



June 27, 2025

Mr. Brad Williams
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Sent via e-mail: bwilliams@drcog.org

RE: CO66/WCR7 Pedestrian Underpass
TIP-ID: 2020-029
TAP M870-006 (23383)

Dear Mr. Williams,

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your request regarding the project status of the TIP grant awarded by DRCOG for the CO66/WCR7 Pedestrian Underpass Project. The Town of Mead acknowledges a 2nd Year delay.

The project will construct a bicycle and pedestrian trail and underpass of SH 66, west of WCR 7. The project is an integral part of an overall plan to connect a trail from downtown Mead, including the elementary and junior high schools, to the residential and commercial areas of SH66, and ultimately to the high school, new K-8 school, and proposed St Vrain Greenway Trail network in Longmont. The underpass will mitigate the high-speed state highway. This is a significant barrier to bikes and pedestrians, particularly students, and will promote community connectivity and improve mobility.

As we discussed in October 2024, there were 3 irrigation company easements overlapping the pedestrian easement containing the proposed trail alignment south of CO66. The coordination with all 3 companies was extensive, including several alignment redesigns to accommodate their facilities. This coordination effort took considerably more time and effort than anticipated subsequently delaying the utility clearance submittal request to CDOT.

Since that time, the project has received all clearances needed from CDOT except for the final ROW. We are currently in the process of acquiring the related real estate, and the status of the 3 acquisitions is listed below:

PE-1 - An offer was sent on June 17 with a 30-day response request.



RW-2 – We are awaiting the owner’s appraisal (due June 28th), which will then be sent to the reviewer for FMV and an offer to follow. An extension was allowed due to difficulty with communications, as we needed translator and the owners reside in Mexico.

PE-3 - Donation completed

The bid package is prepared, and we expect final ROW clearance from CDOT shortly after the real estate transactions are complete. While the real estate acquisition timeline is always a bit of an unknown, it is our expectation that the project would go to ad this fall with construction in early 2026.

We appreciate your consideration regarding this delay and your willingness to work with the Town of Mead as we work diligently to advertise the project for construction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erika Rasmussen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Erika Rasmussen, P.E.
Public Works Director