



General Assembly  
State of Colorado  
Denver

September 14, 2012

Donald E. Hunt, Executive Director  
Colorado Department of Transportation  
Headquarters Office  
4201 E Arkansas Ave  
Denver, CO 80222

Dear Director Hunt:

We, the Transportation Legislation Review Committee (TLRC), write to explore ways in which the General Assembly can assist the Department of Transportation (CDOT) in expediting current construction projects to best utilize the cash available within CDOT's various funds.

As of June 30, 2012, it appears that CDOT had available, or at least unencumbered, over \$97.8 million, according to the Joint Budget Committee. The TLRC would like to see these and any other available funds in operation as quickly as possible, and any delay in expenditure be minimized. We recommend that CDOT evaluate its cash inflows and outflows, determine an appropriate range of cash on hand, and modify project commitments as appropriate.

In particular, the TLRC asks that the department respond to the following questions:

- What is the department's plan to accelerate currently funded projects into construction?
- Are there specific construction projects now planned that can be expedited?
- What additional resources might be necessary for engineering, project management, or other needs required to accelerate the construction schedule?
- How can the legislature be a partner to help facilitate any related plans going forward?

The TLRC requests that information regarding these questions be presented at a Joint House and Senate Transportation Committee meeting during the first weeks of the 2013 legislative session.

Please know that we appreciate CDOT's ongoing efforts to get construction projects underway quicker, and we look forward to discussing with you how the General Assembly may assist CDOT on this matter. Thank you for taking the time to consider our concerns.

Sincerely,

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