

Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: July 17, 2024

Agenda Item #: 4

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Nelson\Nygaard for the East Colfax Extension Bus Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis study in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 and a term of 24 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 Nelson\Nygaard for the East Colfax Extension Bus Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis study in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 and a term of 24 months from the date of contract execution.

Background

In May 2024, DRCOG released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit services from transportation planning and engineering firms with experience in conducting corridor studies, specifically focused on conducting planning and project development studies for bus rapid transit (BRT) projects. The selected firm will lead the alternatives analysis development process for the planned extension of the East Colfax BRT project from Interstate 225 east to E-470. The BRT extension is one of 11 BRT projects in DRCOG's 2050 Regional Transportation Plan, and one of five to be implemented by 2030.

DRCOG received four proposals in response to the RFP that were reviewed and evaluated by a selection panel made up of subject matter experts from DRCOG's Transportation Planning and Operations Division, the City of Aurora, Adams and Arapahoe Counties, Colorado Department of Transportation, and Regional Transportation District. The panel interviewed three of the firms.

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, Nelson\Nygaard. The total contract amount is not to exceed \$1,000,000. The contract term will be 24 months from the date of contract execution.

The contract for this study will be funded through the **fiscal year** 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program corridor planning set aside program. The DRCOG Board selected the East Colfax Extension Bus Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis study as one of the projects for the corridor planning set aside in October 2023. In June 2024, DRCOG executed a contract with CDOT to receive \$1.5 million for the corridor planning set aside program for federal fiscal years 2024-2025.



Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

None

Recommendation

Move to approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Nelson\Nygaard for the East Colfax Extension Bus Rapid Transit Alternatives Analysis study in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 and a term of 24 months from the date of contract execution.

Attachment

Draft resolution

For more information

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