

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
North Front Range Transportation
&
Air Quality Planning Council

Federal Economic Stimulus Package
TIP Amendment
Date: April 2, 2009
Staff: Tia Raamot

OBJECTIVE/REQUESTED ACTION: To approve a set of TIP amendments for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding which reflect the project lists proposed by the NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

SITUATION: NFRMPO TAC and CDOT participated in a rigorous project screening process which identified and ranked transportation projects that are ready to meet the federal requirements set forth in the ARRA. This process produced a recommended List of Selected Projects for ARRA funding (totaling \$6.8 million), which were chosen from a List of Candidate Projects (totaling over \$15 million)

A summary of this process is below:

Activity	Date and Time	Location
Screening Began (to see if ARRA \$s could hasten completion of current TIP Projects)	Monday 02/23/09 8:00 a.m.	Email notification
Application Deadline for Candidate Projects currently programmed in the TIP	Thursday 02/26/09 5:00 p.m.	Electronic submissions to NFRMPO offices via email or on cd/dvd.
Roundtable Discussion: Projects Screened with CDOT Staff's Advice – concluded that new candidate projects should be considered	Monday 03/02/09 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	CDOT Region 4 Pawnee Conference Room 1420 2 nd Street Greeley, CO
Application Deadline for New (Surface Treatment) Projects	Friday 3/07/09 5:00 p.m.	Electronic submissions to NFRMPO offices via email or on cd/dvd.
Project Candidate List Compiled and Sent to TAC	Wednesday 3/11/09	Via email
ARRA MPO Candidate Project List to NFRMPO Council for Review	Wednesday 03/16/09	Via email
TAC Ranked Projects and Selected Projects to be recommended in an ARRA TIP Amendment	Tuesday 03/18/09	During Regular TAC meeting
Completed List of Selected ARRA Projects Recommended to NFRMPO Council for TIP Amendment Approval	Thursday 04/02/09 5:30 p.m.	At regular NFRMPO Council Meeting

TAC used a hybrid of criteria to select projects for ARRA funding. The four base criteria were established

by FHWA. However, TAC custom was also a consideration as discussed below.

- **Three-year completion priority** – All NFRMPO projects on the Candidate List are projected to be complete by February 17, 2012.
- **Economically Distressed Areas** - ARRA says priority should be given to projects located in Economically Distressed Areas. Weld County is considered “economically distressed” according to FHWA. TAC recommended funding for every project within Weld County that was on a Regionally Significant Corridor (as defined in the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan).
- **Expeditious project delivery (Section 1602)** – ARRA says preference shall be given to project activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a FHWA goal of obligating at least 50% of the funds not later than June 17, 2009. All of the projects on the Candidate List meet this requirement.
- **Maximizing job creation and economic benefit (Section 1602)** – ARRA says that recipients shall use funds in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit. TAC discussed the general merits of job creation in the context of project selection.

The candidate projects which were not selected by TAC in this recommendation will remain on a NFRMPO “Hold List.” If redistributed ARRA funding from other states would eventually come to Colorado because projects were not ready in those states, NFRMPO staff will work with CDOT, the TAC and Council to recommend any Hold List projects to which this ARRA funding could be assigned through a future TIP amendment.

ADVANTAGES:

Approval of the NFRMPO Selected ARRA Projects List for TIP amendment will enable NFRMPO Local Agency projects to receive ARRA funding.

DISADVANTAGES: None noted

TAC and TAG ACTION AND DISCUSSION: The TAC recommends this list to Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND ANALYSIS: NFRMPO Staff recommends the Planning Council approve this TIP amendment, as the list was formed using established planning practices in our region. The NFRMPO List was developed by the TAC. It contains projects which are already programmed in the NFRMPO TIP or are surface treatment projects that are needed in our region (and are exempt in the context of air quality conformity). Thus, this recommendation for a TIP amendment is consistent with the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and does not require an air quality conformity determination.

