

## Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: October 1, 2025

Agenda Item #: 5

**Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Fehr & Peers to provide transportation and urban planning consulting services for DRCOG's Fitzsimons Innovative Transportation Solutions study in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for a period of 15 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 Fehr & Peers to provide consulting services to support DRCOG's Fitzsimons Innovative Transportation Solutions study in the City of Aurora. This project was selected through the Livable Centers Set-Aside Program. The contract amount is not to exceed \$300,000 over a period of 15 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 in fall 2024, the DRCOG Board approved seven Livable Centers projects in December 2024, including the Fitzsimons Innovative Transportation Solutions study, submitted by the City of Aurora. The study will assess current transportation conditions and explore strategies to enhance multimodal access to the Fitzsimons Urban Center, improving connectivity for residents, employees, and visitors while reducing traffic congestion. The study aims to develop coordinated transportation and parking solutions to support the area's ongoing growth and ensure efficient use of land and infrastructure.

Per the DRCOG Fiscal Control Policy, DRCOG released a Request for Proposals (RFP) in July 2025 to secure consulting services for the Fitzsimons study. The RFP sought a consultant



with expertise in multimodal transportation planning, parking solutions, and placemaking to support coordinated growth and improved access. DRCOG received four proposals. A selection panel, including representatives from DRCOG (Regional Planning and Development and Contracts), the City of Aurora (Long Range Planning and Transportation Planning), and the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority/Fitzsimons Innovation Community, reviewed and scored all submissions. Based on qualifications and evaluation scores, three firms were selected for interviews. Following the interview process, the panel identified Fehr & Peers 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, Fehr and Peers.

**Action by others**

None

**Previous discussion/action**

[March 14, 2023](#) – Finance and Budget Committee meeting

[December 17, 2024](#) – Finance and Budget Committee meeting

**Recommendation**

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Fehr & Peers to provide transportation and urban planning consulting services for the Fitzsimons Innovative Transportation Solutions study, awarded through the Livable Centers Set-Aside Program, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 with a term of 15 months from the date of contract execution.

**Attachment(s)**

Draft resolution

**For more information**

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