RFTA Planning Department Monthly Update

November 11th, 2022

RFTA Climate Action Plan (CAP)

The CAP planning project is approximately 60% complete, on schedule and within budget. Please reference the agenda summary and presentation in the Board packet.

CDOT Office of Innovative Mobility (OIM) Announces Grants

The OIM is an Office of CDOT focused on reducing air pollution and road congestion by expanding multimodal transportation options, using traditional and emerging mobility technologies.

Funding categories include Transportation Demand Management (TDM), Electrification and Energy, and Mobility Technology. A summary of grant requirements is shown in the table below:

Program	TDM	Electrification and Energy	Mobility Technology
Eligible Projects	Various TDM Programs and Projects	Workforce Development Public Awareness and Education	Roadside Units, On-board Units
Award Size	Up to $100,000	Up to $100,000	10 of each available
Match Requirement	20%	20% (encouraged)	None
Eligible Applicants	various	All organizations in Colorado	Counties and Municipalities

Grant applications are due December 9, 2022, and awards announced in January 2023. For more information, please visit https://www.codot.gov/programs/innovativemobility/grants/overview

Intermountain TPR

With the Departure of Bentley Henderson as the Chair of the Intermountain Transportation Planning Region (IMTRP), the new Chair is Brian Pettet, Pitkin County Director of Public Works. Terri Partch, City of Glenwood Springs Engineer is Vice-Chair.

Grants Update

As of the end of September and Q3 in 2022, RFTA Staff are managing an unprecedented number of Federal/State grant projects for operating funding, bus replacements, transit safety infrastructure and facility improvements. There are 17 "active grants" with either executed grant contracts, or awarded grants working their way through the execution process. The total combined grant awards are **$67 million, with total combined grant match of $59 million, for total grant project costs of $126 million**.

Pending Proposals

RFTA has applied for $750,000 in Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance (EMIA) Funds to complete the funding package for the $6.3 million Transit Hub, which is part of Phase 6 of the GMF renovation and expansion.

On September 30, RFTA submitted a grant proposal for FY2023 CDOT "Super Call" capital funds for $15.5 million (and $3.9 million local match) to complete the remainder of Phase 6, now called 6B, which consists mostly of constructing a 3-story Operations and Administration center on top of Phase 6A, the West Glenwood Springs Transit Hub. In addition to Phase 6B, RFTA is requesting funding to construct Phase 8. Phase 8 is approximately 10,000ft^2 of enclosed space dedicated to storage and maintenance of fleet and facility-related equipment.

Cost estimate of Phase 6B and 8 is about $19.5 million. IF RFTA receives $15.5 million in CDOT funding, Phase 6B and Phase 8 can be added to the design-build construction package, and the core GMF Phases 1-8 can be complete and implemented by end of 2025, culminating in about 15 years of planning, design and construction.

CDOT did not publish the extent of funding available, however, it did report being very over-subscribed, with $56 million in requests, including about $25 million for capital and $11 million for fleet replacement

Phase 6A: West Glenwood Hub (funded by a $4.8 million RAISE grant

Phase 6B: The Administration and Operations Center (3 stories above Phase 6A)

Phase 8: Fleet and Facility Equipment Storage and Maintenance