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## **2014 Policy Options Workshops**



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# Introductions

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# Purpose & Agenda

- Share DTR Updates
- Get your input on new proposals
  - FASTER Redistribution
  - Capital applications
  - Rules & Regs
  - 5310 Prioritization
- Get feedback on any other issues



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# **TRANSIT & RAIL DIVISION UPDATE**



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# New Vision for the Grants Unit

- “Our purpose is to help you succeed.”
- Development of partnership
- “Grantee” = legal/FTA terminology
- “Grant Partner” = new vision
- Streamline, Simplify, Standardize, Automate



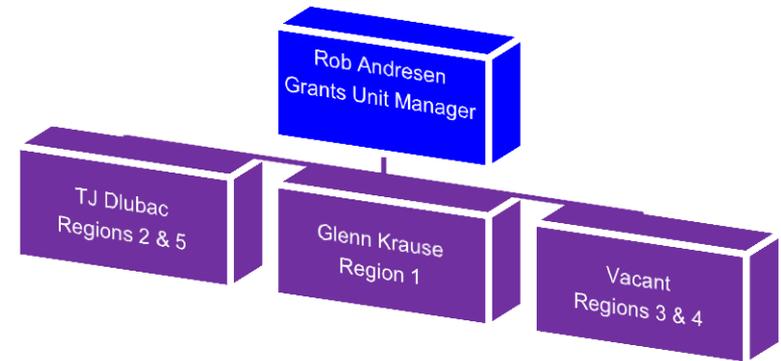
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# Organization

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# IX (Interregional Express)

- Authorized by Transportation Commission
- Provide daily service between
  - Colorado Springs and Denver
  - Fort Collins and Denver
  - Glenwood Springs and Denver
- Motorcoach operation on I-70 and I-25
- Vehicles on order, operator being determined
- Funded through FASTER
- Scheduled to begin operation in early 2015





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# Reimbursement Update

- Process is now streamlined
  - Less documentation needed with invoice
  - Summary rather than detail
  - New payment checklist distributed
- Annual Desk Review or Site Visit
  - Will require full documentation but for limited period, i.e. one or two months
  - Site visits evaluate internal controls & financial management systems



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# DBE Reporting

- Expect distribution in April
- To be submitted by May 1
- Covers October 1 – March 30
- Survey Monkey
- Do we have your email address?

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# **NEW INITIATIVES**



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# COTRAMS

- Colorado Transit & Rail Awards Management System
- Based on SalesForce™ Customer Relationship Management application
- Central repository of all CDOT information for grants management
- All applications will go through COTRAMS
- Reimbursement begin for July 1 invoice





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# CY 2015 Admin & Operating

- Update year
- Spreadsheet process
- Future = COTRAMS
- MAP-21 expected to be extended, not renewed; no additional funds
- Unexpected 5311 bump in FY 2014
- Update request scheduled for May 2014





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# Inventory Project

- Kicked off with consultant in February
- Initial survey in March (Thanks to everyone who completed it!)
- In depth study through July/August





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# Transit Asset Management

- Major emphasis in MAP-21
- FTA Regs still far off
- Survey, COTRAMS help us
- Plays into our emphasis on bus replacements





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# TOPICS FOR INPUT



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# FASTER Redistribution

- DTR re-examining how best to manage FASTER funds moving forward
- TC opposes ‘spreading the peanut butter’
- TC approved IX funding from Statewide pool
- Subcommittee of TRAC formed; 21 members



