

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: New “Public Friendly” Version of CDOT’s Budget

Based on feedback from the Efficiency and Accountability Committee, members of the Transportation Commission, state legislators, construction contractors, and members of the public, CDOT has revamped our Budget document to what we hope will be more “public friendly”. Many staff members have devoted time and effort in thinking about this project, getting input, and developing this new document. Special thanks to Mickey Ferrell and Patrick Byrne for their work on the document.

I’d like to highlight for you a few of the more useful features. First, the budget has been divided into main categories that we feel will speak to the public more easily about what CDOT does. Maintain, Maximize and Expand seem more explanatory than System Quality, Mobility and Safety.

The sub-categories explain more about how the work is accomplished. CDOT performed work and work that is contracted are specifically labeled, and CDOT administrative costs are segregated from the programs being administered.

In addition, this document displays both the funding source of funds, and the source of guidance under which the funds are directed. Currently, the previous investment categories are displayed as a cross-walk from the old format to the new, but this will be dropped in time.

We hope you will agree that it is both useful and easier to understand. We welcome your feedback on this new budget format, and will be asking the Transportation Commission to approve the use of the document for the Fiscal Year 13 budget preparation.