

DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

TRANSPORTATION/LAND USE CONNECTION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PILOT APPLICATION

APPLICATION OVERVIEW

What: The Transportation/Land Use Connection Technical Assistance Program Pilot Round

Funding available: \$150,000

<u>Applications</u>: This is the only application required. If submitting for multiple projects, separate applications will be required for each project.

Major project eligibility exceptions: engineering, capital projects, new plans/policies/studies

Call opens: May 18, 2022

Call closes: June 22, 2022

Background:

This technical assistance pilot program will connect local governments with consultants to reassess plans or studies that have a transportation and land use connection and consider a subarea of the jurisdiction, such as a corridor or urban center. Projects will examine past efforts to find opportunities to remove barriers in the way of achieving local planning goals or provide communities an opportunity to analyze how the plan has performed in achieving stated goals. Plan reassessment projects may also leverage current data and technology applications to update prior analysis to ensure planning efforts are reflective of current conditions.

This program is intended for communities wanting to understand the impact of plans after implementation to determine what still needs to be done or what's next, or communities wanting to reevaluate plan or study recommendations. Successful plan reassessment projects should also include recommended actions for achieving the goals or a pathway to implementation.

SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

This section will not be evaluated.

- 1. Name: 2. Job Title:
- 3. Local Government:
- 4. Address:
- 5. Phone:

6. Email:

I am the contact for this project

If not, please enter the name and email of project contact:

SECTION 2: PROJECT INFORMATION

This section will not be evaluated.

- 1. Project title:
- 2. Plan, policy or study to be reassessed:
- 3. Link to plan, policy or study:
- 4. Year of original plan, policy or study adoption:
- **5. Project location:** *Note: you may attach a map with the project location instead of having a written response. Please attach in your email submission.*
- 6. Did the original plan receive DRCOG funding?

SECTION 3: PROJECT BACKGROUND

Please provide background information on the <u>original plan, policy or study</u> that will be reassessed. <i>This section will not be evaluated.

1. Please provide a brief description of the original plan, policy or study:

2. What was the public outreach process for the original plan, policy or study?

3. Which of the following topic areas does the original plan address? Select all that apply.

Bicycle improvements	Multi-use trails	Complete streets
Pedestrian improvements	Accessibility/ADA	Land use ordinances/policy
Parking	Transit access improvements	
Station area planning	Transit oriented development	
Economic development	Other	

Are there any new topic areas to be addressed in the reassessment?

Please provide information on the <u>plan</u>, <u>policy or study</u> reassessment.

4. Problem statement:

a. If applicable, please indicate any existing issues or conditions impeding implementation of the original planning effort.

b. As part of this reassessment, what issues or conditions are you hoping to incorporate into the <u>new</u> planning effort that was not considered as a part of the <u>original</u> planning effort?

- 5. The reassessment should see to do at least one of the following. Which of the below apply to this project?
 - (A) Evaluate tasks, projects, policies or outcomes that are outstanding from the original planning process that can lead towards implementation through this reassessment.
 - (B) Evaluate the goals of the original plan, policy or study to ensure they align with current community planning goals OR are not a barrier to current community planning goals.
 - (C) Use updated data or methodologies to ensure planning efforts are reflective of current conditions.
 - (D) Address areas, projects or other criteria that may have been overlooked in the original plan, policy or study.
- 6. Please expand upon your selection in the previous question by providing more context on the reassessment categories that you selected.

SECTION 4: EVALUATION QUESTIONS

1. How does this project address the land use/transportation connection? Please be specific.

2. How will this reassessment solve the problem identified in the problem statement (Section 3, Question 4)?

3. How does this project support land use and transportation outcomes established in <u>Metro Vision</u>?

- 4. Indicate how the project interacts with the following DRCOG-defined areas:
 - a. Is there a DRCOG designated urban center within 1/2 mile of the plan or study area?

If yes, which one(s)?

b. Does the project connect two or more urban centers?

If yes, which ones?

- c. Is there a transit stop or station within 1/2 mile of the project limits?
 - i. Bus stop(s) which route(s)?
 - ii. Rail station(s) which station(s)?
- d. Is this project within a short trip opportunity zone? (definition, p. 36)

If so, which?

e. Does this project connect to a short trip opportunity zone?

If so, which?

5. Describe how the project will support diverse, livable communities and expand access to opportunity for residents of all ages, incomes and abilities.

6. Describe the local context, including transportation and land use in and around the plan, study or policy area.

7. What is your anticipated timeline for this project? *Note: projects must be complete by June 30, 2023.*

8. What specific guidance, tasks or deliverables are you hoping the consultant will provide? What tasks or project responsibilities are you able to provide with your local government staff?

Upon completion of this application, please submit it to Amir Aldeek at <u>aaldeek@drcog.org</u> by June 22, 2022. Include the subject line: "2022 Technical Assistance Program Application". If you have any questions, please email Emily Daucher at <u>edaucher@drcog.org</u> or Dillon McBride at <u>dmcbride@drcog.org</u>.