



Agenda
Finance and Budget Committee
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
5:30 p.m.
Video/Web Conference
Denver, CO

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1. Call to order

Consent agenda

2. Move to approve Consent agenda
 - A. Summary of September 2, 2026, meeting (Attachment A)
 - B. Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept \$820,000 in Congressionally Designated Spending funds passed through the Administration for Community Living to support DRCOG's Community Care Hub for the period of September 29, 2026, to September 30, 2027. (Attachment B)

Action items

3. Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Consor North America to lead the Sherrelwood Neighborhood Transportation Vision in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 and a term not to exceed 18 months upon contract execution.
(Attachment C) Jacob Riger, Director, Transportation Planning and Operations
4. Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Stantec to provide transportation and urban planning consulting services for the Updates to N Line Station Area Master Plans for the City of Thornton project, awarded through the Livable Centers Set-Aside Program, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 with a term of 12 months from the date of contract execution.
(Attachment D) Max Monk, Planner, Transportation Planning and Operations

Administrative items

5. Report of the Chair
6. Report of the Executive Director
7. **Next meeting – October 7, 2026**
8. Other matters by members
9. Adjourn

ATTACH A

Finance and Budget Committee Meeting Summary

Wednesday, September 02, 2026

Meeting held via Microsoft Teams

Members Present

Judi Kern, Chair	Louisville
Claire Levy	Boulder
Andy Kerr	Jefferson County
Adam Paul	City and County of Denver
Sharon Davis	Arvada
Alison Coombs	Aurora
Charles Dukes	Commerce City
Alecia Brown	Lone Tree
Robert Reichardt	Littleton
Colleen Whitlow	Mead

Others Present: Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director; and DRCOG staff.

Chair Kern called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Move to approve consent agenda

Director Davis **moved** to approve the consent agenda on the original agenda and the addendum agenda. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Items on the consent agenda included:

- Summary of the August 5, 2026, meeting.
- Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept approximately \$300,000 of Nutrition Services Incentives Program funding from the Colorado Department of Health and Human Services and to distribute that funding to nutrition providers in the region for the period beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027.

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the Regional Transportation District for the Denver Regional Council of Governments to provide EcoPass bulk purchase customers with Guaranteed Ride Home Services on a fee basis in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a one-year term with options to renew.

Steve Erickson provided an overview of the contract to the directors. DRCOG's Guaranteed Ride Home program provides a free, quick ride home for employees who commute by bus or train and experience an emergency, such as becoming ill or needing to respond to a sick child. The program is intended to make transit commuting more attractive by giving employees a reliable backup option. Employers historically purchased the service as part of their EcoPass at approximately \$3 per employee annually, but RTD stopped bundling it in 2018. Following passage of Senate Bill 25-161, RTD will be required to bundle Guaranteed Ride Home with EcoPass again beginning January 1, 2027. Resolution 41-2026 authorizes DRCOG to negotiate and execute a contract with RTD to receive the employer fees collected by RTD to fund the program, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for one year with renewal options.

Director Davis **moved** to approve **Resolution No. 41, 2026**, authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the Regional Transportation District for the Denver Regional Council of Governments to provide EcoPass bulk purchase customers with Guaranteed Ride Home Services on a fee basis in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a one-year term with options to renew. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with CelWell Services, LLC, DBA OneCommute to provide ride scheduling, administrative services, and payment to ride providers for the Guaranteed Ride Home program, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a one-year term with options to renew.

Steve Erickson and Jim Eshelman provided an overview of the contract to the directors. DRCOG contracts with CelWell Services, doing business as One Commute, to administer Guaranteed Ride Home through a mobile-friendly platform that allows employees to request rides using an employer PIN, with most rides fulfilled through Uber. CelWell also processes payments to ride providers. DRCOG has used the vendor successfully for several years and expects a significant expansion when the program is re-bundled with EcoPass in 2027. Annual rides have historically equaled roughly 2% - 3% of enrolled participants, with only about 10 rides provided this year due to limited enrollment, but 2027 enrollment is expected to grow to approximately 92,000 employees across 560 employers, potentially generating about 2,700 rides. The service is available 24/7 through the platform and the request must correspond to the employer's registered work location, helping prevent inappropriate use such as rides from home to work.

Director Levy **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 42, 2026**, authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with CelWell Services, LLC, DBA OneCommute to provide ride scheduling, administrative services, and payment to ride providers for the Guaranteed Ride Home program, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a one-year term with options to renew. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Report of the Chair

Chair Kern wanted to express gratitude to DRCOG staff for the annual awards celebration on August 26 and how wonderful it was.

Report of the Executive Director

Executive Director Rex thanked attendees and staff for a successful awards celebration and expressed appreciation to board and committee members for their continued time and flexibility during the busy election season.

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Other matters by members

There were no other matters by members.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:18 p.m.

ATTACH B

Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: October 07, 2026

Agenda Item #: 2 – B

Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept \$820,000 in Congressionally Designated Spending funds passed through the Administration for Community Living to support DRCOG's Community Care Hub for the period of September 29, 2026, to September 30, 2027.

