

DATE: December 10, 2014
TO: HPTE Board of Directors

FROM: Michael Cheroutes, Director of High Performance Transportation Enterprise

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Regarding Crossroads Interchange (Highway 34) Expansion Project

Purpose

The purpose of Resolution 150 is to support the selection of the Crossroads Interchange (Highway 34) Expansion Project (Project) for the Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships (RAMP) program.

Action

Staff is requesting that the HPTE Board approve Resolution 150 supporting the selection of the Project for the RAMP program and the \$35 million allocation of funding from the RAMP program to the Project.

Details

Governor John Hickenlooper and the CDOT Executive Director announced on December 14, 2012, the RAMP program, which implemented a new approach to budgeting and planning aimed to accelerate completion of transportation projects by funding multi-year projects based on year of expenditure. The Colorado Transportation Commission will be considering for inclusion in the RAMP program a project that will expand the Crossroads Interchange along a congested segment of the I-25 North Corridor. The Project is expected to make both directions of travel level and widen the roadway for future expansion, which could facilitate the implementation of managed lanes.

Options and Recommendations

- 1. Staff Recommendation Approve Resolution 150 supporting the selection of Crossroads Interchange (Highway 34) Expansion Project for the Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships program.
- 2. Deny approval of recommendation with further instruction to HPTE Staff.

Resolution – HPTE # 150

Supporting an allocation from the Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships Program for the Crossroads Interchange (Highway 34) expansion project over Interstate 25

WHEREAS the General Assembly created the Colorado High Performance Transportation Enterprise ("HPTE"), pursuant to Section 43-4-806, C.R.S., as a government-owned business within the Colorado Department of Transportation ("CDOT") to pursue innovative means of more efficiently financing important surface transportation projects that will improve the safety, capacity, and accessibility of the surface transportation system; and

WHEREAS HPTE is governed by a board of directors ("HPTE Board") created by Section 43-4-806(2)(a)(I), C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS Governor John Hickenlooper and the CDOT Executive Director announced on December 14, 2012, the Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships ("RAMP") program, which implemented a new approach to budgeting and planning aimed to accelerate completion of transportation projects by funding multi-year projects based on year of expenditure; and

WHEREAS CDOT developed, documented, and publically announced eligibility criteria to be used in selecting projects for inclusion in the RAMP program; and

WHEREAS the Colorado State Transportation Commission ("Transportation Commission") is responsible, pursuant to Section 43-1-106(8), C.R.S., for formulating the general policy with respect to the management, construction and maintenance of public highways and other transportation systems in the State; and

WHEREAS the Transportation Commission approves the selection of projects for the RAMP program; and

WHEREAS Transportation Commission will be considering for inclusion in the RAMP program a project that will expand the Crossroads Interchange along a congested segment of the I-25 North Corridor ("Project"); and

WHEREAS the Project is expected to make both directions of travel level and widen the roadway for future expansion, which could facilitate the implementation of managed lanes; and

WHEREAS the HPTE Board supports the selection of the Project for the RAMP program and the allocation of funding from the RAMP program to the Project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the HPTE Board hereby supports an allocation from the RAMP program to the Project and supports the selection of the Project for the RAMP Program.

Signed as of December 17, 2014

Sharon Williams

Secretary, HPTE Board of Directors