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Date: January 25, 2010
To: Chair and Members of the Transportation Advisory Committee
From: Todd Cottrell, Senior Transportation Planner
Subject: **First Quarter 2010 Policy Amendments to the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

REQUESTED ACTION

Motion to recommend to the Regional Transportation Committee first quarter 2010 policy amendments to the *2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*. Also, provide input to CDOT Regions 1 and 4 on use of “contingency” funds.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION

- Per the *Policy on Transportation Improvement Program Preparation*, policy amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program are processed quarterly.
- One amendment adds new funding and adjusts existing funding between TIP years.

TIP ID# 1999-052: RTD Fixed Guideway Improvements, Upgrades, and Maintenance

Funds will be used for upgrades and maintenance of the 16th Street Mall from Broadway to Market Street, the transfer facilities at each end of the 16th Street Mall, and other fixed guideway assets. Funds will also go toward on-going maintenance of rail guideways, and preventative maintenance of the Fixed Guideway Rail and assets, including maintenance of the LRT Rolling stock and LRT maintenance support.

Amendment: Project awarded additional federal funds for project expansion identified in previous scope change (June 2009), and shifting funds between fiscal years. Increase Section 5309 Fixed Guideway funds by \$10,314,000 and adjust the fiscal years as follows; increase FY 2010 by \$8,589,000, FY 2011 by \$3,295,000, and decrease FYs 2012-2013 by \$1,570,000. Increase local funds by \$4,878,000 and adjust the fiscal years as follows; increase FY 2010 by \$2,147,000, FY 2011 by \$824,000 and FYs 2012-2013 by \$1,907,000. Increase total project funding.

- One modification allocates additional funds to a pool project.

TIP ID #2007-080: Region 6 Bridge On-System Pool

Pool funds Region 6 on-system bridge projects. Projects individually depicted are 2003-043 and 2005-104.

Amendment: Allocating additional funds to a pool project. Add \$5,000,000 of Bridge On-System funds to Design/Shelf Projects and reduce the Unallocated 10-11 balance by the corresponding amount. Total funding remains unchanged.

- Three amendments are necessary to swap funding sources between projects. This action is necessary to address federal issues on Lakewood's Union projects. The proposal swaps federal (STP-Metro) funds out of those projects and replaces these with CDOT funds. The swap project (Federal Boulevard) has previously been awarded STP-Metro funds, has state funds in it, and has substantial state/local overmatch. Denver has indicated concurrence with the swap.

TIP ID# 2005-031: Union Boulevard: 4th to 6th Street Operational Improvements

This project constructs:

- a) a 400 foot RT deceleration lane for SB Union to WB 4th Avenue.
- b) a second LT lane for EB 6th Avenue ramp to NB Union (by revising the corner island and lengthening the RT lane).

The west side sidewalk is reconstructed from 6th to 4th.

Amendment: Moving project from the 2007-2012 TIP to the 2008-2013 TIP, and transferring funds between TIP projects. Reduce and transfer \$372,000 of federal STP Metro funds to TIP #2001-169 and add state Congestion Relief funds from the same project by the corresponding amount in FY 2009. Total funding remains unchanged.

TIP ID# 2007-033: US-6: Union and Simms Interchange Improvements

Project will add double left-turn lanes on Simms/Union to the eastbound and westbound US-6 on-ramps, which will be widened to receive the double left-turn lanes. The existing bridge over 6th Avenue will be re-striped and the approaches to the bridge will be widened.

Amendment: Moving project from the 2007-2012 TIP to the 2008-2013 TIP, and transferring funds between TIP projects. Reduce and transfer \$219,000 of federal STP-Metro funds to TIP #2001-169 and add state Congestion Relief funds from the same project by the corresponding amount in FY 2009. Total funding remains unchanged.

TIP ID# 2001-169: Federal Blvd: Alameda Ave to 6th Ave Widening

The project will add one new lane (from 5 to 6 lanes total) to provide a third lane in the northbound direction, provide signal activation for bicycle, signal interconnect, bus stop improvements and barrier median in the middle of Federal Blvd. which restricts turning movements at minor cross streets and driveways to right-in/right-out turns. Provide pedestrian crossing points across the median which connect major activity areas or where pedestrian volumes are significant. Provide standard lane width of 11 feet.

Amendment: Transferring funds between TIP projects. Add federal STP-Metro funds to FY 2009 from the following projects; \$219,000 from (TIP #2007-033) and \$372,000 from (TIP #2005-031), and reduce state Congestion Relief funds by the total amount of \$591,000 allocating to corresponding projects in the same amounts.

