

Resolution #BE 20-02-02

Committing a CBE funding match for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Discretionary Grant Program to address one CBE eligible structure, I-70 EB over Polk Creek (F-12-AS), as part of the I-70 Vail Pass Safety and Operations Improvements Project.

Approved by the Colorado Bridge Enterprise Board of Directors on February 20, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Colorado General Assembly created the Colorado Bridge Enterprise (CBE) in C.R.S. 43-4-805 as a government-owned business within the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT or Department) 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 as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete and rated poor; and

WHEREAS, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act authorizes the INFRA program at \$4.5 billion from FY2016 through FY2020, including \$1.0 billion for FY2020, to be awarded by the USDOT on a competitive basis to projects of national or regional significance that meet statutory requirements. (Pub. L. 114-94, December 4, 2015); and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was issued by U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) on January 13, 2020 for the FY 2020 INFRA Discretionary Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, applications for the FY 2020 INFRA Discretionary Grant Program; are due to the USDOT by 11:59 PM E.S.T on February 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, highway and bridge projects carried out on the National Highway System (NHS), including projects that add capacity on the Interstate System to improve mobility or projects in a national scenic area are eligible for the FY 2020 INFRA Discretionary Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the USDOT's evaluation of FY 2020 INFRA Discretionary Grant Program applications will be based on key program objectives: supporting economic vitality, leveraging of federal funding, innovation, and performance and accountability; and

WHEREAS, CDOT Staff performed an evaluation of potential projects for the Department to submit under a unified grant application and identified two projects that will be submitted for consideration based on the key program objectives; and

WHEREAS, CDOT Staff have recommended the I-70 Vail Pass Safety and Operations Improvements Project as a priority candidate for the FY 2020 INFRA Transportation Discretionary Grant Program application; and

WHEREAS, the I-70 Vail Pass Safety and Operations Improvements Project scope includes one CBE eligible bridge, I-70 EB over Polk Creek (F-12-AS), the CBE Board is being asked to commit matching funds to address this structure and increase the competitiveness of the Department's application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in order to show the Department's financial commitment to the I-70 Vail Pass Safety and Operations Improvements Project, and because a state match is required and enhances the viability of the application, the CBE commits to providing up to a maximum of \$40 million of Bridge Safety Surcharge revenue to be used on CBE eligible structures if the Department's application is awarded a grant by the USDOT.

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Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado

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Date