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Agenda
Finance and Budget Committee
Wednesday, August 5, 2026
4:00 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 June 3, 2026, meeting
   (Attachment A)
   B. Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Vanhamme Enterprise, LLC, doing business as Home Instead Castle Rock as a Choice Services provider in an amount not to exceed $715,258 for the period beginning August 15, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.
   (Attachment B)
   C. Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to amend a contract with the Federal Transit Administration to include an additional $200,328 and to award that funding to projects as recommended by the review panel for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.
   (Attachment C)
   D. Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept an amended revenue contract with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs' Housing Planning Grant Program for development of a Metro Vision Regional Plan updates and Housing Action Plan components with an updated expiration date of August 31, 2028.
   (Attachment D)

Action items

3. Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Olsson to provide professional services for the Adams County Connected Signals and Resilient Communications Plan in an amount not to exceed $300,000 for a period of up to 18 months from the date of contract execution.
   (Attachment E) Emily Lindsey, Program Manager, Transportation Planning and Operations

4. Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with COHN Marketing extending the term through December 31, 2026, and increasing the total contract amount by $300,000.
   (Attachment F) Steve Erickson, Director, Communications and Marketing

5. Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Kucera International, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $700,000 for a term of 18 months to create planimetric datasets.
   (Attachment G) Josh Pendleton, Senior GIS Specialist, Regional Planning and Development

6. Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with Lotus Engineering and Sustainability to provide facilitation services for the Building Policy Collaborative in a total contract amount not to exceed $3,200,000 through September 30, 2029.
   (Attachment H) Greg Miao, Program Manager, Power Ahead Colorado

7. Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Community Planning Collaborative for Metro Vision Regional Plan updates and Housing Action Plan support for a total amount not to exceed $700,000 for a term of two years.
   (Attachment I) Zachary Feldman, Program Manager, Regional Planning and Development

Administrative items

8. Report of the Chair

9. Report of the Executive Director

10. **Next meeting – September 2, 2026**

11. Other matters by members

12. Adjourn

ATTACH A

Finance and Budget Committee Meeting Summary

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Meeting held via Microsoft Teams

Members Present

Judi Kern, Chair	Louisville
Claire Levy	Boulder
Adam Paul	City and County of Denver
Alison Coombs	Aurora
Marissa Harmon	Lone Tree
Robert Reichardt	Littleton
Richard Kondo	Northglenn
Justin Martinez	Thornton

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

Chair Kern called the meeting to order at approximately 5:35 p.m. with a quorum present.

Move to approve consent agenda

Director Harmon **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 April 29, 2026, special meeting.
- Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Colorado Department of Human Services for approximately $430,000 to support the Aging and Disability Resource Center for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.
- Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Colorado Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing for approximately $790,000 for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, for transitions services.
- Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to extend the contract term date with the Center of Excellence to Align Health and Social Care from May 31, 2026, to July 31, 2026.

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Elevate Energy to design and implement a full-service low-income household program (Comfort for All) for DRCOG's Power Ahead Colorado program in an amount not to exceed $7,199,550 through October 16, 2029

Mac Prather and Fernando Briones provided an overview of the contract to the directors. This contract would be used to design and implement DRCOG's full-service low-income household program, Comfort for All, under the Power Ahead Colorado program. After negotiations with Energy Outreach Colorado ended without an agreement, DRCOG proceeded to the second-highest ranked firm, Elevate Energy, whose proposal scored very closely and was also highly regarded. Elevate Energy's mission, extensive experience with utility and federally funded energy efficiency programs, bilingual support, compliance expertise, and community-centered outreach make it well aligned with the program's goals. Lessons learned during the previous negotiations have strengthened the current process. Negotiations are now focused on finalizing the scope of work and budget, with implementation planned through fall 2029 and a program-kickoff anticipated following approximately one month of negotiations.

