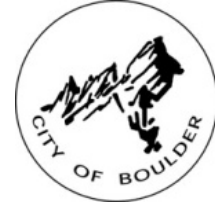

CITY OF BOULDER

Department of Transportation and Mobility



June 28, 2024

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**RE: CO-7 Multimodal Improvements: 38th St./Marine St. to Cherryvale Rd
TIP # 2020-041
Sent via E-mail**

Dear Brad,

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your request regarding the project status of the subject TIP grant awarded by DRCOG for the CO 7 Multimodal Improvements from 38th Street to Cherryvale Road in the City of Boulder.

The CO 7/Arapahoe Road Multimodal Improvement project represents a \$3 Million investment in the transportation system for the City of Boulder, the greater Boulder County region and on CO 7, a vital east-west state highway corridor between Boulder and Brighton.

Based on the conditions of the grant, the project was to be publicly advertised for construction bids by September 30, 2023. The project was not ready to be advertised at that time, but construction plans had been submitted to Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for approval.

The reason for the project delay is related to private utilities located in the public right-of-way of the project limits. Well into the design phase of the project, city design and project management staff were notified that Xcel Energy would be undergrounding overhead power and utility lines all along the length of the project limits. Initially, the understanding was that this effort would take approximately 12-18 months, however it has taken much longer than expected for Xcel and other private utilities to relocate to new underground locations. It would not have been wise to start construction on multimodal improvements for the corridor that were in direct conflict with the utility undergrounding efforts, so the city decided to pause on advertising the project for construction until the underground work is completed.

Currently, the utility undergrounding is expected to be completed by the fall of 2024. The city is planning to advertise for construction by late summer of 2024 and begin construction by winter of 2024. Both City and CDOT staff will continue to coordinate with Xcel Energy and work diligently to get the

project ready for advertisement in August of 2024. Please contact me if there are any questions pertaining to this delay request by the City of Boulder.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerrit L. Slatter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

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