

Board of Directors

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Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation Improvement Program Second Year Delays

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Summary

A summary of Transportation Improvement Program, or TIP, projects with DRCOG-allocated Fiscal Year 2025 funding that have not initiated their project phase and therefore are second year delayed.

Background

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

On the following July 1 (2026), nine months after the project phase(s) was initially delayed (Oct 1, 2025), 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 the Colorado Department of Transportation, or CDOT, DRCOG is aware of the following 10 projects with phases delayed in Fiscal Year 2025 (first year delay) and will continue to be delayed in Fiscal Year 2026 for a second year after July 1. The Fiscal Year 2025 first year delayed projects were approved by the Board in January 2026.

Each project below lists the reasons and cause of the continued delay (as determined by project sponsor, DRCOG and CDOT discussions), in addition to the DRCOG staff recommended action per adopted policy.

Summary of Fiscal Year 2025 Second Year Delays

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Project Phase Delayed	Anticipated Initiation of Phase
Arapahoe County	High Line Canal Trail Underpass at Colfax	Design	September
Aurora	Aurora Traffic Signal Equipment Upgrade	Construction	December
Boulder County	SE Boulder County SuperFlex	Bus Service	September



Project Sponsor	Project Name	Project Phase Delayed	Anticipated Initiation of Phase
Broomfield	Airport Creek Trail Underpass at BNSF	Construction	January 2027
Castle Rock	Castle Rock Industrial Tributary Trail: Plum Creek to Plum Creek Trail	Construction	October
Centennial	Arapahoe Sidepath Improvements: I25 to Parker Rd	Construction	March 2027
Erie	CO52 Intersection Safety Improvements: WCR5 to WCR7 - Precon	Design	September
Golden	Golden Free Transit Program	Bus Service	October
Littleton	County Line Shared Use Path: Broadway to High Line Canal Trail	Construction	November
Littleton	Broadway Signal Interconnect (Phase 2)	Design	October

1. Arapahoe County: High Line Canal Trail Underpass at Colfax (TIPIID [2024-013](#))

Delayed FY2025 Phase: Design

Reason phase was not initiated by 7/1/26: Construction (Construction Manager/General Contractor, or CM/GC method) coordination delay with CDOT over the design phase request for proposal, or RFP.

Current status, plan to initiate phase: RFP has been released and proposals are due July 20. The Notice to Proceed, or NTP, is anticipated in September.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

2. Aurora: Aurora Traffic Signal Equipment Upgrade (TIPIID [2022-083](#))

Delayed FY2025 Phase: Construction

Reason phase was not initiated by 7/1/26: CDOT procurement process required the reworking of the original Intergovernmental Agreement, or IGA.

Current status, plan to initiate phase: New IGA is being routed for execution, with project advertisement anticipated to occur in December.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

3. Boulder County: SE Boulder County SuperFlex (TIPIID [2024-036](#))

Delayed FY2025 Phase: Bus Service

Reason phase was not initiated by 7/1/26: DRCOG and CDOT were required to coordinate with Boulder County on a fund swap concerning the MMOF funding, and then the procurement process received a protest from an unsuccessful respondent.



Current status, plan to initiate phase: The protest has been resolved, and procurement has been completed. The contract has been executed with the operator, and NTP has been issued. The service is anticipated to begin soon.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

4. Broomfield: Airport Creek Trail Underpass at BNSF (TIPIID [2022-038](#))

Delayed FY2025 Phase: Construction

Reason phase was not initiated by 7/1/26: Coordination with the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railway, or BNSF, has been challenging regarding requested BNSF design and review changes.

Current status, plan to initiate phase: Design status has been reduced down to 30% and the project is anticipated to advertise once design elements are agreed to and approved.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

5. Castle Rock: Castle Rock Industrial Tributary Trail: Plum Creek to Plum Creek Trail (TIPIID [2022-068](#))

Delayed FY2025 Phase: Construction

Reason phase was not initiated by 7/1/26: Ongoing lengthy coordination with the railroad and adjacent developments.

Current status, plan to initiate phase: 100% design plans have been submitted and once approved and cleared, the project is anticipated to advertise in October.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

6. Centennial: Arapahoe Sidepath Improvements: I25 to Parker Rd (TIPIID [2022-058](#))

Delayed FY2025 Phase: Construction

Reason phase was not initiated by 7/1/26: Lengthy coordination with Xcel and CDOT regarding frontage road utilities.

Current status, plan to initiate phase: Right-of-way, or ROW acquisition and utility coordination is underway. The project is anticipated to advertise when clearances are approved in March 2027.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

7. Erie: CO52 Intersection Safety Improvements: WCR5 to WCR7 - Precon (TIPIID [2024-039](#))

Delayed FY2025 Phase: Design

Reason phase was not initiated by 7/1/26: Ongoing coordination with adjacent and separate developments, and unsuccessful negotiations with consultants to keep intended scope within the budget constraints.

Current status, plan to initiate phase: Consultant proposals are being evaluated and it's anticipated the NTP will be issued once a consultant is on board.



DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

8. Golden: Golden Free Transit Program (TIPID [2024-050](#))

Delayed FY2025 Phase: Bus Service

Reason phase was not initiated by 7/1/26: Uncertainty over which agency would administer project led to IGA execution delays.

Current status, plan to initiate phase: IGA is going to city council in July for execution. Service is anticipated to begin in October once operations are finalized.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

9. Littleton: County Line Shared Use Path: Broadway to High Line Canal Trail (TIPID [2022-070](#))

Delayed FY2025 Phase: Construction

Reason phase was not initiated by 7/1/26: Design changes due to existing landscaping impacts and maintenance coordination.

Current status, plan to initiate phase: Working on engineering document submittal, with advertisement anticipated to occur in November.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

10. Littleton: Broadway Signal Interconnect (Phase 2) (TIPID [2024-080](#))

Delayed FY2025 Phase: Design

Reason phase was not initiated by 7/1/26: Staff shortages and lengthy IGA scope coordination with CDOT due to fiber conflicts.

Current status, plan to initiate phase: Reviewing consultant proposals, with NTP anticipated to occur in October once consultant is on board.

DRCOG staff recommendation: Approve the project to continue.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

[Fiscal Year 2025 First Year Delays – DRCOG Board January 21, 2026](#)

Recommendation

Move to approve the staff recommendation to continue each project.

Attachments

1. Delay letter from Arapahoe County
2. Delay letter from Aurora
3. Delay letter from Boulder County
4. Delay letter from Broomfield
5. Delay letter from Castle Rock
6. Delay letter from Centennial



7. Delay letter from Erie
8. Delay letter from Golden
9. Delay letter from Littleton (County Line)
10. Delay letter from Littleton (Broadway)

For more information

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