

Board of Directors

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Agenda Item #: 10

Discussion of Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) First Year Delays

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

A summary of TIP first year delays that have not initiated their FY 2024 phase to date and are now second year delayed.

Background

The Board-adopted TIP Policy concerning first-year project delays states the following: *On October 1 (beginning of the next fiscal year), DRCOG will review the project phase status with CDOT and RTD to determine if a delay has occurred. If a delay is encountered (project phase being analyzed has not been initiated by September 30), DRCOG, along with CDOT or RTD, will discuss the project and the reasons for its delay with the sponsor. The result will be an action plan enforceable by CDOT/RTD, which will be reported to the DRCOG committees and Board. For a sponsor that has a phase of any of its projects delayed, the sponsor must report the implementation status on all its DRCOG-selected projects. Sponsors will be requested to appear before the TAC, RTC, and DRCOG Board to explain the reasons for the delay(s) and receive TAC and RTC recommendation, and ultimately DRCOG Board approval to continue. Any conditions established by the DRCOG Board in approving the delay become policy.*

To implement the policy, the following steps were taken:

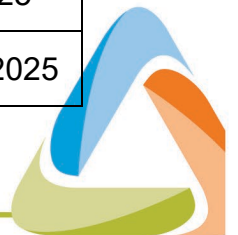
1. At the beginning of October (coinciding with the beginning of the new federal fiscal year), staff requested Colorado Department of Transportation, or CDOT, and the Regional Transportation District, or RTD, to conduct a comprehensive review of all DRCOG-selected projects receiving TIP funds in FY 2024.
2. CDOT and RTD reviewed all such project phases, identifying those that have not been initiated, and therefore delayed.
3. In mid-October, DRCOG staff notified first year delayed project/phase sponsors and requested a discussion regarding the delay.

A summary of each project delayed is included below.



Summary of FY 2024 First Year Delays

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Project Phase Delayed	Anticipated Initiation of Phase
Adams County	McKay Operational Improvements: 104th to 96th - Precon	Design	April 2025
Aurora	Peoria St Bridge Replacement: Over Sand Creek – Precon	Design	November
Aurora	I225 & Alameda Bridge Replacement - Precon	Environmental	November *
Bennett	Bennett Kiowa Creek Trail	Construction	January 2025
Boulder	Arapahoe Ave Multimodal Improvements: 28th to Foothills - Precon	Design	November
Boulder	Boulder Communications Network and Signal System Performance Enhancement	Construction	January 2025
Centennial	Lone Tree Creek Trail Underpass of Arapahoe	Construction	June 2025
Denver	Peña Capacity Improvements: I70 to E470 - Precon	Environmental	April 2025
Denver	Denver V2X Communications Devices	Design	January 2025
Englewood	Hampden Complete Streets: Broadway to Lafayette	Construction	March 2025
Englewood	Broadway Complete Streets Improvements: Hampden to Bellevue	Construction	March 2025
Littleton	Mineral Multimodal Improvements: Santa Fe to Jackass Hill/Long Ave	Construction	December
Longmont	Longmont Smart Signals to Schools	Construction	January 2025
Louisville	CO42 Multimodal Improvements: Empire/Lock to CO7 - Precon	ROW	March 2025
Louisville	Louisville Signal Technology Upgrade	Construction	March 2025
Mead	CO66/WCR7 Pedestrian Underpass	Construction	June 2025
Smart Commute	Using Data to Optimize FlexRide Services	TDM	November *
Superior	Superior Traffic Safety and Climate Resilience	Construction	February 2025
Thornton	Thornton Travel Time Monitoring Expansion	Construction	November *
West Corridor	Welcome Kits for Sun Valley Residents	TDM	December
Wheat Ridge	Ward Station Multimodal Access Improvements	Construction	May 2025
Wheat Ridge	32nd/I-70 Bike Lanes: Wright to Zinnia	Construction	January 2025



1. Adams County: McKay Operational Improvements: 104th to 96th - Precon (TIPIID [2024-014](#))

Delayed FY2024 Phase: Design

Reason phase was not initiated by 9/30/24: Project scope of work and RFP still being drafted in collaboration with CDOT.

