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Mr. Michael P. Lewis
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Subject: Statewide Planning Finding and State Fiscal Years (SFYs) 2019-2022 Statewide
Transportation Improvement Program Approval

Dear Mr. Lewis:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Colorado Division and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region 8 find that the Colorado Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for SFYs 2019-2022, which incorporates the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) of the five Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), is based on a statewide transportation planning process that substantially meets the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5304, and subparts A, B, and C of 23 CFR Part 450.

The TIP from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) covers fewer official program years than the STIP at the time of this approval. Only TIP projects identified within the official program years of the STIP can be obligated and/or authorized, as demonstrated below. Any updates to the TIPs must be incorporated into the STIP through the amendment process.

<u>CDOT STIP</u>	<u>SFY 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022</u>
<i>Grand Valley MPO</i>	SFY 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
<i>Pueblo Area COG</i>	SFY 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
<i>Pikes Peak Area COG</i>	SFY 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
<i>North Front Range MPO</i>	SFY 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
<i>Denver Regional COG</i>	SFY 2019, 2020, 2021

The FHWA and the FTA jointly approve the CDOT SFYs 2019-2022 STIP; its effective period is July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2022 or as a subsequent update replaces any or all of the identified years. Because the State fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th) is different than the period covered by the Federal fiscal year (October 1st through September 30th), this approval covers projects for federal grant-making purposes within the period of July 1st through September 30th of this year.

The approval of the STIP does not constitute an obligation of funds. Authorization to proceed on individual projects will be in accordance with existing procedures as established among FHWA, FTA, CDOT, and local governments. FHWA and FTA are issuing supporting documentation for their decision to approve the STIP through the Joint Planning Finding Report of the Statewide transportation planning processes used to develop the STIP by September 30, 2018.

If any questions arise, please contact Aaron Bustow (FHWA) at 720-963-3022, Aaron.Bustow@dot.gov, or Kristin Kenyon (FTA) at 303-362-2391, Kristin.Kenyon@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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