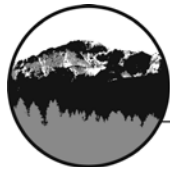




**Special Meeting Agenda of the
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 29, 2017
9:00 a.m.
PPACG Upstairs Conference Room**

Agenda items marked with ☒ indicate that additional materials were included in packets mailed to members.

- 1. Call To Order, Establish a Quorum**
- 2. 2040 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment #2 ☒**
- 3. Adjournment**



MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 29, 2017
TO: PPACG Transportation Advisory Committee
FROM: Ken Prather, Acting Transportation Director
SUBJECT: 2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT #2

ACTION REQUESTED: Review & Recommend

SUMMARY

CDOT has requested an amendment to the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to add El Paso County's portion of the I-25 Gap project and funding. The project must be in the 2040 RTP before November 2 in order for it to be eligible for an Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant. Details of their request are in the letter at Attachment #1.

PROPOSED MOTION

Recommend the Board of Directors approve Amendment #2 to the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan.

ALTERNATIVES

The TAC has the following alternatives to consider:

- 1) Recommend approval of the item as presented.
- 2) Do not recommend approval of the item.
- 3) Refer the item back to staff.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Letter from CDOT dated September 20, 2017.



COLORADO

Department of Transportation

Region 2 North Program Office
1480 Quail Lake Loop
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

September 20, 2017

Mr. Kenneth Prather
15 South 7th Street
Colorado, Springs, CO 80905

RE: Request for Plan Amendment for
I-25 Widening: Colorado Springs Denver South Connection

Dear Mr. Prather,

The Colorado Department of Transportation requests a Long Range Transportation Plan amendment to the PPACG 2040 Plan for the I-25 Widening - Colorado Springs Denver South Connection (the project). The project will include the construction of a northbound and southbound managed lanes along the eighteen (18) mile segment of Interstate 25 (I-25) from Monument to Castle Rock. Of which, approximately sixteen (16) miles are within the Denver Regional Council of Governments planning area and approximately two (2) miles are within the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments planning area.

I-25 is six to eight lanes wide from just south of Castle Rock through Denver and six lanes from the top of Monument Hill south through Colorado Springs. The project is contained within the eighteen (18) mile segment between Monument and Castle Rock that is currently four lanes. This segment of I-25 has remained largely unchanged since the Interstate highway was originally constructed, creating a roadway that does not adequately serve existing needs and will not safely and efficiently accommodate projected increases of the traveling public nor will it support the projected population growth in the front range. I-25 is part of the National Defense Highway System providing critical defense logistics support for military installations in Colorado. The I-25 corridor is paramount to national defense as well as the economic health of the state and the region. This project will help modernize, increase capacity, reliability and safety. It is also designated as a National Highway Freight Network Corridor supporting both interstate and international commerce and trade.

The Colorado Department of Transportation will design the project in Fiscal Year 2018 (FY 18) and construct the additional lanes in Fiscal Year 2019 and 2020 (FY19 and FY20). The estimated construction cost for the project is \$350M. Of which, approximately two (2) miles or 11% of the project length resides in the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Metro Planning Area. The percentage of the project cost within the planning area is estimated at \$38M.

The funding for the project is being provided by the following sources:

1. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has a reasonable expectation of funding \$250M of the project through Colorado Senate Bill SB 17-267,
2. El Paso County (EPC) has two ballot initiatives for the November 7, 2017 election. The PPRTA ballot measure has a reasonable expectation of funding \$10M and a Tax Payer Bill of Rights (TABOR) Excess Revenue Retention ballot measure has a reasonable expectation of funding \$6M for a combined total of \$16M in local match,
3. CDOT is applying for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant in the amount of \$75M. This grant application is due on November 2, 2017, and
4. CDOT has the reasonable expectation of funding the remaining balance of \$9M from a combination of Faster/Safety, HSIP and RPP funds.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions about the proposed request. You may reach me at 719-546-5748.

Sincerely,

Wendy Pettit
CDOT Region 2 Planning Manager