Director Levy **moved** to approve **Resolution No. 29, 2026**, authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Elevate Energy to design and implement a full-service low-income household program (Comfort for All) for DRCOG's Power Ahead Colorado program in an amount not to exceed $7,199,550 through October 16, 2029. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Colorado Department of Human Services for approximately $20.4 million in Older Americans Act and State Funding for Senior Services funding and to negotiate and execute agreements with subrecipients for approximately $13.37 million for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.
Travis Noon provided an overview of the agreement to the directors. A portion of the funding will support DRCOG's internal AAA programs and administrative functions, while approximately $13.3 million will be sub-awarded to community-based service providers. Following the release of a Notice of Funding Opportunity in November 2025, DRCOG received 39 proposals requesting more than $19.8 million. Applications underwent a review using criteria established by the Advisory Committee on Aging (ACA), including service need, cost effectiveness, organizational experience, service outcomes, and proposal quality, with service need and cost weighted most heavily. The ACA Funding Subcommittee used these scores to develop funding recommendations, with higher-scoring proposals eligible for increased funding of up to 5% for current providers. Recommendations also considered federal and state funding requirements for specific service categories.

Director Paul **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 30, 2026,** authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Colorado Department of Human Services for approximately $20.4 million in Older Americans Act and State Funding for Senior Services funding and to negotiate and execute agreements with subrecipients for approximately $13.37 million for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Report of the Chair
Chair Kern reminded members that there will be no June board meeting and encouraged everyone to participate in Bike to Work Day on June 24.

Report of the Executive Director
Executive Director Rex thanked everyone for their flexibility in accommodating the special meeting and asked to keep the July 1 meeting on their calendars as a precaution, even though no meeting is currently anticipated.

Next meeting – July 1, 2026

Other matters by members
There were no other matters by members.

Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:57 p.m.

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Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: August 5, 2026

Agenda Item #: 2 – B

Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Vanhamme Enterprise, LLC, doing business as Home Instead Castle Rock as a Choice Services provider in an amount not to exceed $715,258 for the period beginning August 15, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

Agenda item type: Consent agenda

Summary
This item pertains to adding another vetted provider to the Choice Services In-home program for homemaker, personal care, and caregiver respite services.

Background
The AAA Choice Service Program provides vouchers for eligible participants to receive In-home and Caregiver Respite services. DRCOG currently contracts with five in-home providers throughout the region. Those providers are Alpine Homecare, Apollo Home Care Services, Firstlight Home Care Boulder, Firstlight Home Care Greater Denver, and Griswold Home Care. DRCOG staff request to add Home Instead Castle Rock to this list of vetted providers.

The Choice Services program is a program allowing eligible participants to select their chosen provider from a list of vetted providers. DRCOG conducts an initial evaluation of the provider prior to issuing a contract for services. This evaluation includes a confirmation of licensure, a review of the most recent survey from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, review of their background check procedures, and ensures that they can comply with the requirements of DRCOG's contract and the state's policies and procedures.

DRCOG reviewed Home Instead's documentation. They met all the requirements of the contract. Adding Home Instead as a provider expands the programs reach allowing DRCOG to serve clients on the waiting list who cannot be served by other contracted providers under the program. Home Instead's service area includes Douglas County and the foothills areas of Jefferson County. Adding Home Instead to the vetted provider list does not change the budget for these contracts, which was approved by the DRCOG Board Finance and Budget Committee at their meeting on April 29, 2026. The Budget for Homemaker and Personal Care services is $547,170 and $168,088 is budgeted for In-home Respite services. Providers are paid $40 per hour for services rendered not to exceed the amount of the vouchers issued to clients.

Action by others
June 26, 2026 – Advisory Committee on Aging recommended approval.

Previous discussion/action
None

Recommendation
Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Vanhamme Enterprise, LLC, doing business as Home Instead Castle Rock as a Choice Services provider in an amount not to exceed $715,258 for the period beginning August 15, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

Attachment(s)
Draft resolution

For more information
If you need additional information, please contact Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director, at 303-480-6701; or Travis Noon, Manager, AAA Business Operations, at 303-480-6775 or tnoon@drcog.org.

