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To: High-Performance Transportation Enterprise Board / Colorado Transportation Commission

From: Nicholas Farber, Director, HPTE; Andrew Gomez, HPTE General Counsel

Subject: Intra-Agency Agreement Between HPTE and CDOT regarding I-270 Traffic and Revenue Study and Direct Connects Alternatives Analysis

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to describe the Intra-Agency Agreement (IAA) between the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the High-Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) regarding CDOT's contribution towards an intermediate grade traffic and revenue study on I-270, and a HPTE contribution toward a Region 1 Direct Connects Alternatives Analysis on I-270.

Action

The HPTE Board and Transportation Commission are asked to adopt a resolution that supports the staff recommendation to approve the IAA.

Background

CDOT Region 1 is currently moving forward on an Environmental Assessment on I-270 that will clear the corridor for a construction project from Central 70 to I-76. The Region is not studying tolled Express Lane direct connects from I-270 to either US 36 or I-25 in order to expedite a construction project on the corridor; however, as was demonstrated in the Express Lanes Master Plan, direct connects to and from I-270 have the potential to determine whether or not HPTE can raise enough revenue on the corridor to contribute towards a project. Region 1 agrees with this assessment but would like to get a construction project going as soon as possible. To that end, Region 1 has agreed to contribute \$600,000 towards a traffic and revenue study to determine how much HPTE can contribute towards the project (with and without direct connects), and HPTE is contributing \$600,000 of I-25 Segment 2 toll revenue towards a tolled Express Lane direct connect alternatives analysis. The alternatives analysis will provide low-level design on different direct connect alternatives at the I-270/US 36/I-25 interchange, examine what structures can still be used, determine potential project phasing, and provide construction estimates.

Overview of the IAA

IAAs between CDOT and HPTE document the substantive terms of how CDOT and HPTE work together and allocate rights and responsibilities on shared projects. This IAA states because of HPTE's expertise and legal powers unavailable to CDOT, as well as HPTE's experience in procuring and administering traffic and revenue studies as well as financial services, CDOT desires to provide funding to HPTE for an intermediate traffic and revenue study on I-270, and HPTE desires to contribute \$600,000 towards Region 1's Direct Connect Alternative Analysis.

Options / Decision Matrix

1. **Staff Recommendation:** Approve the IAA between CDOT and HPTE.
2. Review but do not approve the IAA. Provide instructions on changes or revisions.

Attachment

Amended I-270 Intra-Agency Agreement