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Re: Delay of FY23 TIP Grant for South Platte River Trail: West Virginia Ave. to West Bayaud Ave.

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 South Platte River Trail project from Virginia Avenue to Bayaud Avenue.

Based on the conditions of the grant, the project was to be publicly advertised for construction bids by June 30, 2024. The advertisement of the project is expected to be delayed past this date since concurrence to advertise is still pending from Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). In support of the concurrence to advertise, the Environmental, Utility and Right-of-Way Clearances have been obtained and all documentation needed for the 1180 approval package have been submitted.

This project has experienced delays that are beyond the control of the City and the design team. They include:

- The floodplain analysis effort and associated CLOMR submittal had to be redone using the 2022 South Platte River (SPR) FHAD information provided by the MHFD. This information was not available until the fall of 2023.
- The floodplain analysis was more complicated than originally planned, took more time to assess, and took longer to be reviewed by Denver Floodplain Management and be reviewed for the subsequent FEMA CLOMR.
- Late comments from reviewing agencies, including CDOT, that affected the finalization of the construction documents.

As of June 13, the City had submitted its request to CDOT for concurrence to go to AD and has been told this process would take as many as 5 weeks. To minimize additional delay, the City is assembling the bid package concurrently to be ready to go to AD as soon as concurrence is received. Based on this review timeline, AD is anticipated within six weeks, or by July 17, 2024.

The project is anticipated to begin construction in the fall of 2024 with an anticipated completion in the fall of 2025.

Respectfully,

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