Agenda item type: Consent agenda

Summary

This action requests approval to accept \$820,000 from a Congressionally Directed Spending allocation passed through the Administration for Community Living to the Area Agency on Aging's Community Care Hub (CCH).

Background

In 2022, DRCOG's Area Agency on Aging began building a Community Care Hub to better serve older adults referred from health care providers. The CCH model, strongly encouraged by the Administration for Community Living, organizes and supports a network of other community-based organizations to provide services addressing health-related social needs.

In March 2026, Senators Hickenlooper and Bennet offered a combined application process for the fiscal year 2027 Congressionally Directed Spending process. The Area Agency on Aging submitted a successful application and in September we received notification of award. The funds are dedicated to improving the abilities of the CCH and enable it to become a program that generates revenue. The \$820,000 will be used to pay staff to serve older adults referred by health care partners, technology improvements and data exchange capabilities, and for a small number of services like meals and transportation.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

None

Recommendation

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept \$820,000 in Congressionally Designated Spending funds passed through the Administration for Community Living to support DRCOG's Community Care Hub for the period of September 29, 2026, to September 30, 2027.

Attachments

Draft resolution

For more information

If you need additional information, please contact Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director, at 303-480-6701 or drex@drcog.org; or AJ Diamontopoulos, Manager of the Integrated Health Program, at (303) 480-6767 or adiamontopoulos@drcog.org.



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Resolution No. 43, 2026

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept \$820,000 in Congressionally Designated Spending funds passed through the Administration for Community Living to support DRCOG's Community Care Hub for the period of September 29, 2026, to September 30, 2027.

Whereas, A Community Care Hub is a community-based organization that organizes and supports a network of other community-based organizations to provide services to address health-related social needs. A Community Care Hub operates an overarching structure that offers a single point of entry for health care providers to contract with to address their patients' social needs; and

Whereas, the DRCOG Area Agency on Aging has implemented a Community Care Hub to provide services to address health-related social needs as a contracted partner with health care providers; and

Whereas, The Community Care Hub has been awarded \$820,000 to improve its operational infrastructure and to contract its services with health care providers; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee authorizes the Executive Director to accept \$820,000 in Congressionally Designated Spending funds passed through the Administration for Community Living to support DRCOG's Community Care Hub for the period of September 29, 2026, to September 30, 2027.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 7th day of October, 2026, at Denver Colorado.

Judi Kern, Chair
Finance and Budget Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director

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Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: October 7, 2026

Agenda Item #: 3

Discussion of resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Consor North America to lead the Sherrelwood Neighborhood Transportation Vision in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 and a term not to exceed 18 months upon contract execution.

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

This action is requesting approval to contract with Consor North America for the Sherrelwood Neighborhood Transportation Vision.

Background

In July 2026, DRCOG released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals from planning and engineering consulting firms with experience developing multimodal neighborhood transportation plans to develop a community-based transportation plan for the Sherrelwood neighborhood in Adams County.

This project is funded through the Community-Based Transportation Planning set-aside. The DRCOG Board of Directors approved the selection of this study and a budget of up to \$400,000 in February 2026. The project will analyze options to improve transportation safety, comfort and access in the Sherrelwood neighborhood. DRCOG staff will lead this analysis in close partnership with project sponsor, Adams County.

DRCOG received nine proposals in response to the RFP, which were reviewed and evaluated by a selection panel that included staff from DRCOG and Adams County. After the initial review of the proposals, the panel selected two teams for interviews: HDR and Consor. Each panelist evaluated both the proposals and the interviews and scored each firm against an established set of evaluation criteria.

Consor received the highest average score for both its proposal and interview. The committee unanimously recommended them for selection. In addition to scoring the highest, the selection panel agreed that Consor possessed the experience and capability to successfully deliver this project, including a deep knowledge of the Adams County context, a robust and creative public engagement strategy, and a team experienced with planning and implementing neighborhood-scale transportation improvements.

Action by others

None.

Previous discussion/action

None.



Recommendation

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Consor North America to lead the Sherrelwood Neighborhood Transportation Vision in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 and a term not to exceed 18 months upon contract execution.

Attachment

Draft resolution

For more information

If you need additional information please contact Doug Rex, Executive Director at (303) 480-6721 or drex@drcog.org; or Jacob Riger, Division Director, Transportation Planning and Operations, at (303) 480-6751 or jriger@drcog.org.



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Resolution No. 44, 2026

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Consor North America to lead the Sherrelwood Neighborhood Transportation Vision in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 and a term not to exceed 18 months upon contract execution.

Whereas, the Transportation Improvement Program Policy establishes the Community-Based Transportation Planning set-aside, which funds DRCOG-led projects to address mobility challenges for historically marginalized; and

Whereas, in February 2026 the DRCOG Board of Directors approved the selection of the Sherrelwood Neighborhood Transportation Vision for the Community-Based Transportation Planning set-aside with a budget not to exceed \$400,000; and

Whereas, DRCOG executed a contract with CDOT in January 2026 to accept \$1.25 million of funds from the Transportation Improvement Program for the Community-Based Transportation Planning set-aside for federal fiscal years 2026-2027; and

Whereas, DRCOG conducted a competitive bidding process and a selection committee of staff from DRCOG and Adams County reviewed all nine responsive proposals; and

Whereas, the selection panel determined that Consor North America possessed the best experience, capability, nuanced understanding and clear strategy to successfully deliver this project.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Consor North America to lead the Sherrelwood Neighborhood Transportation Vision in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 and a term not to exceed 18 months upon contract execution.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 7th day of October, 2026, at Denver Colorado.