Denver Regional Council of Governments
State of Colorado

Finance and Budget Committee Resolution No. 32, 2026

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Vanhamme Enterprise, LLC, doing business as Home Instead Castle Rock as a Choice Services provider in an amount not to exceed $715,258 for the period beginning August 15, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

Whereas, The DRCOG Area Agency on Aging operates a Choice Services program that provides in-home services to older adults in the DRCOG eight-county AAA; and

Whereas, DRCOG has set aside a total of $715,258 for the in-home service contracts which includes $547,170 for homemaker and personal care services and $168,088 for caregiver respite services; and

Whereas; DRCOG vetted an additional provider to add to the approved list of providers that clients can receive services from that would expand the program's reach to previously underserved areas.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee of the Denver Regional Council of Governments hereby authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Vanhamme Enterprise, LLC, doing business as Home Instead Castle Rock as a Choice Services provider in an amount not to exceed $715,258 for the period beginning August 15, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 5th day of August 2026 at Denver Colorado.

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

ATTEST:

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Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director

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Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: August 5, 2026

Agenda Item #: 2 – C

Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to amend a contract with the Federal Transit Administration to include an additional $200,328 and to award that funding to projects as recommended by the review panel for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

Agenda item type: Consent agenda

Summary
This item pertains to supplementary project funding for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 program for fiscal year 2027.

Background
When DRCOG releases a call for projects for the Section 5310 and Human Services Transportation Set-aside program, estimates may be used for the Section 5310 funding that will be available in the upcoming fiscal year if full apportionments are not available from the Federal Transit Administration. When this happens, DRCOG will make recommendations for funding based on those estimated and reconcile the projects as needed to match the funding available when full apportionments are announced.

After the call for projects closed and recommendations were presented to the Transportation Advisory Committee for fiscal year 2027, DRCOG received notice of the full apportionment of funding available for Section 5310 from the FTA. This apportionment was slightly over the original recommendation of $200,000. Since this is a significant amount of funding, and there is need for the funds in the region, DRCOG staff discussed with the scoring panel the opportunity to make supplementary recommendations.

The recommendation from the panel was to allocate the funding to (1) fully award the operating and mobility management projects to the extent allowed by regulations, and (2) any remaining funding be offered to Via Mobility Services for their capital project to pave their parking lot. The supplementary recommendations are attached to this memo.

The agreement between DRCOG and the Federal Transit Administration for the FTA section 5310 funding will be increasing from approximately $3.2 million to approximately $3.4 million for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

Action by others
May 18, 2026 – Transportation Advisory Committee recommended approval
July 7, 2026 – Regional Transportation Committee recommended approval
July 15, 2026 – Board of Directors Approval

Previous discussion/action
April 29, 2026 – Finance and Budget Committee meeting.

Recommendation

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to amend a contract with the Federal Transit Administration to include an additional $200,328 and to award that funding to projects as recommended by the review panel for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

Attachment(s)

1. Draft resolution
2. List of supplementary project recommendations

For more information

If you need additional information, please contact Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director, at 303-480-6701; or Travis Noon, Manager, AAA Business Operations, at 303-480-6775 or tnoon@drcog.org.

Denver Regional Council of Governments
State of Colorado

Finance and Budget Committee Resolution No. 33, 2026

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to amend a contract with the Federal Transit Administration to include an additional $200,328 and to award that funding to projects as recommended by the review panel for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

Whereas, DRCOG entered into an agreement with the Federal Transit Administration for approximately $3.2 million of Section 5310 funding for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, for the Denver-Aurora Urbanized Area; and

Whereas, DRCOG was notified of an additional $200,328 of available funding for the Denver-Aurora Urbanized Area after the initial award; and

Whereas; the project review panel recommended awarding this additional funding to fully fund operating assistance projects and to one capital project from the call for projects that was announced in November 2025.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee of the Denver Regional Council of Governments hereby authorizes the Executive Director to amend a contract with the Federal Transit Administration to include an additional $200,328 and to award that funding to projects as recommended by the review panel for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 5th day of August, 2026, at Denver Colorado.

