

# 2021 Unsolicited Proposal Statement

## Overview

The High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) Board of Directors approved a revised version of the HPTE [Unsolicited Proposal Policy](#) in November 2020. All unsolicited proposals, without exception, must follow this policy to be evaluated by the High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE), on behalf of, and in coordination with, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). HPTE may return and/or reject an Unsolicited Proposal at any time during the process.

The goal of the policy is to increase engagement with the market to support improvements to the state's surface transportation system. HPTE and CDOT acknowledge the market may have identified innovative ways to improve transportation in Colorado. However, a bottom-up approach is HPTE and CDOT's preferred process to develop projects to ensure it is the best fit for the local community and key stakeholders.

Section two of the policy identifies the definition of an unsolicited proposal that uses unique solutions to offer innovative and efficient means of completing surface transportation infrastructure projects or generates revenue and/or other value that will enable HPTE and CDOT to better pursue their legislative mandates.

This statement is designed to provide guidance to interested proposers on HPTE and CDOT key priorities that should be considered prior to the submission of an unsolicited proposal. They include, in no particular order:

- Proposals must advance projects already identified in HPTE's [Express Lanes Master Plan \(ELMP\)](#) or CDOT's [10 year Transportation Plan](#). Particular attention should be paid to:
  - Projects that have clearly identified funding gaps; **and**
  - Projects that have CDOT support as demonstrated by having completed, started, or allocated funding to required environmental clearance work.
- Proposals that support increased transit usage and improve mobility choices through projects such as, but not limited to, carpooling, pedestrian, and bicycle improvements.
- Projects which uplift environmental justice communities.
- Projects that help increase charging infrastructure for electric vehicles.
- Proposals that help achieve Colorado's air quality and climate goals by reducing emissions from the transportation sector.

**All proposers are encouraged to reach out to HPTE staff ([cdot\\_hpte-usp@state.co.us](mailto:cdot_hpte-usp@state.co.us) - 303-757-9380) in advance of submitting proposals** to arrange a time to discuss their idea at a high level to determine if it is something that HPTE and CDOT may be interesting in evaluating.