NFRMPO SELECTED PROJECTS FOR ARRA				PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA					COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION		
TIP #	Project Sponsor	Project Description/Location	Detailed Construction Activity	NFRMPO GUIDANCE	FHWA PROJECT SELECTION GUIDANCE				Plans / Specs / Estimates		NFRMPO TAC
				Is this project on a NFRMPO RSC?	Expeditious Project Delivery (Days from 2/17/09 to Obligation)	3 Year Completion	Economically Distressed Area (In Weld County?)	Maximizing Job Creation	Budget Required	ARRA Funding Request	Selection For ARRA Funding
NF0765	Larimer County	SH 392 Underpass (at Poudre River)	Transportation Enhancement (Bike/Ped)	Yes, Tier 3	118	Yes	No		\$780,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
NF5094	Evans	US 85 Service Road	Transportation Enhancement (Bike/Ped)	Yes, Tier 2	138	Yes	Yes		\$620,000	\$160,000	\$160,000
NF0790	Berthoud	Main Street Berthoud	Transportation Enhancement (Bike/Ped, Aesthetics)	Yes, Tier 3	164	Yes	No		\$133,500	\$133,500	\$133,500
NF0751	Loveland	US 34/Wilson Intersection	Intersection Modification	Yes, Tier 1	37	Yes	No		\$485,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
SURFACE TREATMENT	Larimer County	LCR 17 - LCR 48 to LCR 8 (various road segments)	Asphalt Surface Treatment	Yes, Tier 1	94	Yes	No		\$7,741,989	\$7,741,989	\$3,486,860
SURFACE TREATMENT	Evans	37th Street in Evans	Asphalt Surface Treatment	Yes, Tier 1	102	Yes	Yes		\$354,000	\$354,000	\$354,000
SURFACE TREATMENT	Severance	4th Ave (WCR 74) WCR 25 west 2.5 miles	Asphalt Surface Treatment	Yes, Tier 3 with expansion of MPO Boundary	134	Yes	Yes		\$837,500	\$837,500	\$837,500
NF0743	Loveland	Traffic Operations Center Upgrade	ITS Operations and Capital	Yes, Tier 1	163	Yes	No		\$275,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
SURFACE TREATMENT	Weld County	WCR 74 - WCR 13 to SH 257 (2 miles)	Asphalt Surface Treatment	Yes, Tier 3	171	Yes	Yes		\$625,000	\$625,000	\$625,000
									\$6,576,860		

NFRMPO HOLD LIST

SURFACE TREATMENT	Larimer County	LCR 17 - LCR 48 to LCR 8 (various road segments)	Asphalt Surface Treatment	Yes, Tier 1	94	Yes	No		\$7,741,989	\$4,255,129	
SURFACE TREATMENT	Larimer County	LCR 38E - LCR 19 west 3.6 miles to Stout CG	Asphalt Surface Treatment	No	94	Yes	No		\$967,000	\$967,000	
SURFACE TREATMENT	Severance	1st Street (WCR 23) WCR 76 N to Hwy 14	Asphalt Surface Treatment	No	134	Yes	Yes		\$1,005,000	\$1,005,000	
SURFACE TREATMENT	Severance	1st Street (WCR 23) 4th Ave S to WCR 70 2 miles	Asphalt Surface Treatment	No	134	Yes	Yes		\$670,000	\$670,000	
NF5094	Fort Collins	Mason Trail Grade Separated Trail Crossing (known as NRRC overpass)	Transportation Enhancement, Submitted as STP Flex	Yes, Tier 1	408	Yes	No		\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	
NF0789	Loveland	US-287 Rec Trail Underpass	Transportation Enhancement	Yes, Tier 1	377	Yes	No		\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	
NF0813	Greeley	Greeley No. 3 Ditch Trail	Transportation Enhancement	Yes, Tier 1	408	Yes	Yes		\$300,000	\$300,000	
not in TIP	Fort Collins	Bridge: FCHRYE-0.7-125 (EB Harmony At Fossil Creek Inlet)	Bridge Replacement			Yes	No		\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	