

## Board of Directors

Meeting date: July 17, 2024

Agenda Item #: 11

### Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Second Year Delays

Agenda item type: Action item

#### Summary

A summary of FY 2023 TIP first year delays that have not initiated their phase to date, and are now second year delayed.

#### Background

The Board-adopted [TIP Policy](#) concerning second-year project delays (highlighted in Attachment 1) states the following:

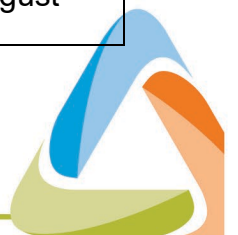
*On the following July 1 (2024), nine months after the project phase(s) was initially delayed (Oct 1, 2023), DRCOG staff will review the project status with CDOT or RTD to determine if the phase is still delayed. If it is determined:*

- The project sponsor...is the cause of the continued delay (phase not being initiated by July 1), the project's un-reimbursed DRCOG-selected funding for the delayed phase will be returned to DRCOG for reprogramming (federal funding reimbursement requests by the sponsor will not be allowed after July 1).*
- That another agency or an outside factor...is the cause of the delay (phase not being initiated by July 1), the future course of action and penalty will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.*

Through conversations with project sponsor staff, and confirmed by CDOT, DRCOG is aware of the following 14 projects that had phases delayed in FY 2023 (first year delay) and will continue to be delayed in FY 2024 for a second year after July 1, 2024. The FY 2023 first year delayed projects were approved by the Board in December 2023. Each project below lists the reasons for the continued delay, the cause for the delay (as determined through project sponsor, DRCOG, and CDOT discussions), and the staff recommended action per adopted policy.

Summary of FY 2023 Second Year Delays:

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Project Phase Delayed	Anticipated Initiation of Phase (as of December 2023)	Anticipated Initiation of Phase (as of July 2024)
Arapahoe County	Arapahoe County Transit and Micromobility Study	Study	January	August



Project Sponsor	Project Name	Project Phase Delayed	Anticipated Initiation of Phase (as of December 2023)	Anticipated Initiation of Phase (as of July 2024)
Aurora	Aurora Missing Sidewalk Program	Construction	March	August
Aurora	Parker/Quincy/Smoky Hill Intersection Improvements	Construction	December 2023	September
Boulder	CO7 Multimodal Improvements: 38th/Marine to Cherryvale	Construction	March	August
Broomfield	Industrial Ln. Bikeway Phase 2	Construction	May	December
Castle Rock	5th St Operational Improvements: Woodlands to Ridge	Construction	December	February 2025
CDOT Region 4	CO119 Operational Improvements: Boulder to Longmont	Construction	June	September
Commerce City	88th Ave Multimodal Improvements: I76 to CO2	Construction	March	August
Denver	Federal Blvd Transit Improvements: Floyd to 54 <sup>th</sup>	Construction	January	November
Denver	South Platte River Trail Improvements: West Virginia to W Bayaud	Construction	June	October
Douglas County	County Line Capacity Improvements: Broadway to University	Construction	February	November
Jefferson County	Jefferson County Bicycle Plan Implementation	Construction	March	January 2025
Littleton	Mineral/Santa Fe Operational Improvements	Construction	September	August
Mead	3rd/Welker Intersection Improvements	Construction	January	August



**1. Arapahoe County: Arapahoe County Transit and Micromobility Study (TIPID [2022-055](#))**

**Delayed FY2023 Phase:** Study

**Reason study was not kicked-off by 7/1/24:**

- Internal and external CDOT communication issues regarding the flexing of the project to FTA, leading to IGA delays.

**Current status, plan to kick-off study:**

- Consultant contract is ready to be finalized once IGA is executed, Notice to Proceed will follow.

**DRCOG staff recommendation:**

- Approve the study to continue with study kick-off no later than August.

**2. Aurora: Aurora Missing Sidewalk Program (TIPID [2020-009](#))**

**Delayed FY2023 Phase:** Construction

**Reason project was not advertised by 7/1/24:**

- Historical review clearances took longer than expected.

**Current status, plan to advertise project:**

- In final review process with CDOT and FHWA, will advertise once complete.

**DRCOG staff recommendation:**

- Approve the project to continue with project advertisement no later than August.

**3. Aurora: Parker/Quincy/Smoky Hill Intersection Improvements (TIPID [2020-056](#))**

**Delayed FY2023 Phase:** Construction

**Reason project was not advertised by 7/1/24:**

- Aurora Water requested a water quality pond removal after design plans were complete.

**Current status, plan to advertise:**

- Resubmit design plans to CDOT in July, followed by clearances and advertisement.

**DRCOG staff recommendation:**

- Approve the project to continue with project advertisement no later than September.

**4. Boulder: CO7 Multimodal Improvements: 38th/Marine to Cherryvale (TIPID [2020-041](#))**

**Delayed FY2023 Phase:** Construction

**Reason project was not advertised by 7/1/24:**

- Longer than anticipated issues with Xcel along the project corridor.

**Current status, plan to advertise:**

- Xcel undergrounding project expected to be completed this fall. Boulder will advertise project in August and begin construction once Xcel has finished.

**DRCOG staff recommendation:**

- Approve the project to continue with project advertisement no later than August.

**5. Broomfield: Industrial Ln. Bikeway Phase 2: Bike/Ped Bridge over BNSF to US36/Flatiron Station (TIPID [2020-019](#))**

**Delayed FY2023 Phase:** Construction

**Reason project was not advertised by 7/1/24:**

- Longer than expected ROW acquisition process.

