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Report on the Carbon Reduction Program Funds

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BACKGROUND

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), signed into law in November 2021, authorized the Carbon Reduction Program, a new federal program intended to reduce transportation emissions through the development of State carbon reduction strategies and by funding projects designed to reduce transportation emissions. Transportation emissions means carbon dioxide emissions from on-road highway sources of those emissions within a State (23 U.S.C. 175(a)(2)).

The CRP will provide approximately \$9.2 million in formula funding to Nebraska annually for five years (fiscal years 2022-2026). For each fiscal year, 65 percent of a State's CRP apportionment is to be obligated in the following areas in proportion to their relative shares of the State's population:

- Urbanized areas with an urbanized area population greater than 200,000
- Urbanized areas with an urbanized area population of at least 50,000 but no more than 200,000
- Urban areas with population at least 5,000 and no more than 49,999
- Areas with population of less than 5,000

The remaining 35 percent of the State's CRP appointment each fiscal year may be obligated in any area of the State.

Legislative Bill 98 (LB98) of the 2011 Nebraska Session provided NDOT the authority to enter into agreements for purchase of federal aid transportation funds at a discount rate. The Federal Funds Purchase Program was established to provide a way for NDOT to purchase the federal funds used by Local Public Agencies in exchange for state cash. NDOT purchased the FY 2022 CRP funds for the Grand Island urbanized area through this program, and NDOT plans to purchase the remaining fiscal years of CRP funds for the Grand Island urbanized area.

GIAMPO staff will provide an update on the CRP funds at the October 16 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS/DISCUSSION

None.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None.

RECOMMENDATION

None. Information only.

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