

Transportation Commission June 17 - 18, 2015

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

Please see: <https://www.codot.gov/about/transportation-commission/current-agenda-and-supporting-documents/june-packet-2015.pdf> for the June 2015 Transportation Commission (TC) Packet.

SH 6 Devolution Workshop (Maria Sobota, Dave Eller)

Action

CDOT Region 3 requests that the TC evaluate, discuss, and determine if the devolution of US 6 between Gypsum (Milepost 142.00) and Eagle (Milepost 149.67) is in the best interest of CDOT. Region 3 Staff have identified the following items that may benefit CDOT by reducing:

- Future maintenance, engineering, and specialty unit staff commitments to the corridor.
- CDOT's future financial responsibilities for projects not identified in our asset management programs (i.e. corridor capacity improvement projects in the Towns of Gypsum and Eagle).
- CDOT's assets by eliminating three bridges, three major drainage structures, three traffic signals, 7.67 miles of pavement, and an overhead railroad structure with vertical height restrictions.

Recommendation to TC

- That TC approves of the SH 6 devolution between Gypsum and Eagle based on current financial market and 4% net present value (NPV), for the amount of \$12,176,196 with \$6,606,196 funding from TC Contingency (the Staff Recommendation).

Program Management Workshop (Richard Zamora, Josh Laipply, Maria Sobota)

Purpose

The Program Management Workshop provides the TC with an update on the delivery of programs and significant projects. This month there is a focus on Asset Management, in particular the 2015 and 2016 programs.

- The cash balance is approximately \$1,150 million, \$259.1 million above the target. Cash decreased compared to the same time last year, but is not currently decreasing at the rate set by the target.
- The cash plus cash equivalents balance is approximately \$1,390 million, \$12.7 million over the target.
- This month the cumulative expenditure performance index (XPI) increased slightly to a 0.80 and the monthly XPI increased to a 0.94.
- The Schedule Performance Index (SPI) for Flood is at 0.94, and the RAMP Partnership and Operations program decreased slightly to a 0.95 from a 0.99 last month. With the focus this month on Asset Management, SPI's for the fiscal year (FY) 2014, 2015 and 2016 are as follows, 1.00 (FY2014), 0.99 (FY2015), and 0.98 (FY2016).
- To date the FY15 Asset Management program has budgeted 98% of its approved budget and committed 86% to projects with 60% of the Engineering Capital projects advertised, in construction, or complete.

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Discussion and Comments

- I-70 Simba Underpass Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships (RAMP) project – request to add \$5 million to budget, which falls within the TC contingency budget despite the increase.
- Question was raised if RAMP projects are still coming in higher than anticipated; response was that RAMP projects are averaging 1% over their cost estimates currently.
- Program Management is looking to add evaluation of projected economic conditions prior to establishing future targets for Expenditure Performance Index (XPI) and Cost Equivalent (CE).
- Will attempt to solicit bids earlier in the year during the off-season.
- Going forward, Cash Equivalents (CE) projections will use more current information - past two years instead of past 10 years.
- Developing scenarios for CE is under consideration to be prepared for varying future situations.
- FY 2016 projection for construction of projects is between \$790 million and \$850 million.
- Obtaining spending authority is an issue; may need to provide more granular level financial data to State Controller's Office.
- There is a struggle with the continuing resolution (short-term extension of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century [MAP-21]) impacting FHWA in terms of CDOT's funding being pro-rated this year to date.
- The CE balance reported in the June TC Packet does not reflect the expected additional \$74 million in obligation from FHWA for June and July due to the timing of receipt of notice.

I-70 East Quarterly Update (Tony DeVito)

Project Details

- The final EIS is scheduled to be released in January of 2016, with initial internal/cooperating agency review of the document beginning this summer.
- A Record of Decision (ROD) for Phase 1 is expected in the summer of 2016. Future phases will require the completion of additional RODs.
- Upcoming milestones include:
 - June 22, 2015: Deadline for receipt of Statement of Qualifications
 - July 24, 2015: Announcement of shortlisted teams
 - August 18-19, 2015: High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) Pre-Draft Request for Proposal (RFP) Public Meetings
 - September 2015: Release of Draft RFP (available publically)
 - Spring 2016: Final RFP (available publically)
 - End of 2016/Early 2017: Financial Close
- Considerable progress has been made toward securing a funding commitment from the City of Denver to help address the \$90 million shortfall resulting from the forecasted reduction in SB 228 revenues. An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Denver is currently under legal review.

