

2017-2020 TIP Rollover Projects/Exceptions

During the development of the 2014-2017 TIP development it was decided that in order to assist the states in obligating federal funds, new business rules would be established to help track and encourage local jurisdictions to implement projects in a reasonable timeframe since the TPO had determined several projects had carried over two and sometimes three TIP cycles. One of these business rules relates specifically to rolling over projects from the prior TIP. The last year of projects for each TIP automatically rolls over because the TIP is approved prior to the last year so projects programmed in that year are not delayed. However, projects programmed in the first year should have established contracts and initial obligation by second year, but there are always unavoidable circumstances that may delay a project or alter the course of a project. For this reason, there are a series of exception to this new rule. These exceptions are listed below. In addition, the TPO Board may take action to create an exception for any project as it see necessary.

Business Rule #8¹

Reprogramming

Any project that has exceeded 10 percent of the original cost estimate, any changes to project scope, schedule, or budget that trigger delays in the success of subsequent programmed phase, and/or any programmed phase not obligated within two years will require the project sponsor to complete an "Exceptions List" form prior to the commencement of a new TIP development cycle. This list will be vetted with the TIP selection committee to determine if the situation is reasonable and the project should remain a priority with rollover funds. A list of proposed rollover projects is available from the TPO staff and was provided at the Workshop on 11/17/15.

Exceptions List Form

Project Information

Project Name: _____

2014-2017 TIP#: _____

Date of Request: _____

Contact Information

Name of Representative: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Check the Circumstance for Exception

_____ Project has fully executed state contract and is awaiting obligation. Please provide a copy of the contract.

_____ The project is a state (Multimodal Access/Safe Route to School/CMAQ) or discretionary grant (TIGER/TIGGER) awards and may involve additional processes for reaching obligation. Please provide the award letter and schedule of activities. Project will remain an exception to this business rule until a notification from state or federal agency indicates otherwise or indicates the funding was not used.

_____ State and Federal "Designated Recipient" programs such as FTA 5310 transit projects and accompanying funding sources.

_____ The project has a 10% or less increase in cost or the increase in cost is reasonable due to a required change in scope to address an alternative project outcome from NEPA and/or unusual documented rise in material costs as a result of market/economy shifts. Please attach revised project cost(s) and explanation.

_____ The project had unavoidable or unforeseen circumstances which are being resolved and have affected the timeline for obligation. Please attach explanation.

Return to TPO staff via email at TPO@chattanooga.gov or RPA offices at 1250 Market St, Suite 2000-DRC, Chattanooga, TN 37402.

¹ New TIP Business Rule #8 can be found on page 26 of the 2014-2017 TIP document. This document is available on the TPO's website here:
http://www.chcrpa.org/TPO_reorganized/Plans_and_Programs/TIP.htm