



To: Brad Williams, DRCOG

From: Cathleen Valencia, City of Aurora

Date: June 24, 2024

Subject: Delay of FY23 Transportation Improvement Program Grant for Parker/ Quincy/ Smoky Hill Operational Improvements Project

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 Parker/ Quincy/ Smoky Hill Operational Improvements project.

Based on the conditions of the grant, the project was to be publicly advertised for construction bids by September 30, 2023. The project was not ready to be advertised at that time, but construction plans had been submitted to Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for approval.

The 2nd strike deadline of advertising the project by June 30, 2024 will not be met by the project. The project plans were at 100% design when it was determined by Cherry Creek Basin Water Quality Authority (CCBWQA) and the city of Aurora that a better water quality solution could be obtained through a regional detention facility. Aurora Water committed to CCBWQA to provide funding for this facility. CCBWQA and Aurora Water agreed that the proposed water quality pond provided minimal benefit and could be removed from the project as a future regional detention facility is a much better, long-term solution.

The project team is now working toward revising the plans to remove the water quality pond. We anticipate resubmitting the plans to CDOT late July and advertising the project by late August/early September.

We appreciate your willingness to work with the City of Aurora as we work diligently to advertise the project for construction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cathleen Valencia".

Cathleen Valencia, PE
Transportation Project Delivery Manager