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- Five teams have submitted Request for Qualifications (RFQs) due to close June 22nd
- The first phase of the ROD includes:
 - Lowering of I-70 between Colorado and Brighton boulevards

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- Placing a landscaped cover over the highway between Columbine and Clayton streets
- Adding one additional express toll lane in each direction from I-25 to I-225
- City of Denver has agreed to make the I-25 and Alameda project (estimated at \$30 million) the City's top priority for Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) funding in the next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) cycle.
- IGA between the City of Denver and CDOT is anticipated to be signed on June 29th during Denver City Council meeting
- A \$30 million - \$40 million gap in funding still remains. Denver requested additions to the project, such as enhanced landscaping, wider bridges, and bypass/auxiliary lanes.
- There is a need to explain the importance of this project to the rest of the state and the rationale for why all SB228 money is going towards this project.
- Need to be transparent from the beginning of this project to explain risks and responsibilities,
- This project will be provided redundant drainage systems – one system from CDOT the other from the City of Denver.

Thursday, June 18, 2015

Roll Call

- Excused absences for Commissioners Thiebaut and Hofmeister
- Commissioner Barry attended via conference call

Audience Participation

- Carter Sales of the Highlands Ranch Neighborhood Coalition commented on concerns related to the 70% reduction of proposed noise mitigation for the C-470 project from University to Quebec.
- Terri Binder from Club 20. Terri thanked the TC for representing the entire state, not just where they are from, and stressed how important a statewide transportation plan is that serves all of Colorado citizens.
- Commissioner Peterson called upon Jim Hancock, Gypsum Town Engineer, to answer questions pertaining to the SH 6 devolution. Jim expressed his support for SH 6 Devolution, and offered to answer any questions about the devolution that might arise. No questions were raised.

Comments of Individual Commissioners

- Commissioners leaving – Commissioners Aden, Barry, and Gruen were recognized and thanked for their service on the TC.
- CDOT is stronger today than in the past; should be a point of pride for all involved.
- CDOT staff was recognized for their contributions.
- Major summit in Northern Colorado brought people together and provided a platform for visibility of transportation in Colorado.

Executive Director's Report (Shailen Bhatt)

- Thanked and recognized Commissioners leaving the TC.
- Thanked and recognized Heidi Humphrey's work and her departure from CDOT to the Department of Revenue on July 10th.
- Recognized and thanked the outgoing TC Chair, Commissioner Peterson.

Chief Engineer's Report (Joshua Laipply)

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- US 85 Right-of-Way lease with Railroad underway – had 50 year lease that was extended for a year. Under negotiations now and is a substantial effort and important to CDOT.

FHWA Division Report (John Cater) – No one from FHWA was present to comment.

Act on Consent Agenda – Approved unanimously on June 18, 2015.

- Resolution for Regular Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2015 (Herman Stockinger)
- Resolution for Legislative Memorial Designations (Andy Karsian)

Discuss and Act on OSOW Rules (Kyle Lester, Joshua Laipply, Dan Wells) – Approved unanimously on June 18, 2015.

TC approved an update to the Rules Pertaining to Transport Permits for the Movement of Extra-Legal Vehicles or Loads (“Oversize Overweight [OSOW] Rules”), 2 CCR 601-4 in conformance with current practice. Also approved delegation of authority to hold a public hearing regarding amendments.

Discuss and Act on Resolution to Approve the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Rate (Maria Sobota) – Approved unanimously on June 18, 2015.

TC approved maintaining the current interest rate at 2.50% for SIB loans originating in the first half of the State fiscal year 2016.

Discuss and Act on Updated Resolution to Central City SIB Loan Application (Maria Sobota) – Approved unanimously on June 18, 2015.

The TC approved the Central City Transportation Enterprise SIB loan request, totaling \$1,521,693.

Discuss and Act on the 12th Budget Supplement of FY 2015 (Maria Sobota) – Approved unanimously on June 18, 2015.

- Region 4 – \$1,784,950 – *SH 23 Holyoke to The State Line*- Surface Treatment-
- Aeronautics - \$135,000 – *Personal Services*
- Hazardous Materials - \$1,000,000–*FY16 Property Management Hazardous Materials*-
- Region 3 - \$3,450,972-*SH13 Retaining Wall Failure*-May 20th
- Region 3 - \$6,570,000–RAMP Public-Public Contingency Fund-
- Region 3 - \$1,700,000–RAMP Operations - I-70 Vail Chain Station Improvements

Discuss and Act on the Devolution of SH 6 (Maria Sobota, Dave Eller) – Approved unanimously on June 18, 2015.

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Discuss and Act on Relocation of CDOT HQ and Region 1 Headquarters - Approved unanimously on June 18, 2015

- Approves issue and award of an RFP for a design-build contractor for no more than \$1.7 million for the initial design amount.

Discuss and Act on Relocation of CDOT Region 2 Headquarters - Approved unanimously on June 18, 2015

- Approves issue and award of an RFP for a design-build contractor for no more than \$1.3 million for the initial design amount.

Other Matters**Nominating Committee Recommendations for TC Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary - Approved unanimously on June 18, 2015.**

TC approved the following TC positions:

- TC Chair – Commissioner Connell
- TC Vice Chair – Commissioner Reiff
- TC Secretary – Herman Stockinger