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Re: Second-Year Delay of Transportation Improvement Program Grant for Industrial
Trib. Trail (TIP ID 2022-068)

Mr. Williams,

The purpose of this letter is to respond to DRCOG's request regarding the project status of the TIP grant awarded by DRCOG for the Town of Castle Rock TIP Project: Industrial Trib. Trail.

The project has experienced additional delays during the final design and environmental clearance process due to several factors that have extended the overall project schedule.

During final design, the project team evaluated opportunities to reduce overall construction costs while maintaining the project's intended purpose and benefits. This effort resulted in a revised design solution that repurposes an existing railroad culvert for the proposed pedestrian underpass in lieu of constructing a new structure. While this change provides significant cost savings, it required substantial redesign of the project, including revisions to roadway, drainage, grading, structural, and associated design elements. These modifications required additional coordination and review, extending the design schedule.

The revised project also required extensive coordination regarding habitat restoration for the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse (PMJM). Coordination with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and CDOT was necessary to develop an acceptable habitat restoration approach and ensure compliance with environmental permitting requirements. The additional review and coordination associated with these efforts extended the environmental clearance process.

Federal government shutdowns further impacted the project schedule by delaying review of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit application and the Biological

Assessment. These federal review delays were outside the City's control and affected the project's ability to obtain required environmental approvals in a timely manner.

Additionally, the project has experienced ongoing delays associated with railroad review and coordination. Because the project utilizes an existing railroad structure and requires approval from the railroad, multiple design reviews and coordination meetings have been necessary to address railroad comments and obtain concurrence. The duration of the railroad review process has exceeded the original project schedule.

The Town of Castle Rock continues to work closely with CDOT, the regulatory agencies, and the railroad to complete the remaining design, environmental, and permitting requirements. The project team remains committed to advancing the project to construction as quickly as possible once all approvals have been obtained.

Please let me know if you have any questions pertaining to this delay request as submitted by the Town of Castle Rock.

Regards,

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