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To STAC:

This week, FHWA announced the discretionary grant awards that we've been waiting for since last winter. Twelve federal programs accepted applications. Among all programs, about 450 awards were issued. In sum, Colorado did particularly well - 6th highest - in terms of total awards received and project award levels. Here is a breakdown of how Colorado's applications fared compared with other states, and a list of the Colorado awards are provided below.

- 446 projects in all 50 states were awarded a total of \$363.1 million;
- Colorado received awards for 17 projects;
- Colorado received 2.9% of all grant funds awarded;
- the average state received a total of \$6.2 million, Colorado received a total \$9.9 million; and
- among all 50 states, Colorado ranked 6th in total funds - surpassed only by California (1), Oregon (2), Utah (3), Illinois (4), and Washington state (5).

Moving forward, this will likely be the final major grant award announcement from FHWA for the next several years. The reason for this is MAP-21, which consolidated or eliminated two-thirds of all USDOT programs. Specifically, of the 12 discretionary grant programs issuing awards this week, all 12 programs were either eliminated or converted to a formula grant by MAP-21. The funds formerly dedicated to these programs will now almost all be delivered to the states as block formula grants, which means that (at least for the next two years under MAP-21) access to these funds won't require that we submit applications.

Award	Project	Grant Program
\$3,500,000	<i>Safety Improvements To San Juan National Forest Access Road</i>	Public Lands Highway Discretionary Program
\$1,750,000	<i>Red Mountain Pass Cribwall Replacement and Lane Widening</i>	Public Lands Highway Discretionary Program
\$1,190,099	<i>North Avenue Complete Streets Project</i>	Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program (TCSP)
\$500,000	<i>Denver Aerotropolis Comprehensive Transportation Plan</i>	Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program (TCSP)
\$462,000	<i>Conservation and Development Planning along Colorado's Byways</i>	National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP)
\$440,000	<i>Boulder B-Cycle Bus Rapid Transit and Commercial Corridors Expansion Project</i>	Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program (TCSP)
\$280,904	<i>Colorado Welcome Center in Trinidad</i>	National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP)
\$252,631	<i>Trail of the Ancients McElmo Flume Overlook</i>	National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP)
\$200,000	<i>The Transportation Recreation Opportunities Spectrum (TROS) in the Denver area</i>	Public Lands Highway Discretionary Program
\$157,000	<i>Los Caminos Antiguos Directional Signage</i>	National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP)
\$110,080	<i>Silver Thread Scenic Byway Rest Area and other Improvements</i>	National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP)
\$100,000	<i>Completion of long-term truck parking facilities in Dotsero</i>	Truck Parking Facilities Program
\$69,120	<i>Santa Fe Trail Scenic and Historic Byway Signage and Site Improvements</i>	National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP)
\$65,600	<i>Gold Belt Tour Scenic and Historic Byway High Park Road Safety Fencing</i>	National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP)
\$40,000	<i>Lariat Loop National Scenic Byway Signs</i>	National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP)
\$39,288	<i>Santa Fe Trail Coordinated Road Signage</i>	National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP)
\$37,960	<i>Cache la Poudre Informational Signage</i>	National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP)