



TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER

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Transportation Alternative Program

The TAP applications are in. There were 8 applications for Region 5 and 15 applications for Region 3. The submittals for Region 5 have been initially scored and will be reviewed again in about the middle May.

As for Region 3, a training session was held April 27 and the access to the 18 applications were made available to the scoring team. The team will score the apps with an overall review scheduled for May 19th. More to come later.

CDOT Update on Current Events

Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Director

- FHWA: Wildlife Crossing Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
 - Deadline for application submittal is August 1st
 - The funding may be used for construction and non-construction projects and the maximum share of project costs that may be funded with grant funds will typically be 80 percent of project costs, as is standard for many Federal-aid projects
- USDOT: Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) Program
 - Established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
 - Eligible Activities
 - Develop or update a comprehensive safety action plan (Action Plan). This includes:
 - Developing an Action Plan;
 - Conducting supplemental planning in support of an Action Plan; and
 - Carrying out demonstration activities in support of an Action Plan.
 - Conducting planning, design, and development activities for projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.
 - Carry out projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.
 - There are two types of SS4A grants: Planning and Demonstration Grants and Implementation Grants
 - MPOs and local governments are eligible to apply, while State DOTs are not
 - Deadline for application submittal is July 10th

Transportation Commission News

Commissioner Don Stanton is moving out of state. Gary Beedy will serve as the acting Chair due to his departure from the TC until end of the Fiscal Year, July 1, 2023.

Commissioner Barbara Vasquez has taken a position on another board and has also left the Transportation Commission.

HB23- 1101

- A component of the current HB 23-1101 includes a study that needs to be done by CDOT no later than November 30th, regarding data to review in consideration of potential TPR boundary revisions.
- The TC Chair, Don Stanton, submitted a letter to the state legislature with concerns regarding HB 23-1101 keeping the TC and STAC aware of changes.
- Several STAC members raised their concerns with the bill not receiving notice of changes to the TPR boundaries before it was presented. Concerns were also raised regarding the proposed TPR boundary change text added in to HB 23-1101 wasn't introduced to the legislature as a stand alone bill.

At the TPR Meeting on May 11, Representative of CDOT will be at the meeting to discuss this issue.

Legislative Report – Herman Stockinger and Jamie Grim CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations (OPGR)

- HB 1101 update - Bill on TPR Boundary Revisions - there is new proposed language, went to second conference to add additional edits. They are close to reaching an agreement.
- HB 1233 (EV charging) - CDOT to authorize EV charging in CDOT right-of-way. Currently there is a federal prohibition on federal highways.
- HB 23-1276 Scope of Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise - Expands scope of the Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise (BTE) so they can use funds to do on other non-poor rated bridges and bundle bridge maintenance work where it makes sense.
- HB 23-1267 - Doubles fines of speeding trucks on steep grades and establishes steep grade zones.
- HB 23-268 - Proposes new reporting requirements for CDOT related to the 10-Year Plan including more project information and a requirement for a report to the Transportation Legislative Review Committee (TLRC).
- Several STAC members expressed concerns with SB 23-213 and transportation elements included. STAC members expressed support for removing transportation language from the bill. Also concerns about potential negative impacts to rural areas of the state as an unintended consequence of the bill.

Revitalizing Main Streets (RMS) and Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Funds (MMOF) (Informational Update) - Michael Snow and Neysa Bermingham, CDOT Division of Transportation Development

- **RMS:** Grant program aims to promote healthy living through active transportation investments.
 - With the increased program funding, CDOT is working to improve efficiency of managing this program and serving customers.
 - CDOT is still accepting applications on a rolling basis.
 - Maximum amount for project funding is \$250,000 and unless otherwise determined, requires a 10 percent match.
- **MMOF:** Aims to improve access and availability to alternative transportation systems, reduce Greenhouse Gases by reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
 - Project minimums of \$150,000 and no maximum size limit.
 - State funds in the program are a combination of General Funds and Retail Delivery Fee revenues.
 - Federal funds used in RMS and MMOF from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) carry strict deadlines to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026.
 - CDOT will begin monitoring and reporting on the status of ARPA-funded RMS and MMOF projects and provide an assessment of the level of risk in those projects being completed successfully.
 - Projects will be required to meet certain milestones to ensure these Recovery funds are not lost to the state; Those not meeting these milestones or those deemed too high of risk may have awards of funding rescinded and the funding repurposed to other candidate projects.
 - MPOs/TPRs are asked to prepare a list of prioritized candidate projects on which rescinded award funding may be used

Transportation TPR Meeting
NEXT MEETING NOTICE TPR meeting
May 11, 2023
In-Person
From 10am to NOON
REGION 10