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- New formula freight program created under the FAST Act
- Approximately $15 million to Colorado annually, beginning in federal fiscal year (FFY) 16
- Freight Advisory Council (FAC), State Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC), MPOs/TPR input on freight priorities, approach, and criteria.
- Projects reviewed and evaluated with recommended projects for FFY 16 and FFY 17 approved by the Transportation Commission in May 2017.
  - 14 projects totaling approximately $35 million
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• Truck Parking
  • Truck Parking Information Management System (TPIMS)
  • I-70 Truck Parking Glenwood Springs

• Truck Safety
  • Ports of Entry / Mobile Pull-Out Sites
  • US 85: Louviers to Meadows Widening
  • US 85/Vasquez: I-270 to 62nd Ave. Interchange
  • US 50: Little Blue Canyon Reconstruction and Widening
  • US 160 Wolf Creek Pass Safety Improvements
  • Region 5 Mountain Pass Chain Up Stations

• Freight Mobility
  • I-25 Central PEL (low vertical clearance bridges)
  • I-25 City Center Dr. to 29th St. Reconstruction and Widening
  • US 287 Lamar Reliever Route
  • I-70 West Vail Pass Auxiliary Lanes
  • SH 14: Sterling S Curve
  • US 85 Corridor Improvements
Projects receiving National Highway Freight Program funding must be on the National Highway Freight Network (NHFN).

The NHFN includes:

- Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS) – Identified by FHWA as most critical highway portions of U.S. freight transportation system
- Other Interstate Portions not on the PHFS
- Critical Rural and Urban Freight Corridors (CRFC/CUFC) – Identified by States and MPOs, according to federal criteria and within mileage limits established by FHWA
  - Mileage limits – 160 miles rural, 80 miles urban
  - Can be updated as priorities change, projects are completed, etc.
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• If not already on the NHFN, a corridor must be designated a CRFC or CUFC prior to the obligation of NHFN funds to a project.

• Three FY 16 – FY 17 projects are within the DRCOG boundary:
  • I-25 Central (already part of the NHFN)
  • US 85: Louviers to Meadows (already designated CRFC by CDOT)
  • US 85/Vasquez: I-270 to 62nd Ave. Interchange (designation as CUFC by DRCOG requested)

• Requested Action
  • Approval of the designation of Vasquez Blvd (Route 6H) from approximately 52nd Ave. (MP 291.6) to 64th Ave. (MP 293.8) as a Critical Urban Freight Corridor.
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• Next Steps
  • Summer/Fall 2017 - Additional analysis and program development as part of the development of the Multimodal Freight Plan
  
  • Fall/Winter 2017-2018 - Identification of projects for FY 18 – FY 20 and incorporation of projects into Multimodal Freight Plan – Freight Investment Plan
  
  • Spring 2018 – Additional corridor designations and corridor de-designations based on identified projects