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## II. RECOMMENDED ACTION (motion):

### III. DESCRIBE FISCAL IMPACTS (VARIATION TO BUDGET):

- **PROPOSED REVENUE (if applicable):** No funding requested!
- **CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT:** $0.00
- **PROPOSED EXPENDITURE:**

### IV. IMPACTS OF A REGIONAL NATURE OR ON OTHER JURISDICTIONS (IDENTIFY ANY COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS ITEM):
V. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

See attached presentation.

VI. LEGAL ISSUES:

VII. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

VIII. SUMMARY AND OTHER OPTIONS:

IX. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS: Supplemental Budget Request
Background

• Bustang, CDOT’s branded bus service, began in 2015 with routes from Denver to Glenwood Springs, Fort Collins and Colorado Springs

• In 2018, Bustang expanded to include Outrider – a regional bus network designed to connect rural Colorado with a single, easy-to-navigate service
  - Before Outrider, rural areas relied on a fragmented bus service – individual routes, each with different schedules, vehicles and fare structures
Benefits

The purpose of Outrider is to offer the following benefits:

• Gives riders reliable service, new buses, consistent schedules, reduced fare costs, convenient connections and reliable, on-time service

• Offers travel for seniors, students, disabled citizens, and others without personal transportation means

• Provides options for travel between rural communities for medical appointments, shopping, or connecting to the broader transportation system for longer trips to Denver, Denver International Airport, etc.

• Drives traffic to smaller, rural communities

• Provides jobs for residents in rural communities

• Affordable and convenient travel for tourists
Existing Routes

Outrider currently services four routes:

1. Gunnison-Denver (daily)
2. Alamosa-Pueblo (daily)
3. Lamar-Colorado Springs (five days per week)
4. Durango-Grand Junction (daily)
COVID-19 Precautions

• In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Outrider operators will take the following precautions to keep drivers and passengers safe:

  - All buses will undergo daily enhanced cleaning and sanitizing
  - Selected seats onboard will be physically blocked to ensure proper social distancing
  - Drivers will be issued proper PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)
  - Each bus will be supplied with face masks (for personal use), latex gloves and personal hand sanitizers
  - Each bus will have a “security driver door” when available
  - Riders will be offered free hand sanitizer wipes while boarding the bus
  - Face masks are required for drivers and passengers
Proposed New Routes

Outrider is proposing to expand service to four new routes starting in 2021:

1. Sterling-Greeley
2. Telluride-Grand Junction
3. Trinidad-Pueblo
4. Craig-Denver
Funding (Federal)

• Federal Transit Administration (FTA) – Intercity Bus Program 5311(f)
  - Outrider is the re-branding of the current 5311(f) program administered by CDOT for several years
  - 5311(f) seeks to support the connection between nonurbanized areas and the larger regional or national intercity bus service systems
  - Outrider is funded from the 5311(f) requirement to expend 15% of its apportionment for an intercity bus program
  - CDOT currently receives approximately $1.8M/year in FTA Section 5311(f) funds
Funding (State)

• FASTER Statewide Program
  - Signed in 2009, the FASTER Act generates about $200 million every year for state transportation projects through vehicle registration fees
  - Allows the state of Colorado to improve roadway safety, repair or replace deteriorating bridges, and support and expand transit
  - Allocates $1.0M/year to operating funds for rural regional service run by local agencies
Transit Agency Partners

• Partnerships with local operators allow for agencies to take ownership of their regional bus system and manage them according to what makes the most sense for their communities

• Existing Outrider routes operate through contracts with local transit partners like Pueblo SRDA, Alpine Express, and SoCoCAA

• CDOT will choose the Craig-Denver operator through the Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The operator for this line has not yet been determined
Proposed Craig-Denver Route

- Craig
- Hayden
- Milner
- Steamboat Springs
- Kremmling
- Hot Sulphur Springs
- Granby
- Tabernash
- Fraser
- Winter Park
- Idaho Springs
- Denver #1 (Denver Federal Center)
- Denver #2 (Denver Union Station)
- Denver #3 (Denver Bus Center)
Proposed Craig-Denver Route

- **Opening**: Outrider is proposing to expand service to four new routes starting in early 2021, including the Craig-Denver route
  - Timing could be delayed if COVID-19 or other unforeseen issues impact ridership

- **Schedule**: The route would start by running five days per week, pending demand for weekend service

- **Cost**: This route will follow the same payment model as the other routes
  - Seniors ride the bus at half price
  - Prices vary based on distance:
    - Craig-Denver Bus Center ($34)
    - Craig-Kremmling ($16)
    - Craig-Hayden ($3)
Proposed Craig-Denver Route

• **Payment:** CDOT is finalizing a digital sales platform that will allow riders to purchase tickets through the Bustang mobile app
  - Riders can also purchase single ride tickets when paying with cash onboard

• **ADA Compliant:** All bus stops will be ADA compliant and accessible for individuals with disabilities

• **Flag Stops:**
  - Outrider will implement flag stops, where buses will only stop if requested by passengers
Proposed Craig-Denver Route (Bus Amenities)

- **Bus Amenities:**
  - Wi-Fi
  - Power outlets
  - USB ports
  - Bike racks
  - Luggage bays
  - Co-branding allowed
  - Bathrooms

- **COVID-19 Related:**
  - HVAC internal sanitation system
  - HVAC air filtration
  - Security driver door
Outreach

• CDOT is contacting key stakeholder groups to promote the Outrider service and its benefits
  - Highlighting the value of establishing a statewide, connected network
  - Marketing the new routes once the lines are open

• CDOT will solicit feedback and inputs on:
  - Potential bus stop locations
  - Schedules
Next Steps

• **Fall 2020:** CDOT will send out a survey soon to collect feedback

• **Fall 2020:** First round of individual meetings with key stakeholder groups:
  - Answer questions and obtaining feedback on bus stop locations and schedules
  - Solicit input on additional stakeholders to meet with

• **Winter 2020/2021:** Second round of individual meetings with key stakeholder groups:
  - Present final bus stop locations, schedules and answer any outstanding questions
Group Discussion

• We would love your input! Please enter your name in the chat and we will call on you to share your feedback about:
  - Where should we locate a bus stop in your town?
  - What inputs do you have about the bus schedule?
Contact Information

If you’d like to be added to our email list, please type your name and email in the chat.

• **Staff:**
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  • Kyle French: kyle.french@state.co.us, (303) 319-9197

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Questions?

Thank You!