



Policy on Reasonable Progress

Reasonable Progress

For projects or programs included in the Transportation Improvement Program, “reasonable progress” will have been made if the project has advanced to the point of obligating all federal funds programmed for that project in the current fiscal year, regardless of the phase of work (i.e., Preliminary Engineering (PE), Right of Way Acquisition (ROW), or Plans Specifications and Estimates (PSE)/Construction). If a project fails to obligate the programmed federal funds by September 30 of the current year, the funding will be forfeited and returned to the regional funding pot. Actual progress toward implementation is measured against the schedule submitted by the project sponsor in the project application.

Policy Procedures and Enforcement

Projects that do not obligate all federal funds by the September 30 suspense date will be removed from the TIP, and the federal funds associated with those projects will be returned to the regional funding pool for redistribution. The removal of projects from the TIP will require no further Board action and the sponsor would have to repay any federal funds already spent if the funding is forfeited.

If a project is realizing delays that will put the federal funding at risk of forfeiture (i.e., not meet a September 30 deadline), the project sponsor will have the opportunity to ask for consideration of a “one-time extension” in their project schedule. The one-time extension can only be requested for the implementation/construction phase of the project. The extension request will only be considered once a year, and has to be made before June 1 of the current fiscal year of the TIP.

To be considered for this extension the sponsor has to demonstrate on all counts: a.) The delay is beyond their control and the sponsor has done diligence in progressing the project; b.) Federal funds have already been obligated on the project or in cases that no federal funds are used for PE and/or ROW acquisition, there has been significant progress toward final plan preparation; c.) There is a realistic strategy in place to obligate all funds.

One-time extensions of up to three (3) months may be granted by East-West Gateway staff and one-time extensions greater than three (3) months, but not more than nine (9) months, will go to the Board of Directors for their consideration and approval. Projects requesting schedule advancements will be handled on a case-by-case basis (subject to available funding) and are subject to the Board adopted rules for TIP modifications.



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Project Monitoring

An extensive monitoring program has been developed to help track programmed projects and ensure that funding commitments and plans are met. Monthly reports are developed and posted on the East-West Gateway website, utilizing project information provided by the IDOT and MoDOT District offices. Additionally, project sponsors are contacted, at least every three months, by EWGCOG staff for project status interviews.