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Mr. Williams,

This letter provides an update regarding the project status of the DRCOG TIP grant awarded in 2024 for the CO 52 Intersection Improvements. The project has reached the two-year delay milestones however, there are some outstanding items before the Town will fully understand the next step for the grant.

Several circumstances lead to the two-year delay of the project. One of the biggest hurdles was coordination with developer plans adjacent to the project limits. At the time of the grant award, the Town of Erie was negotiating with a developer to the south of CO 52 on which improvements the developer would be responsible for on the adjacent roadways including CO 52. Another developer was planning a development on the northside of the highway in Frederick adjacent to another intersection that was scoped for improvements within the grant. This was a longer process than expected as the developers also had to get concurrence with CDOT on the roadway improvements.

Once negotiations between the Town, Frederick, and the developers were complete, the Town needed to reevaluate the scope within the grant as some of the improvements listed in the CO 52 Intersection Improvements grant were now the responsibility of the developers, including design and construction of one intersection. This lead to a scope change process through the SW Weld County Forum and DRCOG committies/officials.

The Town of Erie revised the scope within the grant and submitted the scope through the Forum and DRCOG approval process. When the scope was approved, the Town had hired its first in-house attorney. The new attorney was creating a new process for legal counseling including contracting documents. This further delayed the project to get through RFP and contract approvals.



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The project was out for bid and the Town received a higher number of submittals than expected. When a consultant was selected the negotiation process began. Negotiations with the first candidate took longer than expected and the Town was informed by the candidate that the scope of the project would be difficult to complete with the funding amount. After discussions and negotiating with the first candidate, the Town deemed negotiations unsuccessful and proceed to negotiation cost with the second highest ranked candidate. The Town is currently negotiating with that second candidate, however, after discussions with the second candidate, including budget constraints, the Town sought advice from CDOT and proposed to CDOT that they take over the project as to save costs and/or have CDOT contribute additional funds to the project.

The Town is currently waiting for CDOT's response which may still take a couple weeks. This decision will determine the next step for the Town and the grant funded project.

Sincerely,

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