

# **Finance and Budget Committee**

Meeting date: August 6, 2025

Agenda Item #: 4

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with David Evans and Associates, Inc. to provide urban planning consulting services for DRCOG's Florida Corridor Multimodal Improvements and Micromobility Hubs project in an amount not to exceed \$225,000 for a period of 14 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 David Evans and Associates, Inc. to provide consulting services to support DRCOG's Florida Corridor Multimodal Improvements and Micromobility Hubs project. This project was awarded through the Livable Centers Set-Aside Program and the Innovative Mobility Set-Aside program. The contract amount is not to exceed \$225,000 over a period of 14 months from the date of contract execution.

### **Background**

The Livable Centers Set-Aside is a program identified in the Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program established to assist regional partners as they plan for way to enhance and increase livability in connected multimodal centers in the Denver region. A total of \$2.5 million is available in the set-aside over the four-year period of the Transportation Improvement Program. DRCOG signed a contract with CDOT in October 2024 to receive \$1.25 million for the first two years of the Livable Centers Set-Aside.

The Innovative Mobility Set-Aside is a program identified in the Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program established to assist regional partners as they plan for, and prepare, innovative solutions to mobility challenges in the Denver region. A total of \$4 million is available in the set-aside over the four-year period of the Transportation Improvement Program. DRCOG signed a contract with CDOT in September 2024 to receive \$2 million for the first two years of the Innovative Mobility Set-Aside.

The first solicitation of Livable Centers Set-Aside project proposals and Innovative Mobility Set-Aside project proposals was conducted during the fall of 2024. Fourteen projects (seven projects for each set-aside) were identified for funding based on evaluation criteria that was adopted by the DRCOG Board of Directors in March 2023. The DRCOG Board of Directors approved the final selected list of projects for both set-asides at their December 2024 meeting. Arapahoe County's Florida Corridor Multimodal Improvements and Micromobility Hubs project was selected for funding for both set-aside programs. \$125,000 of funding for the project was awarded from the Livable Centers Set-Aside and \$100,000 of funding for the project was



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awarded from the Innovative Mobility Set-Aside. The purpose of the Florida Corridor Multimodal Improvements and Micromobility Hubs project is to deliver a plan to enhance mobility and connectivity along the Florida Avenue Corridor spanning from the Cherry Creek Trail to the west of Quebec Street to the Florida Light Rail Station.

In June 2025, DRCOG released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit services from firms with experience in leading complex, cross-jurisdictional multimodal transportation planning projects that integrate active transportation, micromobility, community engagement, and land use strategies. The successful firm also needed to demonstrate experience with both cross-jurisdictional multimodal corridor planning and shared micromobility programs.

DRCOG received two proposals, both of which were reviewed and evaluated by a selection panel. The panel included subject matter experts from DRCOG's Active and Emerging Mobility team, Regional Planning and Development team, and contracting team, as well as Arapahoe County's Public Works and Development team.

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, David Evans and Associates, Inc.

## **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 David Evans and Associates, Inc. to provide urban planning consulting services for DRCOG's Florida Corridor Multimodal Improvements and Micromobility Hubs project in an amount not to exceed \$225,000 for a period of 14 months from the date of contract execution.

#### Attachment

Draft resolution

#### For more information

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