



Agenda
Finance and Budget Committee
Wednesday, September 2, 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 August 6, 2026, meeting (Attachment A)
 - B. Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept approximately \$300,000 of Nutrition Services Incentives Program funding from the Colorado Department of Health and Human Services and to distribute that funding to nutrition providers in the region for the period beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027. (Attachment B)

Action items

3. Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the Regional Transportation District for the Denver Regional Council of Governments to provide EcoPass bulk purchase customers with Guaranteed Ride Home Services on a fee basis in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a one-year term with options to renew.
(Attachment C) Steve Erickson, Director, Communications and Marketing
4. Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with CelWell Services, LLC, DBA OneCommute to provide ride scheduling, administrative services, and payment to ride providers for the Guaranteed Ride Home program, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a one-year term with options to renew.
(Attachment D) Steve Erickson, Director, Communications and Marketing

Administrative items

5. Report of the Chair
6. Report of the Executive Director
7. **Next meeting – October 7, 2026**
8. Other matters by members
9. Adjourn

ATTACH A

Finance and Budget Committee Meeting Summary

Wednesday, August 6, 2026

Meeting held via Microsoft Teams

Members Present

Judi Kern, Chair	Louisville
Claire Levy	Boulder
Andy Kerr	Jefferson County
Adam Paul	City and County of Denver
Sharon Davis	Arvada
Alison Coombs	Aurora
Charles Dukes	Commerce City
Alecia Brown	Lone Tree
Robert Reichardt	Littleton
Colleen Whitlow	Mead

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

Chair Kern called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Move to approve consent agenda

Director Kerr **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 June 3, 2026, meeting.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

Emily Lindsey provided an overview of the contract to the directors. DRCOG's Innovative Mobility Set-Aside technical assistance program is funding a project with Adams County to develop a Connected Signals and Resilient Communications Plan. The project was one of four selected during the program's second round of funding. Following a competitive procurement process, Olson was identified as the highest-scoring firm and best fit for the project based on its expertise in transportation operations, traffic signals, and intelligent transportation systems (ITS).

Director Davis **moved** to approve **Resolution No. 35, 2026**, 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. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

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.

Steve Erickson provided an overview of the contract to the directors. DRCOG currently has a \$900,000 contract with COHN Marketing to provide comprehensive marketing services for the Way to Go program. The contract expires August 31 and staff proposed adding four months to better align the contract with Way to Go's January-to-December annual marketing calendar and recurring campaigns such as Bike to Work Day and GoTober. The extension would add \$300,000, based on a prorated cost of \$75,000 per month, and continue services through the end of the year, after which DRCOG could pursue a full-year renewal for the next calendar year.

Director Levy **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 36, 2026**, 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. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

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.

Josh Pendleton provided an overview of the contract to the directors. The Regional Planimetric Data Project is one of DRCOG's recurring data acquisition efforts and complements the Denver Regional Aerial Photography Project (DRAPP). The project digitizes approximately 10 features of the built environment using the most recently captured imagery. DRCOG has facilitated the project biennially since the original effort using 2014 imagery. Following a competitive bidding process in May and June, a selection committee chose Kucera International for the 2026 Planimetric Data Project.

Director Coombs **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 37, 2026**, 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. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

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.

Greg Miao provided an overview of the amendment to the directors. The Building Policy Collaborative represents approximately \$39 million of DRCOG's \$200 million EPA grant and supports regional building decarbonization efforts through both jurisdictional subawards and a peer cohort of roughly 35 member jurisdictions. Working with Lotus Engineering and Sustainability since summer 2025, the collaborative convenes jurisdictions to develop model policies and address adoption and implementation challenges. DRCOG established a set-aside program as part of its second-round jurisdictional support policy to expand facilitation, public and industry engagement, outreach to low-income and other impacted communities, and opportunities for additional policy exploration. Staff proposed adding these set-aside funds to the existing Lotus contract to increase capacity, particularly for 2027 - 2029. The current contract runs through September 2027 and includes an option to extend it for an additional two years, contingent upon continued satisfaction with Lotus's performance.

Director Levy **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 38, 2026**, 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. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

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.

Zachary Feldman provided an overview of the contract to the directors. This project builds on DRCOG's Regional Housing Needs Assessment and Regional Housing Strategy, while helping address new comprehensive planning requirements under Senate Bill 24-174. The work will incorporate these elements into Metro Vision, further evaluate the role of urban centers, develop performance metrics and strategic initiatives, and provide technical assistance to local jurisdictions developing housing action plans. Following a successful competitive bidding process, Community Planning Collaborative was selected for the project. The \$700,000 total budget includes \$175,000 previously budgeted through the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and \$525,000 awarded by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) through its housing planning grant program.