Current status, plan to initiate phase: Adams County is currently drafting the RFP. CDOT is currently reviewing the draft IGA. After IGA execution and RFP approval, the NTP can be given to a design consultant.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

2. Aurora: Peoria St Bridge Replacement: Over Sand Creek – Precon (TIPIID [2024-001](#))*

Delayed FY2024 Phase: Design

Reason phase was not initiated by 9/30/24: Delays in CDOT approval of the RFP and project backlog within the City's Purchasing Department.

Current status, plan to initiate phase: RFP has been issued and consultant is working on the NTP.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

3. Aurora: I225 & Alameda Bridge Replacement - Precon (TIPIID [2024-022](#))

Delayed FY2024 Phase: Environmental

Reason phase was not initiated by 9/30/24: Delays in CDOT approval of the RFP and project backlog within the City's Purchasing Department.

Current status, plan to initiate phase: RFP has been issued and the city is currently selecting a consultant, who will then issue the NTP.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

4. Bennett: Bennett Kiowa Creek Trail (TIPIID [2022-046](#))

Delayed FY2024 Phase: Construction

Reason project was not Advertised by 9/30/24: Delays in both design and ROW, due to trail alignment on un-platted land.

Current status, plan to Advertise project: Consultant is addressing FOR comments and working on easement agreements. Project will advertise once complete.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

5. Boulder: Arapahoe Ave Multimodal Improvements: 28th to Foothills - Precon (TIPIID [2022-082](#))

Delayed FY2024 Phase: Design

Reason phase was not initiated by 9/30/24: Staff shortages, confusion over CDOT funding in project



Current status, plan to initiate phase: Draft IGA has been submitted to CDOT, and the design consultant has been selected. NTP will follow IGA execution and Option Letter from CDOT.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

6. Boulder: Boulder Communications Network and Signal System Performance Enhancement (TIPIID [2024-078](#))

Delayed FY2024 Phase: Construction

Reason project was not Advertised by 9/30/24: Staff shortages within both Boulder and CDOT.

Current status, plan to Advertise project: SEA document is being drafted before the IGA can be requested. Once IGA is executed, the Purchase Order will follow.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

7. Centennial: Lone Tree Creek Trail Underpass of Arapahoe (TIPIID [2022-057](#))

Delayed FY2024 Phase: Construction

Reason project was not Advertised by 9/30/24: Difficulties locating existing utilities.

Current status, plan to Advertise project: The City is authorizing additional work to locate the remaining utilities to move the design forward. Once design is complete, the construction phase will be initiated.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

8. Denver: Peña Capacity Improvements: I70 to E470 - Precon (TIPIID [2024-057](#))

Delayed FY2024 Phase: Environmental

Reason phase was not initiated by 9/30/24: Consultant working on both Environmental and Design phases. Longer than usual coordination time with CDOT.

Current status, plan to initiate phase: Consultant selection underway, followed by NTP.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

9. Denver: Denver V2X Communications Devices (TIPIID [2024-077](#))

Delayed FY2024 Phase: Design

Reason phase was not initiated by 9/30/24: Confusion over CDOT procurement and SEA process.

Current status, plan to initiate phase: Awaiting IGA and SEA completion. Will execute IGA once complete.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

10. Englewood: Hampden Complete Streets: Broadway to Lafayette (TIPIID [2022-059](#))

Delayed FY2024 Phase: Construction



Reason project was not Advertised by 9/30/24: Design phase was delayed which in turn delayed the construction phase.

Current status, plan to Advertise project: Design plans are 60% complete, once design is completed the project will be advertised.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

11. Englewood: Broadway Complete Streets Improvements: Hampden to Belleview (TIPIID [2022-060](#))

Delayed FY2024 Phase: Construction

Reason project was not Advertised by 9/30/24: Design phase was delayed which in turn delayed the construction phase.

Current status, plan to Advertise project: Design plans are 60% complete, once design is completed the project will be advertised.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

12. Littleton: Mineral Multimodal Improvements: Santa Fe to Jackass Hill/Long Ave (TIPIID [2022-084](#))

Delayed FY2024 Phase: Construction

Reason phase was not Advertised by 9/30/24: Addressing CDOT comments, coordinating with conflicting projects, ROW complications, and funding shortfall.

Current status, plan to Advertise project: Finalizing clearances, coordinating with developers regarding ROW and utility work. Recently received additional funding and will initiate the phase once Concurrence to Ad is received.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

13. Longmont: Longmont Smart Signals to Schools (TIPIID [2024-074](#))

Delayed FY2024 Phase: Construction

Reason phase was not Advertised by 9/30/24: Revised project scope (altered which intersections would be part of this project). Issues with the CDOT procurement and SEA process.

