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RE: FTA FY 22 5307 Annual Apportionment for UZAs within Boulder County

Thank you for your time recently to discuss Boulder County's proposal for the annual apportionment of the FTA FY 22 5307 funds for the three small UZAs within Boulder County. We appreciate your thoughts and we are also reaching out to RTD board members and staff to get their feedback.

In summary, county staff is proposing to allocate the FY22 5307 funds with 90% (\$10.8M) provided to RTD and 10% (\$1.2M) retained by the county to provide funding for the countywide strategic transit plan. This 10% (\$1.2M) amount is based on the cost estimate for the countywide transit plan and is similar to comparable transit plans being develop in the Denver metro area. Boulder County is prepared to provide the required local matching funds to support the federal funding for the countywide strategic transit plan.

We have considered other potential funding options for the countywide strategic transit plan, including seeking DRCOG funding through the TIP Call #4 process. However, the FY 2024-27 TIP Call #4 funding becomes available two years after the FTA FY 22 5307 funding. Given the range of transit investments we have on the horizon, it is critical to secure funding for the countywide strategic transit plan as soon as possible so that we can work collaboratively with RTD and other transit stakeholders in Boulder County to develop a comprehensive plan that will help guide near-term and long-range transit priorities. Additionally, applying for funding in TIP Call #4 could reduce the number of other projects that could be funded that do not have other funding options available to them.

We are hoping to reach consensus among all our agencies, including with RTD, for the proposed split with the 10% to the county and 90% to RTD.

This topic will be included as part of the agenda for the upcoming Boulder County Subregional Forum TAC meeting next week. We are hoping that each of you will have the opportunity to share this summary information with others in your organizations, including your elected officials who participate in the subregional Forum so that you can share any feedback that you receive from them at the upcoming TAC meeting.

The Boulder County Commissioners will be considering this proposal at their December 13<sup>th</sup> business meeting and CDOT has requested that Boulder County send them a letter by mid-December clarifying the allocation of the FY 22 5307 apportionment so we are under tight timelines to complete all of these steps..

Our recommendation is that any future FTA 5307 apportionments beyond FY 22 be reviewed annually in collaboration with all our agency partners, including local communities, CDOT, FTA, and RTD, to determine allocations for the small UZAs with the county and RTD.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions or suggestions as we move forward with this process.

Thank you,