

Finance and Budget Committee Meeting Summary

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Meeting held via Microsoft Teams

Members Present

Adam Paul, Vice Chair	City and County of Denver
Jeff Baker	Arapahoe County
Claire Levy	Boulder County
Andy Kerr	Jefferson County
Alison Coombs	Aurora
Paul Haseman	Golden
Stephen Barr	Littleton
Marissa Harmon	Lone Tree
Neal Shah	Superior
Justin Martinez	Thornton

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

Vice Chair Adam Paul called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

Move to approve consent agenda

Director Barr **moved** to approve the consent agenda. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Items on the consent agenda included:

- Summary of the July 2, 2025 meeting.
- Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the City of Lakewood to support the development, adoption, and implementation of an energy benchmarking and Building Performance Standard (BPS) policy in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 with a term ending September 14, 2029.

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Fehr and Peers to provide near miss data collection and countermeasure development for DRCOG and the City of Thornton's Near Miss Analysis project in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for a period of 12 months from the date of contract execution.

Aaron Villere provided a brief explanation of the contract to the committee. The Thornton Near Miss Analytics project is a part of the Innovative Mobility Set Aside program. The City of Thornton submitted this proposal to DRCOG to study 10 intersections on the region's High Injury Network, identified through both DRCOG's Vision Zero plan and Thornton's local planning. Over 12 months, the project will use video data collected for two weeks this fall to analyze near-miss events—conflicts between road users that don't result in crashes but reveal recurring safety issues. Since crashes are rare and unpredictable, this method provides a clearer picture of safety risks. Following an RFP process that received four qualified proposals, the team recommends selecting Farron Peers, citing their strong qualifications and partnerships. The request is to enter into contract negotiations for up to \$150,000 over 12 months to complete the project.

Director Levy **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 39**, authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Fehr and Peers to provide near miss data collection and countermeasure development for DRCOG and the City of Thornton's Near Miss Analysis project in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for a

period of 12 months from the date of contract execution. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with David Evans and Associates, Inc. to provide urban planning consulting services for DRCOG's Florida Corridor Multimodal Improvements and Micromobility Hubs project in an amount not to exceed \$225,000 for a period of 14 months from the date of contract execution.

Logan Cimino provided an overview of the contract to the Directors. The Florida Corridor Multimodal Improvements and Micromobility Hubs project will be funded through both the Innovative Mobility Set Aside (\$100,000, 44%) and the Livable Centers Set Aside (\$125,000, 56%), the project will enhance mobility and connectivity along the Florida Avenue corridor in Denver, unincorporated Arapahoe County, and Aurora. The initiative was selected through a letter of interest process approved by the DRCOG Board in December 2024, following program allocations in the 2024 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program. After posting an RFP in June 2025, two proposals were received and evaluated by a selection panel including DRCOG staff and Arapahoe County Public Works, which recommended David Evans and Associates as the preferred consultant.

Director Harmon **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 40**, authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with David Evans and Associates, Inc. to provide urban planning consulting services for DRCOG's Florida Corridor Multimodal Improvements and Micromobility Hubs project in an amount not to exceed \$225,000 for a period of 14 months from the date of contract execution. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with OV Consulting, LLC, to provide urban planning consulting services for DRCOG's East Midtown Centennial Small Area Plan project in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for a period of 12 months from the date of contract execution.

Noreen Smyth presented the contract to members. This project will be funded through the Livable Centers Set Aside program, which allocates \$1.25 million in its first two years as part of the 2024–2027 Transportation Improvement Program. The project was selected via a letter of interest process and approved by the DRCOG Board in December 2024. Its purpose is to develop a land use and transportation plan to improve livability and guide future development near the Dry Creek Light Rail Station. After issuing an RFP in June 2025 and reviewing two proposals, a selection panel including DRCOG staff and City of Centennial representatives recommended OV Consulting as the preferred consultant.

Director Levy **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 41**, authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with OV Consulting, LLC, to provide urban planning consulting services for DRCOG's East Midtown Centennial Small Area Plan project in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for a period of 12 months from the date of contract execution. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Energy Outreach Colorado to design and implement a Full-Service Low Income Household Program for DRCOG's building decarbonization program in an amount not to exceed \$20,304,000 for the first term ending September 30, 2027 with an option to renew for an additional \$26,893,000 through October 16, 2029 upon satisfactory performance for a total contract amount not to exceed \$47,197,000.

Fernando Briones provided a brief overview of the contract to the committee. The program aims to deliver 1,600 home retrofits for vulnerable households, including building decarbonization, weatherization, equipment replacement, and essential repairs, with goals of reducing climate pollution, improving energy efficiency, and enhancing indoor air quality. Following an RFP issued in May 2025, five proposals were reviewed, and two advanced to interviews. Energy Outreach Colorado was selected for its strong qualifications, cost-effectiveness, project approach, and strategies for prioritizing vulnerable households and engaging communities.

Director Levy **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 42**, authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Energy Outreach Colorado to design and implement a Full-Service Low Income Household Program for DRCOG's building decarbonization program in an amount not to exceed \$20,304,000 for the first term ending September 30, 2027 with an option to renew for an additional \$26,893,000 through October 16, 2029 upon satisfactory performance for a total contract amount not to exceed \$47,197,000. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Kearns & West for community engagement services for the building decarbonization program in an amount of \$2,300,000 through August 1, 2027 with the option to renew for an additional \$1,700,000 with a term ending October 16, 2029 upon satisfactory performance for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.

Chris Selk explained the contract for this new vendor to the committee. After an unsuccessful contract negotiation with HDR, DRCOG re-issued an RFP for community engagement services on May 20. Out of the ten proposals that were received, seven qualified. Following evaluations and interviews, Kearns and West, a facilitation and strategic communications firm with strong regional experience, was selected.

Director Harmon **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 43**, authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Kearns & West for community engagement services for the building decarbonization program in an amount of \$2,300,000 through August 1, 2027 with the option to renew for an additional \$1,700,000 with a term ending October 16, 2029 upon satisfactory performance for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,000,000. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Report of the Chair

There was no report.

Report of the Executive Director

Executive Director Rex noted that discussions on member contributions and the TIP admin fee are ongoing, with plans to revisit the topic at the September meeting followed by a conversation with the Board.

Next meeting – September 3, 2025

Other matters by members

There were no other matters by members.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:05 p.m.