

TIP PROJECT DELAYS REPORT

End of Fiscal Year 2015

A. POLICY

The FY2015 TIP Project Delays Report reviews project phases funded in the previous 2012-2017 TIP. The report is based on procedures established in the 2012-2017 *Policy on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Preparation*, adopted July 21, 2010, with amendments accordingly. The policy states that “**implementation of an entire project or single project phase (if project has federal funding in more than one year) may be delayed only once by the project sponsor.**” The objective of this delay policy is to minimize the number of projects delayed and improve the efficiency of spending federal dollars.

B. PROCESS

To implement the policy, the following steps were taken:

1. At the beginning of October (coinciding with the beginning of the new federal fiscal year), DRCOG staff requested that CDOT and RTD conduct a comprehensive review of all STP-Metro, CMAQ, and Enhancement/Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects that had been selected by DRCOG to receive and begin expending TIP funds in FY2015. The review also includes projects/phases that were previously on the FY2014 project delays report.
2. CDOT and RTD review all such project phases, identifying those that have not been initiated, and therefore delayed.
3. Those project phases that were delayed for a second year (first year delay was in FY2014) became ineligible to receive further federal funding reimbursement unless the DRCOG Board granted a variance to continue. Three projects were brought to the Board in October 2015 and are discussed in Section C below.
4. In late-October, DRCOG staff notified first year delayed project/phase sponsors and requested a discussion regarding the delay. These projects are discussed in Section D.

C. SECOND YEAR DELAY (FY2014) PROJECTS SEEKING A VARIANCE TO CONTINUE

1. Boulder

Name: *Baseline Rd Bike/Ped Underpass: Broadway St/SH-93 to 28th St/US-36*

TIP ID: 2012-046

Project Phase: Initiate Construction

FY2014 and FY2015 federal funding: \$2,938,000

<http://www3.drcog.org/trips/Project/2012-2017/details/46069>

This project went to ad January 7.

Recommendation— *This project is no longer delayed.*

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2. Greenwood Village

Name: *Greenwood Plaza Blvd Sidewalks*

TIP ID: 2012-006

Project Phase: Initiate Construction

FY2014 federal funding: \$676,000

<http://www3.drcog.org/trips/Project/2012-2017/details/46521>

Staff of Greenwood Village went before the Board in October to seek a variance to continue the project. A variance was granted for 120 days. Greenwood Village will need to advertise the project no later than January 28.

Recommendation—*Continuously monitor the progress of this project through project advertisement.*

- If Greenwood Village is unable to advertise before January 28, 2016, they must stop all future federal reimbursement payment requests retroactive to September 30, 2015.

3. Thornton

Name: *North Metro Rail Bicycle/Pedestrian Access to Four FasTracks Stations*

TIP ID: 2012-081

Project Phase: Initiate ROW

FY2014 federal funding: \$185,000

<http://www3.drcog.org/trips/Project/2012-2017/details/46918>

Right of way plans were completed and turned into CDOT on January 11.

Recommendation— *This project phase is no longer delayed.*

D. FIRST YEAR DELAY (FY2015) PROJECTS SEEKING APPROVAL TO CONTINUE

4. Arapahoe County

Name: *Implement Arterial Travel Time Monitoring System*

TIP ID: 2005-026 (ITS Pool)

Project Phase: Initiate Procurement

FY2015 Federal funding: \$105,000

<http://www3.drcog.org/Trips/Project/2012-2017/details/46673>

This project was combined with the Greenwood Village ITS project. The RFP was released in October.

Recommendation - *Since the project is no longer delayed, no conditions are placed upon it.*

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5. Arapahoe County

Name: *Arapahoe Rd/Yosemite St. Intersection Operational Improvement*

TIP ID: 2012-087

Project Phase: Initiate Construction

FY2015 Federal funding: \$2,500,000

<http://www3.drcog.org/Trips/Project/2012-2017/details/46977>

Arapahoe County reports the project has been delayed due to being integrated into the larger CDOT RAMP-funded interchange reconstruction project at I-25 and Arapahoe. That project currently has nearly 100% of the design plans completed and is undergoing ROW acquisition. A contractor is already on board and only needs to agree on a final construction cost estimate to begin, which is expected to be in May.

Recommendation—DRCOG staff recommends the delay be approved subject to the following condition:

- Arapahoe County and CDOT staff continue to aggressively pursue a final construction cost estimate no later than the end of May 2016. If unachievable, Arapahoe County and DRCOG staff shall discuss this project at the first of each month beginning in June 2016, until a final construction cost estimate has been agreed to.

