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RE: Second Year Delay of Boulder County SE SuperFlex (TIP ID: 2024-036)

Dear Mr. Williams,

The purpose of this letter is to provide a status update regarding the Southeast Boulder County SuperFlex Transit Service (TIP ID: 2024-036) and to request approval of a second-year delay under the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The Southeast Boulder County SuperFlex Program, now branded as Ride SouthEast, is a regional mobility initiative designed to expand transportation options and improve access to essential destinations for residents of southeast Boulder County. Through this program, Boulder County and its partners are implementing a demand-responsive transit service that will improve connectivity to employment centers, healthcare, education, shopping, and regional transit services. Based on the conditions of the award, the project was expected to meet the established implementation schedule. While Boulder County remains fully committed to successful delivery of the program, several factors have affected the original timeline and contributed to the need for additional time.

As discussed with DRCOG staff on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, two primary factors have delayed implementation:

- **Exchange of Funds** – In fall 2025, Boulder County agreed to relinquish \$1,855,000 of State Multimodal Options Funds (MMOF) at the request of DRCOG. The county agreed to replace the MMOF funds with the county's 5307 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The process of approval for this exchange required internal county coordination as well as coordination with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). This paused the county's procurement process until the exchange was approved and finalized.
- **Procurement Protest** – The Board of County Commissioners awarded the contract on April 28, 2026, to zTrip. However, after the project was awarded, a protest was received from one of the unsuccessful respondents. The protest was denied by the

Board on May 27, 2026. Responding to the protest delayed execution of a contract with zTrip and staff's ability to issue a Notice to Proceed (NTP). Despite these challenges, Boulder County has continued advancing the project and has made progress toward implementation. Implementation is actively underway. A contract was executed with zTrip on June 12, 2026, and staff issued NTP to zTrip on June 18, 2026.

We understand the importance of establishing a service launch date and providing DRCOG with a clear timeline. At this point, the two primary items driving the final implementation schedule are vehicle procurement and RideCo platform configuration. Both are actively underway, and RideCo has confirmed they will be providing their implementation timeline to our team shortly. County staff will share this information with DRCOG as soon as it becomes available.

We respectfully request approval of a second-year delay for the Southeast Boulder County SuperFlex Program (TIP ID 2024-036).

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

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