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Subject: Explanation for Delay in McKay Road Operational and Multimodal Improvements Project

Dear DRCOG Team,

I am writing to provide an update and explanation regarding the McKay Road Operational and Multimodal Improvements project's timeline as part of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Originally, the project team anticipated issuing a Notice to Proceed (NTP) by April 2024. However, due to unforeseen challenges, we now project that the NTP will be delayed until November 2025, resulting in a delay of approximately two years.

The primary factors contributing to this delay stem from limited staff capacity within the County to finalize the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) process with CDOT and the City of Thornton. Concurrently, the County experienced a backlog of contract agreements requiring processing, which further impacted our ability to complete key administrative steps in a timely manner.

Since recognizing these challenges, the County has identified additional staff resources to support the project through the contracting and procurement processes. The following key steps remain to be completed before the NTP can be executed: Advertisement for Bids, Proposal Evaluation and Consultant Selection, Negotiation and Signatures, CDOT Concurrence to Award, and the Board of County Commissioners' formal award.

We understand the importance of adhering to the TIP schedule and regret any inconvenience this delay may cause. The County is actively working to complete these remaining steps as efficiently as possible, with the goal of minimizing further impacts to the project timeline.

Thank you for your understanding and continued partnership. Please feel free to reach out if you require additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,

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Capital Improvements Program Manager, Public Works Department

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