

June 27, 2024

Dear DRCOG Board of Directors,

I am writing to provide you with an update on the status of the Bicycle Plan Implementation project. The objective of this project is to implement Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) “three feet to pass bicycles” clearance signage on all corridors identified in the Jefferson County Bicycle Plan as neighborhood bikeway, shared roadway, or shared roadway with spot treatments. This signage is intended to create a better environment for bicyclists and motorists to coexist by informing roadway users of a critical state law that makes roadways safer for all users. Additionally, shared roadway markings will be added to neighborhood bikeways in the “plains” context of the Bicycle Plan.

To date, Jefferson County has completed the scoping meeting with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), hired a consultant to complete signage work plans for all corridors mentioned above that are identified in the Jefferson County Bicycle Plan, and have entered into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with CDOT to utilize funds.

Due to high managerial staff turnover in the past two years, the funds awarded to Jefferson County were not accounted for in the 2024 fiscal budget and therefore staff are unable to advertise the project. New management have settled in their positions and have included the funding in the 2025 budget, allowing staff to advertise the project in January of 2025.

While Jefferson County acknowledges the TIP policy for second year delays, we hope the Board will provide leniency and recognize the challenges that high turnover creates for staff. If approved to retain Bicycle Plan Implementation awarded funds, staff are prepared to complete design and approvals with CDOT, finalize any outstanding items, and advertise the project in January of 2025. Jefferson County has great confidence that we will be in alignment with the TIP policy at the start of the new fiscal year.

Thank you for your consideration,



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