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Subject: Second Year Delay of FY25 Aurora Traffic Signal Equipment Upgrade (TIP ID 2024-083)

Mr. Williams,

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an update regarding the project status of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) grant awarded by DRCOG for the purchase of video detection and uninterruptible power supply hardware for Aurora deployment at 42 intersections across the city's roadway network. Based on the conditions of the grant, the project was planned to be advertised for construction by September 30, 2025, and then, after receiving a first-year delay and an approved extension, by June 30, 2026. Due to several challenges beyond the city's control, the project is not ready to be advertised at this time.

Currently, the city is waiting for a signed agreement and guidance on next steps from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). A summary of the project history and reasons for past and current delays is below:

An intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the City of Aurora and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) was executed on 10/18/2024 under routing number 24-HA1-XC-00048. In December of 2024, City staff provided documentation to CDOT in line with past federally funded equipment procurement projects to advance the project. Through January, the city continued to engage CDOT and provide documentation as requested. On January 29th, 2024, the city was alerted that CDOT did not have a formalized process for procurement-only projects. The City continued to request that CDOT advance the project approvals in March, April, May, June, and August of 2025. The city continued to advance the procurement process and paperwork internally in anticipation of a project clearance/option letter. The grant deadline was 9/30/25.

In December 2025, City staff received a DocuSign link requesting termination of the original IGA between CDOT and the City. City staff and CDOT staff met to discuss the termination, and CDOT indicated that they were changing the way they manage equipment procurement projects and that a new IGA was needed to document CDOT's desired process.

In March 2026, CDOT provided a replacement IGA, which was then routed through Aurora's approval process from March 2026 to June 2026. The city and CDOT have agreed to terms for a new subaward agreement, and Aurora's City Council approved the new agreement on June 22, 2026. City staff requested approval and signature of the new IGA, which is currently pending CDOT's completion of the signature process.

City of Aurora staff have been working diligently to bring this project to advertisement and procurement. We are confident that the project will be advertised for bid no later than 2 months after receiving approvals from CDOT. Assuming the new IGA is executed in the next two weeks, and guidance is provided shortly after that, the project should be advertised by December 31, 2026.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am happy to discuss the delays in more detail with DRCOG staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlie Campuzano".

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