6. Aurora

Name: *Colfax Ave Bike/Ped Improvements: Fitzsimons Pkwy to Peoria St*

TIP ID: 2012-091

Project Phase: Initiate Construction

FY2015 Federal funding: \$365,000

<http://www3.drcog.org/Trips/Project/2012-2017/details/46972>

Aurora reports the project has been delayed due to necessary coordination and impacts with the ongoing construction of a nearby CDOT bridge replacement, the VA hospital project, and construction of the I-225 rail line. It is anticipated advertisement for the project can take place in April 2016.

Recommendation—DRCOG staff recommends the delay be approved subject to the following condition:

- Aurora and CDOT staff continue to aggressively pursue advertisement no later than the end of April 2016. If unachievable, Aurora and DRCOG staff shall discuss this project at the first of each month beginning in May 2016, until the project has been advertised.

7. Aurora

Name: *Peoria-Smith Commuter Rail Station Bike/Pedestrian Access Improvements*

TIP ID: 2012-050

Project Phase: Initiate Construction

FY2015 Federal funding: \$335,000

<http://www3.drcog.org/Trips/Project/2012-2017/details/46073>

Aurora reports the project has been delayed due to design changes caused by a new housing development located nearby and ongoing light rail station construction. It is anticipated advertisement for the project can take place in March 2016.

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Recommendation—DRCOG staff recommends the delay be approved subject to the following condition:

- Aurora and CDOT staff continue to aggressively pursue advertisement no later than the end of March 2016. If unachievable, Aurora and DRCOG staff shall discuss this project at the first of each month beginning in April 2016, until the project has been advertised.
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8. **Centennial**

Name: *Implement Arterial Travel Time Monitoring System*

TIP ID: 2005-026 (ITS Pool)

Project Phase: Initiate Procurement

FY2015 Federal funding: \$346,000

<http://www3.drcog.org/Trips/Project/2012-2017/details/46673>

Centennial reports the project has been delayed due to a misunderstanding. The funding for this project is spread over two years, which made Centennial believe delays wouldn't be considered until the end of the second year of funds (FY16). It is anticipated procurement can take place in April 2016.

Recommendation—DRCOG staff recommends the delay be approved subject to the following condition:

- Centennial and CDOT staff continue to aggressively pursue advertisement no later than the end of April 2016. If unachievable, Centennial and DRCOG staff shall discuss this project at the first of each month beginning in May 2016, until procurement has taken place.
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9. **Centennial**

Name: *Smoky Hill Rd./Himalaya St. Intersection Operational Improvement*

TIP ID: 2012-090

Project Phase: Initiate Construction

FY2015 Federal funding: \$475,000

<http://www3.drcog.org/Trips/Project/2012-2017/details/46978>

Centennial reports the project has been delayed due to increased cost and an attempt to revise the scope. The revised scope for the IGA is still in process, along with revised plans. It is anticipated the project can be advertised by June 2016.

Recommendation—DRCOG staff recommends the delay be approved subject to the following condition:

- Centennial and CDOT staff continue to aggressively pursue advertisement no later than the end of June 2016. If unachievable, Centennial and DRCOG staff shall discuss this project at the first of each month beginning in July 2016, until the project has been advertised.
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10. CDOT ITS

Name: *CAD Integration*

TIP ID: 2005-026 (ITS Pool)

Project Phase: Initiate Procurement

FY2015 Federal funding: \$80,000

<http://www3.drcog.org/Trips/Project/2012-2017/details/46673>

CDOT reports the procurement has been delayed due to scope changes that took place with Denver after discussions started to scope out the project. Recently, discussions between Denver and CDOT have started back up, working their way to an executed IGA. It is anticipated procurement can take place in March 2016.

Recommendation—*DRCOG staff recommends the delay be approved subject to the following condition:*

- CDOT staff continue to aggressively pursue procurement no later than the end of March 2016. If unachievable, CDOT and DRCOG staff shall discuss this project at the first of each month beginning in April 2016, until a project task order for procurement has been executed.
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11. Greenwood Village

Name: *Implement Arterial Travel Time Monitoring System*

TIP ID: 2005-026 (ITS Pool)

Project Phase: Initiate Procurement

FY2015 Federal funding: \$100,000

<http://www3.drcog.org/Trips/Project/2012-2017/details/46673>

Greenwood Village reports the project's RFP was released in October.

