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September 11, 2024

Steven Marshall
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1331 17th Street, Ste #1000
Denver, CO 80202

Re: Fifth Submission Review: Transport Colorado – Sub-Area 2 – Master Plan
Application Number: DA-1793-05
Case Number: 2005-7008-06

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for your recent submission. We reviewed it and attached our comments along with this cover letter. The first section of our review highlights our major comments. The following sections contain more specific comments, including those received from other city departments and community members.

Since several important issues still remain, you will need to make another submission. Please revise your previous work and send us a new submission as feasible. Note that all our comments are numbered. When you resubmit, include a comment response letter specifically responding to each item. The Planning Department reserves the right to reject any resubmissions that fail to address these items. If you have made any other changes to your documents other than those requested, be sure to also specifically list them in your letter.

Your estimated Administrative Decision date is set for Wednesday, September 25, 2024.

Please remember that all abutter notices must be sent, and the site notices must be posted at least 10 days prior to the decision date. These notifications are your responsibility and the lack of proper notification will cause the public hearing date to be postponed. It is important that you obtain an updated list of adjacent property owners from the county before the notices are sent out. Take all necessary steps to ensure an accurate list is obtained.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at, 303.739.7541 or rrabbaa@auroragov.org.

Sincerely,

Rachid Rabbaa, Planner II
City of Aurora Planning Department

cc: Jennifer Carpenter – LAI Design Group 88 Inverness Circle East, Building J, Ste. #101 Englewood, CO 80112
Jacob Cox, ODA
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Fifth Submission Review

SUMMARY OF KEY COMMENTS FROM ALL DEPARTMENTS

- Traffic Impact Analysis: Not Ready for Technical Referral Civil Plan Intake – TIS not approved previous comments not addressed. (Item 5)
- See the comments from CDOT. (Item 6)

PLANNING DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Reviewed by: Rachid Rabbaa rrabbaa@auroragov.org / 303-739-7541 / PDF comment color is teal.

1. Community Comments

- 1A. Please see the CDOT comments. PDF. Respond to each CDOT comment. “Acknowledge” as a response is NOT acceptable.

2. Completeness and Clarity of the Application

- 2A. No additional comments.

3. Zoning, Land Use Comments, and Transportation Issues

- 3A. No additional comments.

REFERRAL COMMENTS FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

4. Civil Engineering Reviewed by: Julie Bingham / jbingham@auroragov.org / 303-739-7403 / Comments in green.

- 4A. No additional comments.

5. Traffic Engineering Reviewed by: Steven Gomez / segomez@auroragov.org / 303-739- 7336 / Comments in gold.

Traffic Impact Analysis

- 5A. Previous comment not addressed. update ALL intersection HCM (LOS, delay) and queues to be consistent with worksheets, graphics, etc2. review and update ALL text to be consistent with latest traffic volumes, access configuration, intersection laneage, etc3. see comments throughout report.
- 5B. Previous comments not addressed results are not consistent with worksheets.
- 5C. Not ready for Technical Referral Civil Plan Intake – TIS not approved previous comments not addressed.
- 5D. Please respond to each TIS comment. “acknowledged” as a response is NOT acceptable.

6. Department of Transportation: Reviewed by Steve Loeffler / steven.loeffler@state.co.us

- 6A. Comments are attached. ***Respond to each major item specifically in your comment response letter and make revisions as necessary.***

- 6B. **A comment response letter is REQUIRED.** respond to each CDOT “acknowledged” as a response is NOT acceptable.

6C. Environmental Comments:

Once File Search results are received Environmental review will continue.

For ANY ground disturbance/work within CDOT ROW---

Required:

Arch/History/Paleo:

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more extensive report will be required. If nothing is identified, then the file search should be sufficient. For the file search contact:

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<https://www.colorado.edu/cumuseum/research-collecons/paleontology/policies-procedure>) Email:



jacob.vanveldhuizen@colorado.edu and from the Denver Museum of Nature and Science – Email: kristen.mackenzie@dmns.org <https://www.dmns.org/science/earth-sciences/earth-sciences-collections/>
If there is NO ground disturbance within CDOT ROW, the applicant shall submit an email/memo to the R1 Environmental Permit Review Specialist stating this.
8/21/2024:

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Permits Comments:

7.1.24 The Traffic Impact Analysis needs to be stamped by the Engineer from Felsburg Holt & Ullevig. -- Aaron Eyl 7.1.24

I have no comments at this time as it appears no work will be done in the CDOT ROW. Any work in the CDOT

ROW requires CDOT permits. RLW July 8 2024

I have no comments at this time. RLW Aug 23 2024

8.28.24 - No comment. -- Aaron Eyl 8.28.24

Traffic Comments:

CLB on 8/27/24:

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7-9-2024 - Chris Bland

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(4) Under VI Summary and Recommendations, believe consideration should be given to mentioning that Port Colorado will also have access to US 36 via planned improvements at several intersections.

Traffic & Safety

Region 1

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COLORADO
Department of Transportation
Region 1

Project Name: Port Subarea 2 - Transport Colorado

Print Date: 9/4/2024

Highway: 36

Mile Marker: 80.813

A comment response letter is REQUIRED along with the next submittal.

Review POC: loefflers

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