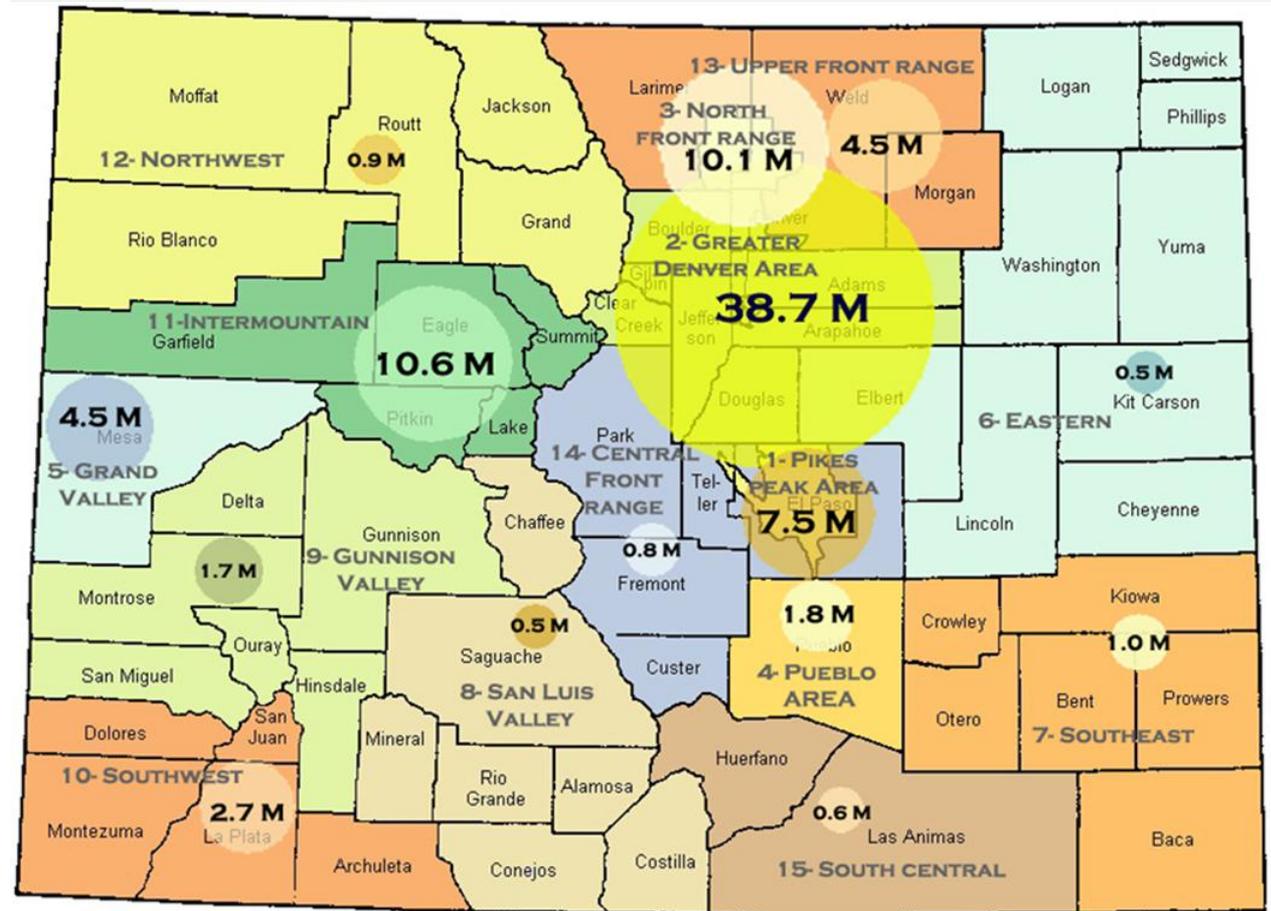
# Current FASTER Distribution

- \$10 M Statewide pool
  - Projects selected by DTR
  - Statewide, interregional, regional projects
  - Some difficulty identifying these projects
- \$5 M Local pool
  - Funds allocated by formula to Regions
  - Projects selected by Regions



# FASTER Distribution 2010-2015

- Depends on applications received
- Statewide and Local
- 100% Capital – includes vehicles, PnR, bus shelters, etc





# FASTER Redistribution

- Limited funding available
- Q: Should FASTER be used for operating assistance?
  - Only for regional? How much? What kind?  
What is “regional?”
- Q: If bus replacement is focus of Local pool, how to handle the large operators?



# Draft Scenario Proposals

	Funding Use / Category	1 Existing (Base FY2015)	2 Existing + Stipend	3 Existing + Regional Bus	4 Existing + Stipend + Regional Bus	5 Existing +Stipends +Regional Bus (Max)
<b>Local Pool</b>	Local Pool Capital/Bus	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0
<b>Statewide Pool</b>	IX Bus Operations	\$3.0	\$3.0	\$3.0	\$3.0	\$3.0
	CDOT Admin	\$1.0	\$1.0	\$1.0	\$1.0	\$1.0
	Regional Bus Operations	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1.0 - \$2.0	\$1.0 - \$2.0	\$2.0
	Large System Stipend(s)	\$0.0	\$3.0	\$0.0	\$1.5	\$3.0
	Competitive Capital Pool	<u>\$6.0</u>	<u>\$3.0</u>	<u>\$4.0 - \$5.0</u>	<u>\$2.5 - \$3.5</u>	<u>\$1.0</u>
	<i>Totals</i>	\$15.0	\$15.0	\$15.0	\$15.0	\$15.0



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FASTER Redistribution

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# **CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL CALL**



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## How did it go?

- Ease of application
- Timing for your organization
- Intent to remove funding “silo” barrier for capital needs
  - You ask for the vehicle/equipment
  - We determine the best program for funding
- What should we modify?



Consolidated Capital Call

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# **RULES & REGULATIONS REPLACEMENT**



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# Background

- FTA requires CDOT to maintain a State Management Plan
- CDOT currently has formal rules for FTA programs, but is not required to do so
- Both require updating
- Rules are duplication/redundant



# Proposal

- Update State Management Plan (SMP)
- Request elimination of Rules & Regs
- Advertise intent
- Hold public hearings
- Generate results
- Submit to Executive Director
- Make SMP our guide, only make changes more formally





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Rules & Regulations Replacement

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# **5310 FUNDING PRIORITIZATION**



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# 5310 Program

- Funding dedicated to transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities
- Includes old New Freedom program
- Open to any non-profit, certain government entities





# Proposal for 5310 Priority

- Give higher priority to those who provide “open door” service, as opposed to those with client-only or resident-only service (pro/con)
  - Reaches a broader population
  - Likely serves multiple destinations
  - Encourages coordination
  - Inconsistent with asset management principle
  - Closed door programs ineligible under FASTER



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5310 Funding Prioritization

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**5310 OPERATING**



## Section 5310 Operating Award Dilemma

- 5310 historically focused on capital
  - Vehicle replacement/expansion
  - Mobility Management, Travel Training
- Up to 45% may now be spent on operating
- New Freedom recipients currently grandfathered
- Concerns: hard to withdraw operating once given; great need exists but small amounts once many apply; nothing left for anyone applying later; less available for capital



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5310 Operating Awards Concerns

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What else is on your mind?

What changes/improvements  
needed at DTR?

What's new and exciting with  
you?



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**Thank you for your participation!**