

**Resolution #TC-20-07-10**

Resolution to approve 1601 Picadilly Interchange

**Approved by the Transportation Commission on July 16, 2020.**

**WHEREAS**, on December 15, 2004, the Colorado Department of Transportation, Division of Transportation Development adopted revisions to Policy Directive 1601 concerning the state highway interchange approval process; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Aurora, a home rule municipal corporation in the State of Colorado, (“Aurora”) has completed a System Level Study for a proposed new Interchange at I-70 and Picadilly within the boundaries of Aurora; and

**WHEREAS**, Aurora has been held to the 2004 revision to Policy Directive 1601, and staff of the Colorado Department of Transportation (“CDOT”) has reviewed the Systems Level Study and found it to be consistent with the 2004 Policy Directive 1601; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the 2004 Policy Directive 1601, the Systems Level Study documents the need for the proposed Interchange at I-70 and Picadilly to accommodate forecasted travel volumes at acceptable levels of service for the next 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Interchange at I-70 and Picadilly (“Project”) will provide access from I-70 to Picadilly, and

**WHEREAS**, this Project will realign Picadilly Road and construct a new bridge over I-70 as well as a diverging-diamond interchange. Additionally, the Project removes an existing substandard partial interchange at Colfax Avenue and adds signalized intersections and auxiliary lanes within the Project area. The Project will also construct I-70 mainline auxiliary lanes between Picadilly Road and Tower Road, and between Picadilly Road and E-470 The bridge span will provide sufficient width to account for future I-70 corridor improvements.; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost to construct the Project is estimated to be \$56.6 million in 2020 dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, Aurora, Developer/Private Partners, and a Federal BUILD Grant are funding 100% of the construction costs of the Project and requesting no financial contribution from CDOT for the construction of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, all costs and responsibilities associated with maintenance and operations of the completed Project shall be determined through an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) between Aurora and CDOT, consistent with the preliminary financial plan in this Systems Level Study and as required by the 2004 Policy Directive 1601; and

**WHEREAS**, as government agencies, Aurora and CDOT are authorized by the provisions of Colo. Const., art. XIV, § 18(2)(a) and C.R.S. §§ 29-1-201, et seq., to contract with one another to provide any function, service or facility lawfully authorized to each in the form of an intergovernmental agreement approved by each party’s authorized governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, approval of the Final Maintenance and Operations IGA by the CDOT Chief Engineer consistent with the preliminary financial plan included in the Systems Level Study is necessary prior to construction; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the 2004 Policy Directive 1601, Aurora funded and completed the System Level Study and preliminary financial plan as described in the System Level Study; and

**WHEREAS**, Transportation Commission approval of the Systems Level Study is consistent with the recently approved Environmental Assessment Re-evaluation (CDOT Form 1399); and

**WHEREAS**, approval of the Project by the Transportation Commission is consistent with and depicted in the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) fiscally constrained 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and is contained in the DRCOG 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Aurora will obtain interchange access approval from FHWA and approval of final plans from FHWA and the CDOT Chief Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant, Aurora, must demonstrate significant progress towards implementation of the Project within three years of the date of approval of this Resolution.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, The Transportation Commission approves the Systems Level Study for the Project described as Interchange at I-70 and Picadilly, upon the following conditions:

1. Approval of applicable interchange access, design and environmental permitting documents by the appropriate agencies; and
2. Approval by the CDOT Chief Engineer of an IGA for the maintenance, operations and preliminary financial plan of the constructed facilities associated with the Project consistent with the Systems Level Study.

The CDOT Chief Engineer is hereby authorized to enter into a Final IGA with Aurora for the maintenance and operation of the facilities associated with the Interchange at I-70 and Picadilly Project, including all items constructed as part of the Project, consistent with this Systems Level Study.

  
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Herman Stockinger, Secretary  
Transportation Commission of Colorado

7/16/2020  
Date