

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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TO: Transportation Commission

FROM: Mark Imhoff, Director, Division of Transit & Rail

DATE: January 9, 2012

RE: Current Activities Update

The purpose of this memo is to give the Transportation Commission a brief status on the current activities of the Division of transit & Rail. We will have a Transit & Intermodal Committee meeting this month, but I also want to keep you apprised of a few items.

FY 2013 FASTER Grant Application and Award Schedule – The 2013 pool of funds will be \$5 M for Local Transit Projects using the resource allocation formula to allocate funds to the Regions for evaluation and selection, and approximately \$9 M for Statewide Transit Projects for evaluation and selection by DTR. Applications were due on October 28, and staff's evaluation is complete; we received applications for 78 projects totaling nearly \$36M. The schedule is as follows:

- TRAC and STAC review of recommendations – January 13, 2012
- Transit & Intermodal Committee review of recommendations – January 18, 2012
- Transportation Commission approval – February, 2012

Current (2010-1012) FASTER Transit Grant Contract Status – As of January 6, 2011

• Contracts Executed	XX
• In Signature Process	XX
• Awaiting contract/IGA	
from Procurement	XX
• Scope Negotiations/NEPA/ROW)	XX
• Withdrawn	X
• Scope Issues (may be withdrawn)	X
• No Action	X
TOTAL	86

State Freight and Passenger Rail Plan –The completion schedule is as follows:

- Draft Plan/Report –January, 2012
- TRAC, STAC and Transit & Intermodal Committee presentation and input – February, 2012

- Final Plan/Report for TRAC, STAC and Transportation Commission approval
– March, 2012

Interregional Connectivity Study – This is a study to define the long range potential High Speed Rail network along the Front Range and from DIA to Eagle County, and the “connectivity” with the RTD FasTracks system. The study is funded through an FRA planning grant and FASTER Transit funds. CH2MHill has been selected, a Work Plan developed and a contract negotiated. Notice to proceed is expected in late January, 2012

Advanced Guideway System (AGS) Feasibility Study – This study is the first element following the Tier 1 Environmental Clearance and Record of Decision for the I-70 Mountain Corridor. It will engage the transit manufacturing and delivery industry to help assess the viability of AGS technologies and alignments, including cost analysis. This study will coordinate with the Interregional Connectivity Study. Consultant interviews are scheduled for January 10, 2012.

Towner Line – On December 1, 2011 we received notice from the V&S Railway of their intent to abandon the section of the Towner Line from NA Junction (just east of Pueblo) to Eads (approximately 80 miles). Following state statute, we have notified all state departments, metropolitan or regional authorities, cities, counties and towns affected by this abandonment, and they have ninety (90) days to notify the V&S Railway in writing to express interest in acquiring the property or preserving the service. CDOT holds a first right of refusal to repurchase the line, and has 120 days after commencement of the 2012 session of the Colorado General Assembly to exercise its right; other offers will only be considered if CDOT chooses to not exercise its right. At this time CDOT has no plans to exercise its first right of refusal.