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

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Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director

Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 and

Human Services Transportation Set-aside Supplementary Funding

Organization	Proposed Project	Original Recommended Funding	Supplementary Funding	Total Project Funding
Denver Regional Council of Governments	Mobility Management	$743,752.00	$18,444.00	$762,196.00
Via Mobility Services	Mobility Management	$488,313.00	$13,035.00	$501,348.00
Via Mobility Services	Operating Assistance	$916,264.00	$79,236.00	$995,500.00
Colorado Nonprofit Development Center	Mobility Management	$289,278.00	$7,722.00	$297,000.00
Douglas County Government	Mobility Management	$249,512.00	$6,661.00	$256,173.00
Laradon Hall Society for Exceptional Children and Adults	Operating Assistance	$180,000.00	$10,912.00	$190,912.00
Via Mobility Services	Pave bus factility lot	$0.00	$64,318.00	$64,318.00
Total Supplementary Funding			**$200,328.00**	

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Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: August 5, 2026

Agenda Item #: 2 – D

Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept an amended revenue contract with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs' Housing Planning Grant Program for development of a Metro Vision Regional Plan updates and Housing Action Plan components with an updated expiration date of August 31, 2028.

Agenda item type: Consent agenda

Summary

This action is related to amending the expiration date of a revenue contract with the Colorado Department of Department of Local Affairs through Housing Planning Grant Program to develop Metro Vision regional plan updates and Housing Action Plan components.

Background

On February 24, 2026, the Department of Local Affairs informed DRCOG that the application to the Housing Planning Grant Program, which is funded by the Local Government Severance Tax Fund and the Local Government Mineral Impact Fund, for $525,000 to support the development of Metro Vision regional plan updates and housing action plan components was awarded. The Housing Planning Grant Program provides grants to local governments and regional entities to help them better understand their housing needs and develop actionable and compliant housing needs assessments, housing action plans, and comprehensive plans.

DRCOG's Finance and Budget Committee accepted the original revenue contract, with an expiration date of January 31, 2028, at their meeting on April 29, 2026. Through further discussions with DOLA, DRCOG explained that the work plan proposed in the grant will take approximately two years. Rather than wait until closer to the expiration date, DOLA encouraged DRCOG to initiate a contract amendment with an updated expiration date that better aligns with the proposed work plan. The new expiration date of this revenue contract will be August 31, 2028.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

April 29, 2024 – Finance and Budget Committee
September 18, 2024 – Finance and Budget Committee

Recommendation

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept an amended revenue contract with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs' Housing Planning Grant Program for development of a Metro Vision Regional Plan updates and Housing Action Plan components with an updated expiration date of August 31, 2028.

Attachments

Draft resolution

For more information
If you need additional information, please contact Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director, at 303-480-6701; or Sheila Lynch, Director, Regional Planning and Development, at 303-480-6839 or slynch@drcog.org.

Denver Regional Council of Governments
State of Colorado

Finance and Budget Committee Resolution No. 34, 2026

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept an amended revenue contract with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs' Housing Planning Grant Program for development of a Metro Vision Regional Plan updates and Housing Action Plan components with an updated expiration date of August 31, 2028.

Whereas, the Denver Regional Council of Governments was awarded funding from the Colorado Department of Local Affair's Housing Grant Program in April 2026 to develop actionable and compliant housing needs assessments, housing action plans, and comprehensive plans; and

Whereas, the Finance and Budget Committee accepted the original revenue contract, which included an expiration date of January 31, 2028, at their meeting on April 29, 2026; and

Whereas, the Denver Regional Council of Governments, in consultation with the Department of Local Affairs, determined that additional time is needed to complete the proposed work. As such an extension has been granted to August 31,2028.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee of the Denver Regional Council of Governments hereby authorizes the Executive Director to accept an amended revenue contract with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs' Housing Planning Grant Program for development of a Metro Vision Regional Plan updates and Housing Action Plan components with an updated expiration date of August 31, 2028.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 5th day of August, 2026 at Denver, Colorado.

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

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Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director

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Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: August 5, 2026

Agenda Item #: 3

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Olsson to provide professional services for the Adams County Connected Signals and Resilient Communications Plan in an amount not to exceed $300,000 for a period of up to 18 months from the date of contract execution.

