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Report on the Carbon Reduction Program Funds

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REPORT: Carbon Reduction Program Funds

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 funds apportioned to the State for the CRP shall be obligated, in proportion to their relative shares of the population in the State:

- In urbanized areas of the State with an urbanized area population of more than 200,000 (these funds may be obligated in the metropolitan area established under 23 U.S.C.134 that encompasses the urbanized area.);
- In urbanized areas of the State with an urbanized population of not less than 50,000 and not more than 200,000;
- In urban areas of the State with a population of not less than 5,000 and not more than 49,999; and
- In other areas of the State with a population of less than 5,000.

The remaining 35 percent of funds apportioned to a State for the CRP each fiscal year may be obligated in any area of the State.

Legislative Bill 98 (LB98) of the 2011 Nebraska Session provided the Nebraska Department of Transportation (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 November 28 Policy Board meeting.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS/DISCUSSION

NDOT will apply the CRP funding to a state project(s) within the Grand Island urbanized area boundary, which will be reflected in the GIAMPO Transportation Improvement Program.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. The TAC received a report on the Carbon Reduction Program Funds in October 2023 from GIAMPO staff.

RECOMMENDATION

None. Information only.

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