Current status, plan to Advertise project: Awaiting new CDOT project manager to respond to previous inquiry to start IGA review process. Once draft IGA is received, the City will have engineering and legal review complete, then execute IGA. Once IGA is executed and NTP is given, equipment will be ordered immediately.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

14. Louisville: CO42 Multimodal Improvements: Empire/Lock to CO7 - Precon (TIPIID [2020-040](#))

Delayed FY2024 Phase: ROW



Reason phase was not initiated by 9/30/24: Design slowdowns due to Right of Entry document.

Current status, plan to initiate phase: Currently close to 30% design plans and need to get to 60% plans before work can begin on ROW. ROW acquisition will begin after NTP is received.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

15. Louisville: Louisville Signal Technology Upgrade (TIPIID [2024-073](#))

Delayed FY2024 Phase: Construction

Reason project was not Advertised by 9/30/24: Confusion regarding technology project department locations within CDOT.

Current status, plan to Advertise project: Working with CDOT to get IGA. Have submitted requested documents to CDOT for the SEA review. Waiting for CDOT approval of the SEA form so they can begin processing the IGA. Equipment will be purchased once IGA is executed.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

16. Mead: CO66/WCR7 Pedestrian Underpass (TIPIID [2020-029](#))

Delayed FY2024 Phase: Construction

Reason project was not Advertised by 9/30/24: Easement coordination has delayed utility clearances and ROW work.

Current status, plan to Advertise project: Once the easement agreements are completed, utility clearance will be issued. ROW acquisitions will be required before Advertisement.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

17. Smart Commute: Using Data to Optimize FlexRide Services (TIPIID [2024-067](#))*

Delayed FY2024 Phase: TDM

Reason phase was not initiated by 9/30/24: Slower than usual IGA execution, confusion over the flexing of funds to FTA

Current status, plan to initiate phase: Agreement is in final stages with RTD, then will proceed to Smart Commute for review and signature. Kickoff meeting has been held. Once IGA is executed, work will begin on the project so the first billing can be made.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

18. Superior: Superior Traffic Safety and Climate Resilience (TIPIID [2024-082](#))

Delayed FY2024 Phase: Construction

Reason project was not Advertised by 9/30/24: CDOT procurement contracting confusion, CDOT short staffing, and subsequent SEA hold up.



Current status, plan to Advertise project: SEA forms are approved. Project details are with contracting, and the equipment has been specked out. IGA will then be executed and equipment purchased.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

19. Thornton: Thornton Travel Time Monitoring Expansion (TIPIID [2024-081](#))*

Delayed FY2024 Phase: Construction

Reason project was not Advertised by 9/30/24: CDOT procurement policy confusion and delays in CDOT reviewing responses.

Current status, plan to Advertise project: All requested documents have been submitted to CDOT and are awaiting comments or approval. Once approval has been issued, equipment will be purchased.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

20. West Corridor: Welcome Kits for Sun Valley Residents (TIPIID [2024-066](#))

Delayed FY2024 Phase: TDM

Reason phase was not initiated by 9/30/24: Waiting for further re-development action at the project location, cash flow instability due to CDOT invoicing inaction.

Current status, plan to initiate phase: Recently received CDOT funding to start work. First invoice to initiate phase will follow.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

21. Wheat Ridge: Ward Station Multimodal Access Improvements (TIPIID [2022-042](#))

Delayed FY2024 Phase: Construction

Reason phase was not Advertised by 9/30/24: ROW issues, that may include acquisitions, has delayed final designs.

Current status, plan to Advertise project: Coordinating with consultant to complete plans in time for final review and clearances. Will advertise once complete.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

22. Wheat Ridge: 32nd/I-70 Bike Lanes: Wright to Zinnia (TIPIID [2022-073](#))

Delayed FY2024 Phase: Construction

Reason project was not Advertised by 9/30/24: Slower than usual CDOT review process.

Current status, plan to Advertise project: Final plans will be submitted to CDOT soon for final review and concurrence to advertise.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

Action by others

[November 18, 2024](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee recommended approval.

[December 17, 2024](#) – Regional Transportation Committee will make a recommendation.



Previous discussion/action

None

Recommendation

Move to approve staff's recommendation to continue each project.

Attachment

None

For more information

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