Director Reichardt **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 39, 2026**, 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. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Report of the Chair

Chair Kern reminded members to attend the annual awards celebration on August 26.

Report of the Executive Director

Executive Director Rex echoed the Chair's remarks about the awards celebration and welcomed Director Alecia Brown to the committee. He also wanted to highlight Power Ahead Colorado's Heat Pump Week, which DRCOG partnered with the Colorado Rockies for a promotional event featuring the "Coolest Cucumber" mascot.

Next meeting – September 2, 2026

Other matters by members

There were no other matters by members.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:33 p.m.

ATTACH B

Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: September 2, 2026

Agenda Item #: 2 – B

Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to accept approximately \$300,000 of Nutrition Services Incentives Program funding from the Colorado Department of Health and Human Services and to distribute that funding to nutrition providers in the region for the period beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027.

Agenda item type: Consent agenda

Summary

This item recommends adopting a resolution to authorize the Executive Director to accept and distribute NSIP funding for federal fiscal year 2027.

Background

NSIP is a federal nutrition program for older adults authorized by the Older Americans Act. The State Unit on Aging division of the Colorado Department of Health and Human Services awards NSIP funding to DRCOG and other Area Agencies on Aging in proportion to the number of NSIP eligible meals served throughout the state in the previous fiscal year. NSIP allocations may only be used to purchase domestically produced food that is used to make meals for the Older Americans Act nutrition programs.

Funding is variable year to year, and DRCOG is not made aware of the exact number of dollars DRCOG will receive in federal fiscal year 2027. However, DRCOG anticipates receiving no more than \$300,000 based on past year NSIP funding. The amount allocated to DRCOG will be distributed to OAA-funded nutrition providers in accordance with regulations. DRCOG currently contracts with two nutrition providers, Volunteers of America and Project Angel Heart. Each will receive a portion of this funding based on their proportion of NSIP eligible meals provided to clients in the prior fiscal year. Currently, Project Angel Heart receives approximately 12% of the funding and the remaining 88% is provided to VOA. These funds come in installments throughout the federal fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

None

Recommendation

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept approximately \$300,000 of Nutrition Services Incentives Program funding from the Colorado Department of Health and Human Services and to distribute that funding to nutrition providers in the region for the period beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 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, Administration and Finance, at 303-480-6775 or tnoon@drcog.org.



Denver Regional Council of Governments
State of Colorado

Finance and Budget Committee

Resolution No. 40, 2026

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept approximately \$300,000 of Nutrition Services Incentives Program funding from the Colorado Department of Health and Human Services and to distribute that funding to nutrition providers in the region for the period beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027.

Whereas, Congress is anticipated to authorize and appropriate NSIP funds for nutrition programs in federal fiscal year 2027 under the provisions of Title III of the Older Americans Act (OAA) and distribute the funds to states; and

Whereas, DRCOG as the designated Area Agency on Aging for the eight-county metro region is the designated recipient of NSIP funding passed through by the Colorado Department of Health and Human Services; and

Whereas; DRCOG must distribute the NSIP funding to contracted nutrition providers under the Older Americans Act to purchase domestically produced food.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee hereby authorizes the Executive Director to accept approximately \$300,000 of Nutrition Services Incentives Program funding from the Colorado Department of Health and Human Services and to distribute that funding to nutrition providers in the region for the period beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 2nd day of September, 2026, at Denver Colorado.

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

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director

ATTACH C

Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: September 2, 2026

Agenda Item #: 3

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the Regional Transportation District for the Denver Regional Council of Governments to provide EcoPass bulk purchase customers with Guaranteed Ride Home Services on a fee basis in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a one-year term with options to renew.

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

This action is requesting approval to contract with the Regional Transportation District to provide the Regional Transportation District's EcoPass bulk purchase customers with Guranteed Ride Home Services.

Background

The Guaranteed Ride Home is an emergency ride home service provided to commuters who travel to work by any means other than driving alone in a motor vehicle.

Colorado Senate Bill 25-161 requires the Regional Transportation District to take steps to improve utilization by EcoPass holders by including Guaranteed Ride Home services along with each bulk EcoPass.

The Denver Regional Council of Governments currently provides Guaranteed Ride Home services to commuters through their employers on a fee basis.

The Regional Transportation District desires to contract with the Denver Regional Council of Governments to provide Guaranteed Ride Home coverage to its EcoPass holders on a fee basis.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

None

Recommendation

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the Regional Transportation District for the Denver Regional Council of Governments to provide EcoPass bulk purchase customers with Guaranteed Ride Home Services on a fee basis in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a one-year term with options to renew.