Judi Kern, Chair
Finance and Budget Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director

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Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: October 07, 2026

Agenda Item #: 4

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Stantec to provide transportation and urban planning consulting services for the Updates to N Line Station Area Master Plans for the City of Thornton project, awarded through the Livable Centers Set-Aside Program, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 with a term of 12 months from the date of contract execution.

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

A request to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Stantec to provide consulting services to support the Updates to the N Line Station Area Master Plans project for the City of Thornton. This project was selected through the Livable Centers Set-Aside Program. The contract amount is not to exceed \$300,000 over a period of 12 months from the date of contract execution.

Background

The Livable Centers Set-Aside is a DRCOG-managed technical assistance program identified in the Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). It supports small-area planning efforts that enhance livability and multimodal access in centers and corridors across the Denver region. The program advances the goals of Metro Vision, the region's long-range plan for growth and development.

A total of \$2.5 million is available through this set-aside over the four-year TIP period. DRCOG executed an intergovernmental agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) in October 2024 to administer \$1.25 million for the first two years of the program. DRCOG manages this program directly, including procurement, contracting, and CDOT coordination, to streamline federal funding administration and eliminate the need for individual municipalities to navigate complex federal compliance for relatively small awards. This structure also enables full project funding with no local match required, because of DRCOG's agreement with CDOT to use state toll credits.

Following a competitive Letter of Interest process, the DRCOG Board approved three Livable Centers projects in April 2026, including the Updates to N Line Station Area Master Plans project, submitted by the City of Thornton. The project will analyze the four existing Station Area Master Plans, identify barriers to their implementation and explore opportunities to modernize the vision for each station area. The project aims to support the City of Thornton and N Line ridership by addressing land use mix, multi-modal transportation options, station area amenities, first/last-mile connections, density ranges, and housing opportunities, with a focus on ensuring compatibility with surrounding neighborhoods and consistency with citywide planning objectives.

Per the DRCOG Fiscal Control Policy, DRCOG released a Request for Proposals in August 2026 to secure consulting services for the N Line Station Area Master Plans Updates project.



The RFP sought a consultant with expertise in station area planning and transit-oriented development, market and development analyses, land use and policy evaluation, multimodal transportation planning, data-driven analysis, community engagement, and implementation planning. DRCOG received six proposals. A selection panel, including representatives from DRCOG (Regional Planning and Development and Contracts) and the City of Thornton (Long Range Planning), reviewed and scored all submissions. Based on qualifications and evaluation scores, three firms were selected for interviews. Following the interview process, the panel identified Stantec as the most qualified firm to support the project goals.

Based on the selection panel's evaluation, DRCOG staff recommend that the Finance and Budget Committee authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the preferred consultant, Stantec.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

[March 14, 2023](#) – Policies for FY 2024-2027 TIP Set Aside Programs

[July 22, 2024](#) – Livable Centers Small-Area Planning Set-Aside

[April 15, 2026](#) – Livable Centers Small-Area Planning: FY 2026 Set Aside Project

Recommendations

Recommendation

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Stantec to provide transportation and urban planning consulting services for the Updates to N Line Station Area Master Plans for the City of Thornton project, awarded through the Livable Centers Set-Aside Program, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 with a term of 12 months from the date of contract execution.

Attachments

Draft resolution

For more information

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Resolution No. 45, 2026

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Stantec to provide transportation and urban planning consulting services for the Updates to N Line Station Area Master Plans for the City of Thornton project, awarded through the Livable Centers Set-Aside Program, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 with a term of 12 months from the date of contract execution.

Whereas, DRCOG established the Livable Centers set-aside program to assist regional partners as they plan for ways to enhance and increase livability in connected multimodal centers in the Denver region; and

Whereas, a total of two million and five hundred thousand dollars is available in the Livable Centers set-aside over the four-year period of the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program; and

Whereas, the Updates to N Line Station Area Master Plans project was approved by the DRCOG board in April 2026 and seeks to deliver a study to analyze the four existing Station Area Master Plans, identify barriers to their implementation and explore opportunities to modernize the vision for each station area; and

Whereas, DRCOG conducted a competitive bidding process administered by a selection panel consisting of staff from DRCOG's Regional Planning and Development team and contracting team as well as the City of Thornton's Long Range Planning team; and

Whereas, the selection panel determined that Stantec submitted the best overall proposal that demonstrated their experience, capability, and understanding to successfully deliver the required services.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Stantec to provide transportation and urban planning consulting services for the Updates to N Line Station Area Master Plans for the City of Thornton project, awarded through the Livable Centers Set-Aside Program, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 with a term of 12 months from the date of contract execution.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 7th day of October, 2026, in Denver, Colorado.

Judi Kern, Chair
Finance and Budget Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director