

Finance and Budget Committee Meeting Summary

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

Meeting held via Microsoft Teams

Members Present

Jeslin Shahrezai, Chair	Lakewood
Jeff Baker	Arapahoe County
Claire Levy	Boulder County
Adam Paul	City and County of Denver
Andy Kerr	Jefferson County
Windi Padia	Frederick
Paul Haseman	Golden
Stephen Barr	Littleton
Marissa Harmon	Lone Tree

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

Chair Jeslin Shahrezaei called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

Move to approve consent agenda

Director Davis **moved** to approve the consent agenda. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Items on the consent agenda included:

- Summary of the May 21, 2025 meeting.
- Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with Brite Systems, Inc. to provide enhancements to ASPIRE for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.
- Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept Older Americans Act and State Funding for Senior Services funds from the Colorado Department of Human Services of approximately \$20.4 million for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.
- Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept funds from the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies of approximately \$190,000 for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 to administer the State Health Insurance Assistance Program.
- 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, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 for transitions services.

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Fehr and Peers to provide conceptual design, community engagement and financial modeling services for DRCOG's Central Area General Improvement District (CAGID) and City of Boulder Mobility Hub project.

Steph Piperno provided a brief explanation of the project to the committee. This project would develop conceptual plans to convert five existing downtown parking garages into multimodal mobility hubs through the Innovative Mobility Set-Aside Program. Two proposals were received, and the evaluation panel unanimously recommended Fehr and Peers as the most qualified firm to provide conceptual design, community engagement and financial modelling services for the 16-month, \$250,000 project. Members asked questions about qualifications.

Director Kerr **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 35**, authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Fehr and Peers to provide conceptual design, community engagement and financial modeling services for DRCOG's Central Area General Improvement District (CAGID) and City of Boulder Mobility Hub project. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Toole Design for the Golden Docked Bike Share Feasibility Analysis.

Lauren Kirgis provided an overview of the contract to the Directors. The purpose of this contract would be to study the feasibility of a solar-powered docked e-bike share system in the City of Golden. The study, part of the Innovative Mobility Set-Aside Program, would evaluate whether a docked e-bike share system could help Golden meet its transportation goals and what would be needed to successfully launch and manage such a system. Two proposals were received, and Toole Design was selected because of its detailed approach, qualifications, and experience in bike share feasibility studies. Members raised questions about potential regional interoperability with other jurisdictions' bike share systems. Staff clarified that the study will review systems in other jurisdictions and consider future connectivity but is focused on a docked system.

Director Barr **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 36**, authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Toole Design for the Golden Docked Bike Share Feasibility Analysis. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with WSP USA to provide GIS and data analysis services for DRCOG's Bike+ Data Fusion Activity Model project.

Aaron Villere presented the project and contract to members. This project is a partnership with the City and County of Denver and City of Boulder to develop a street-based activity model estimating bike and scooter ridership on every street segment. Eight proposals were received and WSP USA was recommended for a contract not to exceed \$400,000 over 24 months. The project will fuse big-data sources, such as location-based service data, Strava and shared micromobility datasets, with field-verified counts to estimate volumes of bikes, scooters and e-bikes on each street segment.

Director Levy **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 37**, authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with WSP USA to provide GIS and data analysis services for DRCOG's Bike+ Data Fusion Activity Model project. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

DRCOG Member Contributions Options

Executive Director Rex provided a brief overview of the existing formula for member contributions, which has remained unchanged for nearly two decades. Counties contribute based on their total population and assessed value, while municipalities are assessed on incorporated portions, with a \$600 minimum. In 2024, total member contributions were around \$2.1 million, split between counties and municipalities. Staff explored alternate formulas and introduced the concept of a 1.5% Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) fee to partially replace member contributions.

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Executive Director Rex presented several options, including variations on how counties and municipalities would be assessed and how Denver and Broomfield would be classified. Included in all the options was the introduction of a TIP fee applied to all STBG and CMAQ awards. This fee would generate approximately \$1 million annually and allow member contributions to be cut by half. Under a simplified proposed approach, the formula would remain the same, but contributions would be halved and supplemented by the TIP fee. Committee members discussed fairness, impacts on smaller communities, and administrative efficiency. The proposal was generally favored, with further exploration of the TIP fee being requested and a refined proposal at a future meeting.

Report of the Chair

There was no report.

Report of the Executive Director

Executive Director Rex reminded members about the upcoming awards celebration and encouraged jurisdictions to purchase tables and seek sponsorships.

Next meeting – August 6, 2025

Other matters by members

There were no other matters by members.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:18 p.m.