**Current status, plan to advertise:**

- Three more parcels need to be acquired and finalizing utility clearances.



**DRCOG staff recommendation:**

- Approve the project to continue with project advertisement no later than December.

**6. Castle Rock: 5th St Operational Improvements: Woodlands to Ridge (TIPIID [2022-010](#))**

**Delayed FY2023 Phase:** Construction

**Reason project was not advertised by 7/1/24:**

- Unexpected ROW acquisitions required Eminent Domain.
- Project scope expanded from original application.

**Current status, plan to advertise project:**

- Working on parcel acquisition and FOR submittal.

**DRCOG staff recommendation:**

- Approve the project to continue with project advertisement no later than February 2025.

**7. CDOT Region 4: CO119 Operational Improvements: Boulder to Longmont (TIPIID [2020-081](#))**

**Delayed FY2023 Phase:** Construction

**Reason project was not advertised by 7/1/24:**

- Delivery method was changed from Design Bid Build to CM/GC.
- CDOT desired to utilize contractor's input in design process.

**Current status, plan to advertise project:**

- Design progressing, start of construction pushed from early this year to September.

**DRCOG staff recommendation:**

- Approve the project to continue with project advertisement no later than September.

**8. Commerce City: 88th Ave Multimodal Improvements: I76 to CO2 (TIPIID [2022-049](#))**

**Delayed FY2023 Phase:** Construction

**Reason project was not advertised by 7/1/24:**

- Longer than expected ROW acquisition process.

**Current status, plan to advertise:**

- One remaining parcel to acquire and finalizing clearances.

**DRCOG staff recommendation:**

- Approve the project to continue with project advertisement no later than August.

**9. Denver: Federal Blvd Transit Improvements: Floyd to 54th (TIPIID [2020-049](#))**

**Delayed FY2023 Phase:** Construction

**Reason project was not advertised by 7/1/24:**

- Project required a redesign due to future Bus Rapid Transit and a crash within the project limits.

**Current status, plan to advertise:**

- Coordinating with the future Federal Bus Rapid Transit project.

**DRCOG staff recommendation:**

- Approve the project to continue with project advertisement no later than November.

**10. Denver: South Platte River Trail Improvements: West Virginia to W Bayaud (TIPIID [2022-012](#))**

**Delayed FY2023 Phase:** Construction



**Reason project was not advertised by 7/1/24:**

- Floodplain analysis and mapping submittal required updating.

**Current status, plan to advertise:**

- Finalizing clearances and assembling bid package.

**DRCOG staff recommendation:**

- Approve the project to continue with project advertisement no later than October.

**11. Douglas County: County Line Capacity Improvements: Broadway to University (TIPIID [2020-035](#))**

**Delayed FY2023 Phase:** Construction

**Reason project was not advertised by 7/1/24:**

- ROW coordination between various municipalities.
- Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) design revisions.

**Current status, plan to advertise:**

- Finalizing ITS design and submitting plans to CDOT for final approval.

**DRCOG staff recommendation:**

- Approve the project to continue with project advertisement no later than November.

**12. Jefferson County: Jefferson County Bicycle Plan Implementation (TIPIID [2022-040](#))**

**Delayed FY2023 Phase:** Construction

**Reason project was not advertised by 7/1/24:**

- County was unable to budget project any earlier than 2025 due to managerial staff turnover.

**Current status, plan to advertise:**

- Will advertise in January 2025 when budgeted funds are available.

**DRCOG staff recommendation:**

- Approve the project to continue with project advertisement no later than January 2025.

**13. Littleton: Mineral/Santa Fe Operational Improvements (TIPIID [2020-060](#))**

**Delayed FY2023 Phase:** Construction

**Reason project was not advertised by 7/1/24:**

- Previous ROW phase is still uninitiated.
- Redesign and clearance delays caused by developer issues and project scope expansion.

**Current status, plan to advertise:**

- Conditional clearances are underway, which is the final step before advertising.

**DRCOG staff recommendation:**

- Approve the project to continue with project advertisement no later than August.

**14. Mead: 3rd/Welker Intersection Improvements (TIPIID [2022-021](#))**

**Delayed FY2023 Phase:** Construction

**Reason project was not advertised by 7/1/24:**

- Extensive Right of Way acquisition.

**Current status, plan to advertise:**

- All clearances obtained, waiting for CDOT and FHWA approval.

**DRCOG staff recommendation:**

- Approve the project to continue with project advertisement no later than August.



### **Action by others**

None

### **Previous discussion/action**

December 20, 2023 Board – Approval of FY 2023 first-year delays allowing these projects to continue.

### **Recommendation**

Move to approve the staff recommendation to continue each project and establishing deadlines for each sponsor's project.

### **Attachments**

1. TIP Policy: Project Delays Policy (second-year project delay language highlighted)
2. Delay letter from Arapahoe County
3. Delay letter from Aurora (Missing Sidewalks)
4. Delay letter from Aurora (Parker/Quincy/Smoky Hill)
5. Delay letter from Boulder
6. Delay letter from Broomfield
7. Delay letter from Castle Rock
8. Delay letter from CDOT Region 4
9. Delay letter from Commerce City
10. Delay letter from Denver (Federal Transit)
11. Delay letter from Denver (S Platte River Trail)
12. Delay letter from Douglas County
13. Delay letter from Jefferson County
14. Delay letter from Littleton
15. Delay letter from Mead

### **For more information**

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