- Eight amendments are necessary for CDOT to fund projects from recently-released “contingency” funds. In fiscal year 2009, a higher obligation limit and other factors provided additional revenues to CDOT. To guard against real dollar cuts due to rescissions, the Transportation Commission (TC) placed these in “contingency.” In December, the TC released \$120 million of these funds to the regions, and directed the funds to one 7th Pot project outside the DRCOG region (\$15 million), surface treatment (\$32 million), and design and construction (\$73 million). For the CDOT regions serving DRCOG, the following funds were allocated:

- Region 1 (region-wide): design and construction - \$2.8 million (no surface treatment).
- Region 4 (region-wide): surface treatment - \$8.1 million, design and construction - \$11.8 million.
- Region 6: surface treatment - \$5.3 million, design and construction - \$28.3 million.

Because of the magnitude of the amount, DRCOG has requested programming of those funds be considered as policy amendments.

- At this time, Region 4 is requesting approval of one amendment programming surface treatment funds.

TIP ID# 2007-095: Region 4 Surface Treatment Pool

Projects in DRCOG area to be approved for pool funding by Region 4 Director.

***Amendment:* Allocating additional funds to a new pool project. Add \$7,000,000 of state Surface Treatment funds in FY 2010 and allocate to a new project: I-25, mile marker 243.5 to 249. Increase total project funding.**

- Region 6 is requesting approval of proposals for its entire allocation of contingency funds. A spreadsheet summarizing those proposals is attached.

TIP ID# 2001-214: Region 6 Surface Treatment Pool

Pool funds Region 6 Surface Treatment Projects.

***Amendment:* Existing pool project awarded additional state funds. Add \$5,333,000 of state Surface Treatment funds in FY 2010 and allocate to US-287: Broomfield to Lafayette. Increase total project funding.**

TIP ID# 2005-136: Design Pool: Region 6 Misc/Design

The design pool prepares CDOT for future construction opportunities. Projects to be approved for pool funding by Region 6 Director.

Amendment: Pool to receive additional state funds. Add \$5,825,000 of state Regional Priority Project funds to FY 2010. Increase total project funding.

TIP ID #2007-040: I- 25: 20th Street to Speer Boulevard Operational Improvements

Project will design and construct a two-lane, separated collector distributor (CD) road adjacent to the outermost southbound travel lane of I-25 from 20th Street to Speer Boulevard. Project includes environmental studies, and replacement of the 15th Street overpass bridge to accommodate the CD road.

Amendment: Project awarded additional state funds and shifting funds between fiscal years. Add \$500,000 of state Regional Priority Project (RPP) funds to FY 2010 and reduce Future Funding by corresponding amount. Total funding remains unchanged.

TIP ID #2007-158: I- 25: Santa Fe to Alameda Interchange Improvements (Valley Hwy Ph I and II)

Reconstruct interchanges at I-25/Santa Fe and I-25/Alameda as Phases 1 and 2 of the Valley Highway ROD. FY2007 funding initiates design and ROW acquisition for Valley Highway Phase I and II.

Amendment: Project to receive additional state funds. Add \$500,000 of state Regional Priority Project (RPP) funds in FY 2010. Increase total project funding.

TIP ID #2008-041: I- 225 Widening: Mississippi to Parker/Yale Bridge Impacts

Design for extending the widening of I-225 from Mississippi south to Parker Rd. from 4 to 6 lanes, and initial ROW for impacts to the Yale Bridge.

Amendment: Project to receive additional state funds for design of next widening phase. Add \$3,000,000 of state Regional Priority Project (RPP) funds to FY 2010. Increase total project funding.

NOTE: The DRCOG Executive Director, in response to CDOT's request for immediate approval in order to expedite this design, granted staff authorization to process this amendment administratively in January 2010. It is being included herein with the other Region 6 contingency funds policy amendments to ratify the Director's decision and to keep the region's amendments together for planning purposes.

TIP ID# 2005-072: US- 6: Wadsworth Blvd (SH-121) Interchange Reconstruction

Phase I: Begin environmental assessment for Wadsworth Blvd (SH-121) from 4th Avenue to 13th Avenue including US-6 interchange reconstruction [\$500,000 of STP-Metro funds in FY 2005 and \$6 million of RPP funds in

FY2006]. Phase II: Replace US-6 and Wadsworth Interchange including improvements and widening to Wadsworth [\$17.5 million of RPP funds in FY 2010 for design and right-of-way.]

Amendment: Transfer project from the 2005-2010 TIP to the 2008-2013 TIP, amending the scope, and adding new state funds. Add the construction phase (Phase 2) to the scope, and allocate \$17,500,000 of state Regional Priority Project (RPP) funds to FY 2010.

TIP ID #2008-xxx: I- 25 North: Planning and Environmental Linkage Study

Planning and environmental linkage study for I-25 from I-76 to SH-7.

Amendment: New project. Allocate \$1,000,000 of state Regional Priority Project (RPP) funds to FY 2010.

Note: Regions 1 and 4 ask for TAC input on state highway projects that might be candidates for use of their design and construction contingency funds (which will be processed during the next TIP policy cycle).

BACKUP INFORMATION

Attachment: Region 6 Contingency Project Spreadsheet
TIP Tables (provided as a handout at the meeting)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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