



TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: CHRIS MCGINNIS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/TOWN ENGINEER
RE: RESOLUTION 25-15: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
DATE: APRIL 8, 2025

Summary & Background:

The Town of Frisco has been a participating member of the Intermountain Transportation Planning Commission, which represents the Intermountain Transportation Planning Region (IMTPR) by facilitating regional collaboration on transportation planning and project prioritization. Specifically, the IMTPR coordinates regional transportation planning with 30 municipalities across Summit, Eagle, Garfield, Lake, and Pitkin counties. Partnering with CDOT, it identifies priorities for transportation infrastructure, multimodal options, and safety while considering environmental, social, and economic impacts. The IMTPR ensures local input is reflected in CDOT's statewide transportation plan and helps align funding with regional needs. The plan is periodically updated to adapt to evolving policies and transportation trends.

While the transportation planning regions were formed in 1992 and the Town of Frisco has participated for decades, the IMTPR is currently formalizing their participation and procedures, and will operate under an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and corresponding bylaws between agencies which outlines the roles, responsibilities, and governance structure for participating municipalities.

Analysis:

Renewing Frisco's participation in the IMTPR aligns with the Town's commitment to regional collaboration and transportation infrastructure development. The IGA and bylaws provide a framework for collective decision-making on transportation priorities, funding allocations, and advocacy for state and federal resources.

Key aspects of the agreement include:

- **Representation & Voting Rights:** Each participating jurisdiction retains representation on the IMTPR board, ensuring Frisco's voice in regional planning.

- **Funding & Resource Allocation:** Membership provides access to funding opportunities for transportation projects benefiting Frisco. For example, the Town received a \$500,000 grant through the IMTPR in 2024 for the State Highway 9 Sidewalk Improvements.
- **Strategic Coordination:** The IMTPR serves as a forum for aligning local transportation goals with regional and state-level initiatives.

Approval of this resolution reinforces Frisco's commitment to coordinated transportation planning and strengthens its position in securing project funding and support.

Financial Impact:

There are no immediate direct costs associated with renewing participation in the IMTPR. However, continued involvement enhances Frisco's ability to access state and federal transportation funds, which can offset future infrastructure investments and improvements.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Participation in the IMTPR supports Frisco's strategic priorities, particularly in the areas of:

- **Core Services – Infrastructure and Public Safety:** Planning and collaboration enhances transportation networks to improve safety, efficiency, and multimodal accessibility.
- **Core Services – Financial Responsibility:** Grants and other funding opportunities create financially responsible options to expand core services and infrastructure.
- **Thriving Economy – Infrastructure Development:** Participation in the IMTPR provides infrastructure development opportunities through education, funding, and project collaboration, particularly in the Summit Blvd and Main Street areas of Town.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 25-15, authorizing the Mayor and Town Clerk to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement for participation in the IMTPR. This action ensures Frisco remains actively engaged in regional transportation planning and funding opportunities.

Reviews and Approvals:

- Tom Fisher, Town Manager
- Diane McBride, Assistant Town Manager

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Resolution 25-15
- Attachment 2 – Intergovernmental Agreement for a Regional Planning Commission for Transportation Planning