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Re: Delay of FY23 TIP Grant for Federal Speed and Reliability project

Mr. Williams,

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your request regarding the project status of the Federal Transit Speed & Reliability Project on Federal Blvd from Dartmouth Ave to Columbine Rd.

Based on the conditions of the grant, the project was to be publicly advertised for construction bids by June 30, 2024. The project was not ready to be advertised at that time but had been submitted to Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for approval.

A number of events led to this second-year delay:

- On Jan 11, 2024, the City submitted 100% plans to CDOT for review. However, additional review and collaboration was necessary due to a serious pedestrian hit and run incident that occurred at Federal Blvd & Howard Pl on January 3rd, 2024.
- Ongoing internal review comment resolution taking longer than originally anticipated.

However, additional delay is now anticipated because of a meeting which took place on June 25, 2024, between City and CDOT leadership. The purpose of this meeting was to align projects being done on Federal Blvd in accordance with the Federal BRT concept plan. Because one of the primary outcomes of the TIP project is to improve bus stops that may be removed under the BRT plan, a decision has been made to pause work on the TIP project until August 2 when DOTI and CDOT leadership will reconvene to determine the course of action for all projects underway along Federal Blvd that may be impacted by BRT construction.

If it is determined that there is no or limited impact on the TIP project, we anticipate the project being approved for advertisement by CDOT by the end of October and we intend to go to AD in November. The project is projected to start in early 2025 with completion anticipated for mid-2025. If it is determined that the project will cease, we anticipate discussions regarding funding reimbursement.

Respectfully,

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