

Resolution – HPTE #224

Approving the Issuance of a Final Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Central 70 Project

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) began the I-70 East Corridor Environmental Impact Statement (I-70 East Corridor EIS) to study the future of I-70 East from I-25 to Tower Road and to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the I-70 East Corridor EIS was to implement a transportation solution that improves safety, access, mobility and addresses congestion along this 12-mile segment of I-70 East, which is one of Colorado's most heavily traveled, congested highway corridors and an essential component of the state's only east-west interstate; and

WHEREAS, the passage of FASTER legislation in 2009 created the Colorado High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) as a government-owned business within CDOT to pursue public private partnerships and other innovative and efficient means of completing surface transportation infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2014, the HPTE Board of Directors (Board) approved Resolution #136 recommending to the Transportation Commission that initial procurement steps be taken to engage industry in a possible public private partnership for delivery of the I-70 East Project; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2014, the Transportation Commission approved Resolution #TC-3179 referring the procurement of the I-70 East Project to HPTE to further pursue public private partnership opportunities; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2015, the Transportation Commission approved a governance structure between CDOT, the Colorado Bridge Enterprise (CBE) and HPTE in which CBE will be the managing partner for the completion of the Central 70 Project, and CBE and HPTE will enter into an anticipated concession agreement with a private partner; and

WHEREAS, staff has met the transparency requirements set forth in Executive Order D 2014-010 pertaining to the development of public-private partnerships for surface transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, staff has developed a comprehensive program addressing disadvantaged and small business utilization and workforce training in administering the procurement as directed by Resolution #TC-15-2-5; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration issued a Record of Decision for the Central 70 Project on January 19, 2017; and

WHEREAS, following extensive negotiations with the four shortlisted proposer teams selected following the receipt of statements of qualifications in July 2015, the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Central 70 Project is in substantially final form, it has been reviewed by the Board, and staff recommends the issuance of a Final RFP for the Central 70 Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board approves and authorizes the issuance of a Final RFP for the Central 70 Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board acknowledges that further modifications following the issuance of the Final RFP may be in the best interests of the State, HPTE and the procurement for the Central 70 Project and hereby authorizes staff to issue further addenda as staff deems necessary without receiving additional approval from the Board.

Signed as of March 3, 2017

Kari V. Grant
Secretary, HPTE Board