

# The American Recovery and Investment Act of 2009

## Bill Summary Prepared by CDOT

### **Funding Levels: \$40 billion for transportation infrastructure**

- No earmarks are contained in the bill
- Projects are 100% federally funded (no match requirements)

### **Aviation Funding**

Nationally: \$3 Billion nationally through the AIP Program

Colorado: Colorado will have to compete through our FAA Region for funding of specific projects

### **Highway Funding**

Nationally: \$30 billion

Colorado: ~\$422 million (if eligible based on the eligibility requirements, listed below)

45% of funds sub-allocated to the TMAs (Transportation Management Areas)

DRCOG share = ~\$141.9 M

PPACG share = ~\$33.2 M

NFRMPO share = ~\$14.8 M

Total to MPO's = ~\$189 M

Eligibility Requirements (excluding timeline award guidelines, discussed below):

- Is in the TIP and/or STIP
- Is projected for completion within three years
- Is located in an economically distressed area as defined by section 301 or the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended (42 USC 3161).
- (Note: it is somewhat unclear whether only projects meeting all of these requirements may be funded, or simply if priority must be given to projects meeting all of these requirements. Initial interpretation the project must meet all the above requirements to be eligible for funding).

### **Transit Funding**

Capital Investment Grants:

Nationally: \$7 billion (\$5.4 billion for 5307, \$600 million for 5311, and \$1 billion for 5309)

Colorado: ~ \$100 million

Urban Formula: ~\$88.8 million

Rural Formula: ~\$11.0 million

Also:

- Capital Assistance for Intercity Passenger Rail Service: \$300 million nationally
- Amtrak: \$800 million nationally
- Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment: \$2 billion nationally

## **Award Guidelines: 50% of dollars contracted in 120 days or less, remainder by August, 2010.**

### **Aviation Funding:**

- Short Term: Grantees must enter into contracts or other binding commitments to make use of not less than 50% of the funds awarded within 120 days after award of the grant or funds will be rescinded and redistributed (this is not a firm interpretation of the bill, as the rescission language is not in the FAA section, but in another section and references the FAA funding)
- Long Term: No specific timeline requirements listed in bill for remainder of funds in the FTA section, but timelines may be outlined elsewhere in the bill.

### **Highway Funding Short Term:**

"STP Metro" / TMA Funding (~\$189 million total for Colorado):

- 50% of funds (~\$94.5 million) must be contracted in 90 days.
- Any remaining portion of the funds not contracted in 90 days will then be transferred to the State (which can spend it anywhere).

State DOT Funding (~\$233 million for State DOT, plus ~\$189 million for TMAs, totaling \$422 million)

- 50% of all funds statewide (including returned TMA dollars, so ~\$211 million) must be contracted within 120 days
- Any remaining funds not contracted in 120 days will be rescinded and redistributed to eligible states (those states that contracted 50% of their funds in the allotted time).

### **Highway Funding Long Term**

"STP Metro" / TMA Funding (~\$189 million total for Colorado):

- All remaining funds must be contracted by July 1, 2010.
- Any remaining portion of the funds not contracted by July 1, 2010 will be transferred to the State (which can spend it anywhere).

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- All remaining funds must be contracted by August 1, 2010.
- Any remaining funds not contracted by August 1, 2010, will be rescinded and redistributed to eligible states (those states that contracted all of their funds in the allotted time).

### **Transit Funding: Capital Investment Grants and Transit Capital Assistance**

(~\$100 million total for Colorado)

- Short Term: 50% of funds must be awarded within 120 days, or funds will be rescinded and redistributed (this is not a firm interpretation of the bill, as the rescission language is not in the FTA section, but in another section and references the FTA funding)
- Long Term: No specific timeline requirements listed in bill for remainder of funds in the FTA section, but timelines may be outlined elsewhere in the bill.
- Other: 5309 Funds: Priority given to projects that are currently under construction or are able to award contracts based on bids within 120 days of enactment.