Recommendation—*Since the project is no longer delayed, no conditions are placed upon it.*

12. Lakewood

Name: *Expand Arterial Travel Time Monitoring System*

TIP ID: 2005-026 (ITS Pool)

Project Phase: Initiate Procurement

FY2015 Federal funding: \$249,000

<http://www3.drcog.org/Trips/Project/2012-2017/details/46673>

Lakewood reports the project has been delayed due to a change in the way CDOT was going to allow them to procure the project. With a similar project in the past, Lakewood was allowed to use their staff and existing on-call contractors to implement the project. However, CDOT said Lakewood would have to issue a RFP. Lakewood also was reconsidering the type of technology for this project. It is anticipated procurement can take place in June 2016.

Recommendation—*DRCOG staff recommends the delay be approved subject to the following condition:*

- Lakewood and CDOT staff continue to aggressively pursue advertisement no later than the end of June 2016. If unachievable, Lakewood and DRCOG staff shall discuss this project at the first of each month beginning in July 2016, until procurement has taken place.
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13. Longmont

Name: Dry Creek Underpass: Hover St south of Bent Way

TIP ID: 2012-049

Project Phase: Initiate Construction

FY2015 Federal funding: \$1,358,000

<http://www3.drcog.org/Trips/Project/2012-2017/details/46072>

This project received ad concurrence to ad on December 30, 2015, and went to ad on January 6.

Recommendation— *Since the project is no longer delayed, no conditions are placed upon it.*

14. Sheridan

Name: West Oxford Ave: S. Clay St. to S. Federal Blvd. Reconstruct

TIP ID: 2012-060

Project Phase: Initiate Construction

FY2015 Federal funding: \$500,000

<http://www3.drcog.org/Trips/Project/2012-2017/details/46926>

Sheridan reports the project has all clearances to advertise, and it's been moved on to CDOT and FHWA to finalize. It is anticipated project advertisement will take place in early February 2016.

Recommendation—*DRCOG staff recommends the delay be approved subject to the following condition:*

- Sheridan and CDOT staff continue to aggressively pursue project advertisement no later than February 2016. If unachievable, Sheridan and DRCOG staff shall discuss this project at the first of each month beginning in March 2016, until advertisement has taken place.
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15. Thornton

Name: Install Conduit and Fiber to Interconnect Traffic Signals

TIP ID: 2005-026 (ITS Pool)

Project Phase: Initiate Procurement

FY2015 Federal funding: \$376,000

<http://www3.drcog.org/Trips/Project/2012-2017/details/46673>

Thornton reports procurement has been delayed due to the 14 months it took to complete the IGA. Recently, design has started and it is anticipated procurement can take place in August 2016.

Recommendation—*DRCOG staff recommends the delay be approved subject to the following condition:*

- Thornton staff continue to aggressively pursue procurement no later than the end of August 2016. Thornton and DRCOG staff shall discuss this project at the first of each month beginning in June 2016, until the RFP is released.
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16. Thornton

Name: 124th Ave/Eastlake Station: Claude Court Realignment

TIP ID: 2012-117

Project Phase: Initiate Construction

FY2015 Federal funding: \$930,000

<http://www3.drcog.org/Trips/Project/2012-2017/details/47417>

Thornton reports the project has an executed IGA and all clearances. It is anticipated the project can advertise in early February.

Recommendation—DRCOG staff recommends the delay be approved subject to the following condition:

- Thornton and CDOT staff continue to aggressively pursue project advertisement no later than February 2016. If unachievable, Thornton and DRCOG staff shall discuss this project at the first of each month beginning in March 2016, until advertisement has taken place.
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17. Thornton

Name: North Metro Rail Bicycle/Pedestrian Access to Four FasTracks Stations

TIP ID: 2012-081

Project Phase: Initiate Construction

FY2015 federal funding: \$1,354,000

<http://www3.drcog.org/trips/Project/2012-2017/details/46918>

This phase is contingent on the initiation and completion of the ROW phase that is currently second year delayed by January 28, 2016 (see #3). It is anticipated the construction phase of the project can be advertised in September 2016.

Recommendation—DRCOG staff recommends the delay be approved subject to the following condition:

- Thornton and CDOT staff continue to aggressively pursue project advertisement no later than September 2016. If unachievable, Thornton and DRCOG staff shall discuss this project at the first of each month beginning in March 2016, until advertisement has taken place.
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