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

This action is requesting approval to negotiate and execute a contract with Olsson to provide professional services for the Adams County Connected Signals and Resilient Communications Plan, a project funded through the DRCOG Innovative Mobility Set-Aside Program.

Background

DRCOG's Innovative Mobility set-aside program, established through the DRCOG Transportation Improvement Program, provides technical assistance for a variety of innovative and emerging mobility projects with no match required by partners. The DRCOG Board of Directors awarded four projects in February 2026, including $300,000 for Adams County's proposal to develop a Connected Signals and Resilient Communications Plan.

In the spring of 2026, DRCOG staff issued a Request for Proposals to identify a vendor to deliver the Plan and associated deliverables. An evaluation committee consisting of staff from DRCOG and Adams County convened to review five proposals that were received. During the initial round of review, each member of the evaluation committee assessed and scored the proposals to determine which vendors would be interviewed by the committee. Three firms moved forward to an interview stage where the committee heard presentations and asked questions, then each member of the evaluation committee assessed and scored the interviewed firms.

The committee met a final time to recommend Olsson to deliver the project. Not only did Olsson have the top score, Olsson has familiarity with the current Adams County system, demonstrated a solid understanding of the project and needs, and brought together a multidisciplinary team to deliver the scope in full, including the optional task for under the maximum amount available ($300,000). The references received for Olsson and their proposed Project Manager were positive.

Action by others

February 18, 2026 – DRCOG Board of Directors

Previous discussion/action

None

Recommendation
Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Olsson to provide professional services for the Adams County Connected Signals and Resilient Communications Plan in an amount not to exceed $300,000 for a period of up to 18 months from the date of contract execution.

Attachment(s)
Draft resolution.

For more information
If you need additional information, please contact Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director, at 303-480-6701; or Emily Lindsey, Program Manager, Transportation Planning and Operations, at 303-480-5628 or elindsey@drcog.org.

Denver Regional Council of Governments
State of Colorado

Finance and Budget Committee Resolution No. 35, 2026

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Olsson to provide professional services for the Adams County Connected Signals and Resilient Communications Plan in an amount not to exceed $300,000 for a period of up to 18 months from the date of contract execution.

Whereas, the Transportation Improvement Program establishes the Innovative Mobility Set-Aside, which funds DRCOG-led technical assistance programs to support innovative and emerging mobility in the Denver region; and

Whereas, in February 2026 the DRCOG Board of Directors approved the selection of the Adams County Connected Signals and Resilient Communications Plan for the Innovative Mobility Set-Aside with a budget not to exceed $300,000; and

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

Whereas, the selection panel determined that Olsson submitted the best overall proposal and possessed the experience, capability, nuanced understanding of the project and proposed approach to successfully deliver this project.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee of the Denver Regional Council of Governments hereby authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Olsson to provide professional services for the Adams County Connected Signals and Resilient Communications Plan in an amount not to exceed $300,000 for a period of up to 18 months from the date of contract execution.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 5th day of August, 2026 at Denver, Colorado.

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

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Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director

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Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: August 5, 2026

Agenda Item #: 4

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with COHN Marketing extending the term through December 31, 2026, and increasing the total contract amount by $300,000.

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

This action is requesting approval for the Executive Director to execute an amendment to Way to Go's existing contract with COHN Marketing, extending the existing term by four months, and increasing amount by $300,000, to align the contract with the Way to Go program's marketing calendar.

Background

The Way to Go program employs an agency to support regionwide marketing and communications targeting commuters and employers, to raise awareness of sustainable commute options, and to change behavior. Following a competitive process, Way to Go entered into an annual contract with COHN Marketing in September, 2025 for marketing and communications support. Way to Go wishes to align the agency contract terms with the program's annual marketing calendar, requiring an extension to the current contract to December 31, 2026, at a total additional cost of $300,000 or $75,000 monthly. All expenditures for Way to Go marketing services are included in the program's current scope of work using federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds.

