020  
TO: Transportation Commission  
CC: Herman Stockinger, Deputy Executive Director  
FROM: Michael D. McVaugh, Region 5 Transportation Director  
SUBJECT: 22107 US 160 Wolf Creek West Fiber Project (ATCMTD Grant Recipient)

### Purpose

Region 5 is requesting the Transportation Commission (TC) to backfill 22420 US 550/160 Connection project with \$4.4 Million of Federal Redistribution Funds. During the August TC meeting, the TC approved utilizing \$4.4 Million of FASTER Safety funding from 22420 US 550/160 Connection Project to match the ATCMTD grant requirements for 22107 Wolf Creek West Fiber, with the understanding that the Region would receive Federal Redistribution funds to replace the funds removed from 22420 US 550/160 Connection Project. Region 5 was awarded an Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Program (ATCMTD) Grant. The funding requirements for the grant dictates the federal share of the grant be no more than 50% of the total project cost, and state applicants must provide a minimum of 50% state matching funds. Using the transferred FASTER funds met this requirement for the grant.

### Action

Staff is requesting TC to approve the transfer of \$4.4 Million of Federal Redistribution Funds to 22420 US 550/160 Connection South Design Build Project. In the May 2018 TC Resolution# TC18-05-06, the TC committed to matching \$4.4 Million to 22107 US 160 Wolf Creek West Fiber, if the region received a successful ATCMTD grant. The grant was awarded to CDOT in March 2019.

### Background

Region 5 completed a Road Safety Audit on US 160 Wolf Creek Pass with FHWA in 2016. The Road Safety Audit was initiated due to the high number of truck (freight) crashes (35%) that occur on the west side of Wolf Creek pass.

Roadway safety measures, identified by the audit, have been completed in the highest crash pattern areas. The Regions next step is to continue to installing fiber and technologies to supplement existing safety measures to further reduce crashes along this corridor. Currently there is no fiber or power on the west side of Wolf Creek Pass limiting our ability to use technologies for improved driver awareness.



This addition will greatly improve our communication with motorists and provide improved safety awareness along the corridor.

In 2018 the Region applied for and was later partially awarded the ATCMTD grant by USDOT, to complete a freight safety project on Wolf Creek Pass. This project includes the continued installation of fiber and infrastructure technologies to improve safety for freight and passenger vehicles.

### Details

At conception of this project, the anticipated scope of this project included a number of partnerships. We have been able to solidify these partnerships upon awarding of this grant. The funding distribution for this project is listed as follows; USDOT/FHWA (ATCMTD Grant (\$2.3m)), Transportation Commission (\$4.4m), CDOT ITS (\$4.4m), San Luis Valley Rural Electric Coop (\$2.3m), and a third private partner, to be named later, providing (\$2m) and CDOT dedicated fiber from Southfork to Denver, by way of US Highway 285. This additional partner is also working with the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribes to increase fiber availability which may provide additional fiber along US 160 from Wolf Creek Pass to Durango and Cortez. The installation of fiber across Wolf Creek Pass is a crucial middle mile step to providing rural broadband to southwest Colorado.

### Key Benefits

Approving this request will allow this crucial fiber and technology partnership project to move forward to construction. The project will help CDOT make a substantial step towards improving freight safety on Wolf Creek Pass and improving accessibility to rural broadband in Southwest Colorado.

### Options

1. Approve Region 5's request to transfer \$4.4 million of federal redistribution funds to backfill funds borrowed from 22420 US 550/160 Connection South Design Build Project.

#### Staff Recommendation.

2. Decline the request for funding match that was approved by the TC in May 2018. Inform the region to secure other funding to backfill the transfer of FASTER funds that was approved during the August 2019 TC meeting.