Attachment

Draft resolution



For more information

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Denver Regional Council of Governments
State of Colorado

Finance and Budget Committee

Resolution No. 41, 2026

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the Regional Transportation District for the Denver Regional Council of Governments to provide EcoPass bulk purchase customers with Guaranteed Ride Home Services on a fee basis in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a one-year term with options to renew.

Whereas, the Guaranteed Ride Home is an emergency ride home service provided to commuters who travel to work by any means other than driving alone in a motor vehicle; and

Whereas, Colorado Senate Bill 25-161 requires the Regional Transportation District to take steps to improve utilization by EcoPass holders by including Guaranteed Ride Home services along with each bulk EcoPass; and

Whereas, the Denver Regional Council of Governments currently provides Guaranteed Ride Home services to commuters through their employers on a fee basis; and

Whereas, the Regional Transportation District desires to contract with the Denver Regional Council of Governments to provide Guaranteed Ride Home coverage to its EcoPass holders on a fee basis.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the Regional Transportation District for the Denver Regional Council of Governments to provide EcoPass bulk purchase customers with Guaranteed Ride Home Services on a fee basis in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a one-year term with options to renew.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 2nd day of September, 2026, at Denver Colorado.

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

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director

ATTACH D

Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: September 2, 2026

Agenda Item #: 4

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with CelWell Services, LLC, DBA OneCommute to provide ride scheduling, administrative services, and payment to ride providers for the Guaranteed Ride Home program, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a one-year term with options to renew.

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

This action is requesting approval to contract with CelWell Services, LLC, DBA OneCommute to provide ride scheduling, administrative services, and payment to ride providers for the Guaranteed Ride Home.

Background

The Guaranteed Ride Home is an emergency ride home service provided by the Denver Regional Council of Governments to commuters who travel to work by any means other than driving alone in a motor vehicle. The service is funded by employers who pay a fee to enroll their employees in the Guranteed Ride Home.

Beginning on January 1, 2027, the Denver Regional Council of Governments will provide Guaranteed Ride Home service to the Regional Transportation District's bulk EcoPass customers. Colorado Senate Bill 25-161 requires the Regional Transportation District to take steps to improve utilization by EcoPass holders by including Guaranteed Ride Home services along with each bulk EcoPass.

In order to serve the Regional Transportation District's bulk EcoPass customers, it is necessary to employ an online, self-service software system where Guaranteed Ride Home users are screened, and rides are scheduled digitally with the most appropriate ride provider.

CelWell Services' OneCommute platform is currently the only commercially available software that screens users and digitally schedules rides with the most appropriate ride provider through real-time integration with ride providers.

CelWell services has an existing contract with the Denver Regional Council of Governments and has performed well.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

None



Recommendation

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with CelWell Services, LLC, DBA OneCommute to provide ride scheduling, administrative services, and payment to ride providers for the Guaranteed Ride Home program, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for an initial term of January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027, with an option to renew for four additional one-year terms upon satisfactory performance.

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. 42, 2026

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with CelWell Services, LLC, DBA OneCommute to provide ride scheduling, administrative services, and payment to ride providers for the Guaranteed Ride Home program, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a one-year term with options to renew.

Whereas, the Guaranteed Ride Home is an emergency ride home service provided by the Denver Regional Council of Governments to commuters who travel to work by any means other than driving alone in a motor vehicle; and

Whereas, Colorado Senate Bill 25-161 requires the Regional Transportation District to take steps to improve utilization by EcoPass holders by including Guaranteed Ride Home services along with each bulk EcoPass; and

Whereas, the Denver Regional Council of Governments will provide Guaranteed Ride Home service to the Regional Transportation District's bulk EcoPass customers in 2027; and

Whereas, to serve the Regional Transportation District's bulk EcoPass customers, it is necessary to employ an online, self-service software system where Guaranteed Ride Home users are screened, and rides are scheduled digitally with the most appropriate ride provider; and

Whereas, CelWell Services' OneCommute platform is currently the only commercially available software that screens users and digitally schedules rides with the most appropriate ride provider through real-time integration with ride providers; and

Whereas, CelWell services has an existing contract with the Denver Regional Council of Governments and has performed well.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with CelWell Services, LLC, DBA OneCommute to provide ride scheduling, administrative services, and payment to ride providers for the Guaranteed Ride Home program, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a one-year term with options to renew.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 2nd day of September, 2026, at Denver Colorado.

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

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director