When the amended contract terms, Way to Go will have the option of entering into a 12-month contract at the cost of $900,000.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

September 3, 2025 – Finance and Budget Committee meeting

Recommendation

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with COHN Marketing extending the term through December 31, 2026, and increasing the total contract amount by $300,000.

Attachment

Draft resolution

For more information

If you need additional information, please contact Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director, at 303-480-6701; or Steve Erickson, Communications and Marketing Director, at 303-480-6717 or serickson@drcog.org.

Denver Regional Council of Governments
State of Colorado

Finance and Budget Committee — Resolution No. 36, 2026

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with COHN Marketing extending the term through December 31, 2026, and increasing the total contract amount by $300,000.

Whereas, the Transportation Improvement Program Policy establishes the Transportation Demand Management Services Set-aside which funds DRCOG's Way to Go program to reduce single-occupant vehicle travel; and

Whereas, the program includes funds for marketing to build awareness of sustainable commute options, not to exceed $900,000 annually; and

` **Whereas,** through a competitive process COHN was awarded a 12-month contract in August 2026; and

Whereas; the Way to Go program wishes to align its marketing agency contract and scope of work to its marketing calendar.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee of the Denver Regional Council of Governments hereby authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with COHN Marketing extending the term through December 31, 2026, and increasing the total contract amount by $300,000.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 5th day of August, 2026, at Denver, Colorado.

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

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Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director

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Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: August 5, 2026

Agenda Item #: 5

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Kucera International, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $700,000 for a term of 18 months to create planimetric datasets.

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Kucera to adapt and digitize high-resolution imagery into data layers representing built environment features for a total amount not to exceed $700,000 for a term of 18 months.

Background

The Regional Planimetric Data Project adapts high-resolution imagery captured through the Denver Regional Aerial Photography Project (DRAPP) every two years, to digitize features of the built environment. Since 2014, DRCOG has facilitated the joint purchase of planimetric data, passing on time and cost savings to participating partners. Based on the success of previous projects, our regional partners have requested that DRCOG continue to facilitate and manage the process of using DRAPP imagery to create planimetric datasets. These datasets support numerous local and regional planning initiatives.

In July 2026, a selection committee made up of DRCOG staff and partner representatives evaluated proposals through a competitive RFP process and selected Kucera International, Inc. for the 2026 planimetric data project. Kucera was selected based on its demonstrated understanding of the project's technical requirements while also providing the best overall value. This contract allows for up to two renewals based on satisfactory performance. Kucera has been our vendor for the 6 previous cycles going back to 2014.

DRCOG is finalizing specifications for the 2026 planimetric project, including the solicitation of individual partner contributions. Participating partners choose whether to participate and define the planimetric features and collection specifications for their jurisdiction. Those decisions collectively determine the overall scope and cost of the regional project. It is also anticipated that part of the project will be funded through DRCOG's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Based on DRCOG's experience with previous planimetric projects, the total contract is estimated not to exceed $700,000 for a term of 18 months to create planimetric data sets.

Action by others

None.

Previous discussion/action

January 15 2025 – Finance and Budget Committee Meeting & Resolution
January 18 2023 – Finance and Budget Committee Meeting

Recommendation
Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Kucera International, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $700,000 for a term of 18 months to create planimetric datasets.

Attachment(s)
Draft resolution

For more information
If you need additional information, please contact Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director, at 303-480-6701; or Josh Pendleton, Geographic Information Systems Specialist, Regional Planning and Development, at 303-480-6784 or jpendleton@drcog.org.

Denver Regional Council of Governments
State of Colorado

Finance and Budget Committee Resolution No. 37, 2026

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Kucera International, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $700,000 for a term of 18 months to create planimetric datasets.

Whereas, since 2014, DRCOG has facilitated the joint purchase of planimetric data; passing on time and cost savings to participating partners; and

Whereas, based on the success of previous projects, our regional partners have requested that DRCOG continue to facilitate and manage the process; and

Whereas, DRCOG conducted a competitive bidding process and a selection committee of subject matter experts from DRCOG's Geospatial team, Accounting and Finance staff, and two partner representatives from member governments who reviewed all responsive proposals; and

Whereas, the selection committee determined that Kucera International, Inc. submitted the best overall proposal that demonstrated their experience and understanding, and capability to produce planimetric datasets at the best overall value.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee of the Denver Regional Council of Governments hereby authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Kucera International, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $700,000 for a term of 18 months to create planimetric datasets.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 5th day of August, 2026, at Denver, Colorado.

