



## **MAP 21**

### **Transportation Reauthorization Bill Is MAP-21**

**"Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century", or MAP-21, follows the path of predecessors SAFETEA-LU, TEA -21, and ISTEAA.**

**Number: 112-16**

**Date: July 18, 2012**

### **President Signs H.R. 4348**

#### **“Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act”**

**On July 6, 2012, the President signed into law H.R. 4348, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act or “MAP-21”, which became Public Law 112-141. The House of Representatives passed the bill on April 18, 2012 by a vote of 293 to 127. The Senate passed the bill with an amendment by Unanimous Consent on April 24, 2012. Both Chambers agreed to the House Conference Report (112-557) on June 29, 2012.**

**The legislation is available on the web at:**

**<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr4348eh/pdf/BILLS-112hr4348eh.pdf>**

### **Call For Transit Projects**

**The following was sent out on July 19. Please review and apply if appropriate.**

**From: Mauser, Tom**  
**Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 4:50 PM**  
**To: Mauser, Tom**  
**Subject: Call for FASTER Transit grant applications for FY 14 and FY 15!**

**Persons with an interest in transit and transportation funding:**

**I am writing to inform you of CDOT's Call for Projects for FASTER Transit funding for Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015. FASTER Transit funds are being made available for capital and planning projects. Projects are expected to be ready for implementation shortly after contracts are initiated in July/August 2013 or 2014 (depending on year of award) and will require a 20% local match. There will be \$5 million available from the FASTER Transit Local share and approximately \$9 million from the FASTER Transit Statewide share for each year of funding, along with any funds derived from bid savings and projects withdrawn from prior years.**

**Attached you will find several documents you'll need if you wish to submit a request for funds:**

**\* The Call for Projects Guidance for FY 2014-15 FASTER Transit Funds contains all necessary information about the funding and application process, including background information, project and applicant eligibility, threshold (minimum) and evaluation criteria, selection methodology and schedule.**

**\* The Application Tips provides useful information on how best to complete the application request.**

**\* The FY 2014-15 FASTER Transit Applications. For this round of funding we have made the application easier to follow by breaking the single application used for FY 2013 into three separate, targeted applications, for (a) vehicle replacement/rehab/refurbishment or expansion requests, (b) facility, design and equipment requests, and (c) planning project requests.**

**All applications will be due to CDOT no later than 12:00 p.m. noon on Friday, September 28, 2012. Applications submitted after the due date cannot be accepted. See the Guidance for how to submit an application.**

**We are issuing this notice of funding availability for FASTER Transit grants earlier than last year and are providing more time to respond. We've done so to provide applicants with more time to lay the groundwork for more successful, robust and thorough applications. In particular, those who considering applying for a construction project are being required to contact their CDOT Region staff to schedule a**

**pre-application conference call or meeting to determine project readiness and ascertain any potential stumbling blocks.**

**New this year, applicants may request funds for transit facility design work. However, please note that applicants must have already taken action that "vetted" the project locally, with an adopted plan, feasibility study, or conceptual design of the project, prior to requesting FASTER funds for final design.**

**Also new this year, CDOT is strongly encouraging multi-year funding for larger projects that will take more than one year to complete. This will allow for more efficient use of available funding. For example, a facility project expected to be constructed in 2014 and 2015 should request the funding over two years, asking for a portion of the funding in 2014 and the remainder in 2015, based on project phasing, rather than request all the funding in 2014. An applicant requesting a facility to be built in 2015 and 2016 should request partial funding in 2015 and indicate that it will apply for the remainder of the funding in 2016. While CDOT cannot commit to funding in 2016, the award of FY 15 funding should be seen as a strong indication of future funding, provided the project is proceeding successfully. Any applicant requesting construction funding for a larger project within one year only will be asked to provide and commit to a hard timeline which illustrates that the project can be implemented in a single year.**

**We are looking forward to receiving another round of worthy transit and multimodal projects. If you have any questions, please contact David Averill at 303-757-9347 or [david.averill@dot.state.us.co](mailto:david.averill@dot.state.us.co)<mailto:david.averill@dot.state.us.co>.**

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## **The Transportation Commissioners August Meeting.**

**Note the location of the next meeting. While I don't have the agenda for this**

meeting as yet, a possible agenda item may be Tiering. I suggest those interested should check the published agenda after August 10<sup>th</sup> at:

<http://www.coloradodot.info/about/transportation-commission/meeting-agenda.html>

Colorado Transportation Commission Workshops/Meeting  
August 16-17, 2012  
Strater Hotel in Durango, CO  
E-Mail: [Toni.Bircher@dot.state.co.us](mailto:Toni.Bircher@dot.state.co.us)

The latest Power Point on Tiering June 20, 2012 is available at:

[http://www.coloradodot.info/programs/statewide-planning/documents/stac-materials-2012/june-2012/Tiering\\_June\\_2012%20STAC.pdf](http://www.coloradodot.info/programs/statewide-planning/documents/stac-materials-2012/june-2012/Tiering_June_2012%20STAC.pdf)

## 2040 Long Range Plan

Note the Notice Below

To: Partners and Interested Parties in the Statewide Transportation Planning Rules  
From: Debra Perkins-Smith, Director, Division of Transportation Development

### Notice of Rule Making and Request for Input

We are writing to you in order to provide notice that we have commenced a revision of the existing “Rules Governing the Statewide Transportation Planning Process and Transportation Planning Regions,” 2 CCR 604-2, (“Statewide Transportation Planning Rules”). The purpose of the Rules is to prescribe the statewide transportation planning process through which a long-range multimodal, comprehensive statewide transportation plan will be developed. Enclosed is a red-line version which indicates changes to the existing rules.

Please send any comments on or before August 15, 2012 to the following email address: [Statewide.planningrules@dot.state.co.us](mailto:Statewide.planningrules@dot.state.co.us) (by hitting reply) or to the following mailing address:

Mary Frances Nevans  
CDOT Rules Administrator  
Re: Statewide Transportation Planning Rules  
4201 E. Arkansas Avenue, Room 275

**Denver, CO 80222**

**You can review the Rules by going to the CDOT rules webpage at <http://www.coloradodot.info/business/rules/proposed-rules.html> and clicking on “2 CCR 604-21.”**

**We value your input and will consider all comments and include them in our presentation to an Administrative Hearing Officer at the public rule making hearing. You are also welcome to appear and comment at the public rule making hearing set for September 12, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. located at CDOT Headquarters, 4201 E. Arkansas Avenue, in the Auditorium, Denver, CO 80222. While you are welcome to attend the hearing, we appreciate receiving your comments in advance so that we can consider them prior to the hearing and incorporate any changes into the rules. If you have any questions about the rules, please contact Mary Frances Nevans, CDOT Rules Administrator at (303) 757-9723. We are also required by law to maintain a permanent record of all comments on all rules.**

#### **Rationale for Rule Making**

**The Statewide Transportation Planning Rules have been in place since 1992 and were last revised in October 2006. The Colorado Department of Transportation (“CDOT”) is revising these Rules as part of its goal to review all existing CDOT rules in conformance with Governor Hickenlooper’s statewide initiative. CDOT is also proposing these Rule revisions at the request of the Federal Highway Administration to update citations to current federal and state regulations and as one component of the development of the next long-range statewide transportation plan. Following the rule making hearing, the rules will be submitted for adoption to the Transportation Commission.**

**Thank you,**

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