

Additional Information Requirements for Roadway Tolling Projects Proposed by CDOT or the Colorado High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) for Inclusion in the DRCOG Fiscally Constrained Regional Transportation Plan

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Projects proposed by CDOT or HPTE with a tolling component for inclusion in the DRCOG Fiscally Constrained Regional Transportation Plan (FC-RTP) will include base information required of sponsors to support all types of project requests.

The DRCOG Board also requires the information described below be submitted for any project with a tolling component (tolling, High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV), and/or related aspects). In particular, C.R.S. 43-4-805.5 (pursuant to HB05-1148) requires that five categories be addressed in HPTE tolling submittals to DRCOG for inclusion in the FC-RTP: operations, technology, project feasibility, project financing, and other federally required information. CDOT/HPTE will submit the following information to DRCOG:

1. Operations – Description of the tolling component of the project, including the following:
 - Pricing Structure: Variable, dynamic, or fixed toll rates
 - Toll Lane Separation: Barrier protected or buffered lanes
 - Access/Egress: Locations of slip ramps to general purpose lanes and “direct connect” ramps to interchanges and/or other toll facilities
 - Relationship to overall regional toll highway system
 - Other unique operational features
2. Technology: Confirmation that the toll facility will not require stopping to pay cash and will use transponders and/or tag readers that are interoperable with the region’s other toll facilities. If this is not the case, please explain.
3. Project Feasibility:
 - Summarize the tolling component’s technical feasibility, including implementation opportunities and constraints at a planning level of detail
 - Provide estimated daily, directional traffic volumes for (as applicable):
 - Base Year General Purpose Lanes
 - Forecast Year General Purpose Lanes
 - Forecast Year Toll Facility
 - Forecast Year Total
4. Project Financing:
 - Capital costs for the project with major components and key assumptions, including inflation and contingencies
 - Operation and maintenance add-ons for the toll facility – costs that are in addition to normal non-toll CDOT roadway O&M – and inflation assumptions

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- Financial assumptions, including non-traditional financing sources and innovative financing
 - Identification of public sector financial responsibility if revenue is not sufficient to meet annual costs after toll facility is built and operating
 - Description of how and where excess revenues will be allocated, should toll revenues exceed those needed to build, maintain, and operate the facility
5. Any other federally required information, if applicable
6. Other Information and assistance:
- CDOT HOV Policy (October 2015) – How does the proposed tolling component address CDOT’s HOV Policy and Transportation Commission Resolution (TC-15-10-5) regarding the feasibility of toll-free HOV3+?
 - If the proposed project does not include toll-free HOV, explain why it does not?
 - Does the proposed tolling component include provisions for transit service? If not, why?
 - A summary of the environmental examinations and other studies completed to date and those anticipated in the future with key milestones and timeline.
 - A commitment to follow CDOT environmental stewardship guide during project development, including the identification of impacts and mitigation measures.
 - A summary of consultation with local governments and other MPOs/TPRs completed to date, with issues and resolution; a plan for future additional consultation with local governments and other MPOs/TPRs during project development; and the relationship of the project to local transportation plans.
 - Assistance to DRCOG staff with response to public comment as needed.