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

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Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director

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Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: August 5, 2026

Agenda Item #: 6

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with Lotus Engineering and Sustainability to provide facilitation services for the Building Policy Collaborative in a total contract amount not to exceed $3,200,000 through September 30, 2029.

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary
This action is requesting approval to amend a contract with Lotus Engineering and Sustainability LLC (Lotus) to add funding to expand technical support services for the Power Ahead Colorado program's Building Policy Collaborative and to extend the contract through September 30, 2029.

Background
In August 2024, DRCOG received a $199.7 million Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement a regional Building Decarbonization Program. A $39 million component of this program, the Building Policy Collaborative (BPC), will support DRCOG jurisdictions through September 30, 2029, to implement new, above-state minimum building energy codes and performance standards. $2,500,000 million was originally earmarked for the creation of that peer network.

In January 2025, the DRCOG Finance and Budget Committee approved the execution of a $2,500,000 million contract with Lotus Engineering and Sustainability, of which an initial contract for $2,069,886 ending April 13, 2027, was awarded. In November 2025, the Finance and Budget Committee approved an amendment increasing the not to exceed value to $2,700,000 million. Of that, $2,200,000 million was contracted with Lotus with a termination date of September 30, 2027.

On March 18, 2026, the Board of Directors adopted the Jurisdictional Support Round Two policy, which included dedicating an additional $500,000 to increase the scope of facilitation and research services being provided by Lotus. Specific additional services funded through this allocation include the creation of additional policy working groups on energy code implementation, utility and regulatory engagement, and expanded community and industry engagement.

DRCOG staff has found Lotus' contract performance to be more than satisfactory and recommends amending Lotus' contract with a not to exceed amount of $2.7 million through September 2027, with the option to renew for an additional two years with a total contract amount not to exceed $3,200,000 through September 30, 2029.

Action by others
March 4, 2026 – Board of Directors meeting

Previous discussion/action
March 19, 2025 - Finance and Budget meeting
November 5, 2025 - Finance and Budget meeting

Recommendation
Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with Lotus Engineering and Sustainability to provide facilitation services for the Building Policy Collaborative in a total contract amount not to exceed $3,200,000 through September 30, 2029.

Attachment
Draft resolution

For more information
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Denver Regional Council of Governments
State of Colorado

Finance and Budget Committee   Resolution No. 38, 2026

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with Lotus Engineering and Sustainability to provide facilitation services for the Building Policy Collaborative in a total contract amount not to exceed $3,200,000 through September 30, 2029.

Whereas, DRCOG received a $199.7 million grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program to implement a regional building decarbonization initiative; and

Whereas, within this program lies the Building Policy Collaborative (BPC), which will support DRCOG jurisdictions over the next five years to implement new, above-state minimum building energy codes and performance standards; and

Whereas, the DRCOG Finance and Budget committee approved an initial contract not to exceed value of $2.5 million with Lotus to help facilitate the BPC and to provide ongoing technical support to the local governments; and

Whereas, an additional $200,000 was approved in November of 2025 to add new research services; and

Whereas, DRCOG has found the performance of Lotus Engineering and Sustainability to be more than satisfactory to date; and

Whereas, DRCOG adopted a Jurisdiction Support Round Two policy, which includes the dedication of additional funding to support peer network facilitation.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance Committee of the Denver Regional Council of Governments hereby authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract amendment with Lotus Engineering and Sustainability to provide facilitation services for the Building Policy Collaborative in a total contract amount not to exceed $3,200,000 through September 30, 2029.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 5th day of August, 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: August 5, 2026

Agenda Item #: 7

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Community Planning Collaborative for Metro Vision Regional Plan updates and Housing Action Plan support for a total amount not to exceed $700,000 for a term of two years.

