

Regional Transportation Committee

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Corridor Transportation Planning Selection Recommendation

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Summary

DRCOG recently released a call for letters of interest for the Corridor Planning Set Aside Program for fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) allocates \$3 million for this program, with \$1.5 million remaining for 2026 and 2027.

Background

The Transportation Corridor Planning Set Aside is a Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)-led planning program in the 2024-2027 TIP. The goal of this program is for DRCOG to take a more direct role to advance planning for projects and priorities contained in the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (2050 RTP) and move them towards implementation. As part of this program, DRCOG is funding and leading planning studies to advance infrastructure investment priorities along regional arterial corridors identified in the 2050 RTP. \$3,000,000 is available for the full four-year set-aside program, with \$1.5 million allocated each two-year cycle.

DRCOG staff recently conducted a call for letters of interest for the 2026 and 2027 funding for the program, anticipated to be \$1.5 million. Any local government or regional agency in the DRCOG Metropolitan Planning Organization boundary was eligible to submit a letter of interest; however, proposals had to be focused on advancing a project identified in the 2050 RTP to be considered. Five letters of interest were received.

A selection panel reviewed the five proposals. The panel included three representatives from DRCOG, and representatives from RTD, CDOT Region 1 and CDOT Region 4. The panel considered six scoring criteria and scored all proposals on a scale of zero to five, with five being the highest possible score. The proposed projects and average scores of the selection panel are below.



Project Name	Nominating Jurisdiction	Estimated Cost	Staging period in RTP	Average Weighted Score
Speer/Leetsdale/Parker Corridor Study	Denver	\$1,500,000	2030-2039	4.51
CO 119 Bus Rapid Transit Extension: Downtown Longmont to I-25 & CO 119 Mobility Hub	Longmont	\$400,000	2040-2049	3.99
State Highway 72	Arvada	\$600,000	2030-2039	3.45
CO 7 - 287 & Arapahoe to Baseline & Coal Creek	Lafayette	\$600,000	2030-2039	3.28
State Highway 52 Safety, Operational, and Multimodal Improvements Study	Weld County	Between \$250,000 and \$500,000.	2040-2050	2.92

The selection panel recommends the Speer/Leetsdale/Parker Corridor study for the 2026-2027 funds.

Action by others

[July 27, 2025](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee recommended adoption.

Previous discussion/action

[June 17, 2025](#) – Update on Corridor Planning Program

Recommendation

Move to recommend to the Board of Directors the selection of the Speer/Leetsdale/Parker Study for the Corridor Planning Program for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

Attachment

Staff presentation

For more information

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