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary
Staff recommends adopting a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Community Planning Collaborative for Metro Vision Regional Plan Updates and Housing Action Plan support for a total amount not to exceed $700,000 for a term of two years.

Background
The last update to Metro Vision, DRCOG's regional vision for growth and development, was unanimously adopted by the DRCOG Board of Directors in 2017. In 2024, the Colorado General Assembly passed the Sustainable Affordable Housing Assistance Act (Senate Bill 24-174), which expanded the requirements for regional plans to include a Strategic Growth Element and a Water Supply Element, and established new requirements for local governments to adopt Housing Action Plans. On May 12, 2026, DRCOG released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit consultant support for Metro Vision Regional Plan updates and Housing Action Plan support and received four proposals. The maximum budget for this contract is $700,000.

The scope of work for the consultant team includes updating Metro Vision's urban centers framework, performance metrics, and strategic initiatives; developing a Strategic Growth Element and Water Supply Element consistent with SB24-174; and delivering technical assistance—including a data-to-decisions framework, tools, and cohort-based support—to help DRCOG's 59 member governments develop their statutorily required Housing Action Plans. The anticipated timeline for this work is approximately two years.

A selection committee of six DRCOG staff reviewed the written proposals and interviewed three of the four respondents. Proposals were evaluated on Project Understanding and Approach, Experience and Capability, Management Qualifications, Cost Information, Project Schedule, and other factors. Based on the committee's evaluation, the team led by Community Planning Collaborative—with subconsultants Economic & Planning Systems, Studio Seed, Brendle Group, and Root Policy—was the unanimous choice of the committee and received the highest average overall score among the three respondents interviewed. Community Planning Collaborative proposed cost of $699,630 is within DRCOG's $700,000 maximum contract budget.

The contract will be funded by $175,000 budgeted through the 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program and a $525,000 award from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs' Housing Planning Grant Program.

Action by others
August 20, 2025 – Board of Directors meeting.

Previous discussion/action
April 29, 2026 – Special Finance and Budget Committee meeting

Recommendation
Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Community Planning Collaborative for Metro Vision Regional Plan updates and Housing Action Plan support for a total amount not to exceed $700,000 for a term of two years.

Attachment(s)
Draft resolution

For more information
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Denver Regional Council of Governments
State of Colorado

Finance and Budget Committee Resolution No. 39, 2026

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Community Planning Collaborative for Metro Vision Regional Plan updates and Housing Action Plan support for a total amount not to exceed $700,000 for a term of two years.

Whereas, the Denver Regional Council of Governments, as the region's planning commission, is responsible for adopting and maintaining Metro Vision, the region's guiding plan for growth and development; and

Whereas, the Colorado General Assembly's 2024 passage of the Sustainable Affordable Housing Assistance Act (Senate Bill 24-174) established new requirements for regional plans, including a Strategic Growth Element and a Water Supply Element, and established new requirements for local governments to adopt Housing Action Plans; and

Whereas, DRCOG intends to update Metro Vision to comply with these new statutory requirements and to develop shared tools and technical assistance resources to support its 59 member governments in complying with new state housing action plan requirements; and

Whereas, DRCOG has budgeted $175,000 for the Metro Vision update through the 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program, and a $525,000 award is provided from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs' Housing Planning Grant Program; and

Whereas, on May 12, 2026, DRCOG released a Request for Proposals soliciting consultant support for Metro Vision Regional Plan Updates and Housing Action Plan Support, with a maximum contract budget of $700,000; and

Whereas, DRCOG received four proposals and Community Planning Collaborative was the unanimous choice of the selection committee comprised of DRCOG staff following the competitive Request for Proposal process per DRCOG's Fiscal Management Control Policy; and

Whereas, Community Planning Collaborative's proposed cost of $699,630 is within DRCOG's $700,000 maximum contract budget; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee of the Denver Regional Council of Governments hereby authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Community Planning Collaborative for Metro Vision Regional Plan updates and Housing Action Plan support for a total amount not to exceed $700,000 for a term of two years.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 5th day of August, 2026, at Denver Colorado.

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

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director