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Agency: Adams County

Contact: Michele Riccio

Project Name: US 85/120th Interchange

Project Type: Final Design

Project Description:

Adams County will be submitting an application, in collaboration with local jurisdictions, to further design of the US 85/120th Interchange. This builds on the ongoing grant-funded project that Commerce City is currently leading, and will help move the project closer to construction. Commerce City's is completing preliminary engineering for the intersection, and is funded through a FRA CRISI grant. As part of the County's BUILD application, the project team expects to complete 1601 documentation for the state, conduct additional public engagement, and complete final design of the interchange. The project team anticipates the final design to be a diverging diamond interchange.

Total Project Cost: \$1,475,040

Grant Funding Request: FHWA BUILD



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Agency: Adams County

Contact: Michele Riccio

Project Name: 120th Corridor Study

Project Type: Final Design

Project Description:

Adams County will be submitting an application, in collaboration with local jurisdictions, to further the design of 120th Avenue from US 85 to Tower Road. This project will leverage the existing 120th Safety and Multimodal Corridor Study that the County completed in June 2025, and take the corridor vision step closer to implementation.

Total Project Cost: \$7,011,120

Grant Funding Request: FHWA BUILD



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Agency: City of Castle Pines

Contact: Dole Grebenik, City Engineer

Project Name: Happy Canyon Interchange

Project Type: Interchange Reconstruction

Project Description:

The project will reconstruct the I-25 and Happy Canyon interchange and build a new Diverging Diamond Interchange. The existing bridge, which was built in 1967, will be replaced, and a new bridge will be built to the north. The new interchange will meet 2050 traffic demand and provide multi-modal connectivity between both sides of the interstate. The project is primarily funded by Douglas County and the City of Castle Pines, with CDOT covering approximately 15% of the total project cost.

The project has completed 50% of the design and is using a CM/GC contract with Kraemer North America. The first construction package is expected to be released for construction in June 2026, with construction anticipated to conclude in late 2027.

Total Project Cost: \$46M

Grant Funding Request: BUILD



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Agency: Colorado Department of Transportation

Contact: Leslie Welch

Project Name: 23rd Avenue Bridge Improvements Project

Project Type: Bridge/Multimodal Improvements.

Project Description:

The Project will address major safety, mobility, and connectivity issues on 23rd Avenue in Denver County, Colorado over an approximately quarter- mile distance. Built in 1952, the infrastructure was constructed when the Denver Metro population totaled approximately 550,000 people; today, it is over 3 million. 23rd Avenue now serves as a major thoroughfare for the surrounding Jefferson Park neighborhood, travelers using I-25 to travel and access nearby amenities, and families using the provided pedestrian and cycling infrastructure as an east-west travel choice within northwest Denver. The 23rd Avenue interchange serves over 20,000 people daily, with projected growth to nearly 40,000 by 2050, with the bridge itself anticipated to grow from 10,000 to approximately 15,000 travelers in the same time period.

The following scope of work will address the following concerns:

Bridge Reconstruction: The 23rd Avenue bridge will be replaced with a modern bridge that meets all geometric standards, provides standard vertical clearance, and significantly extends its usable years. Eliminating the risk for bridge strikes will help reduce the risk of potential closures of I-25 and improve driving conditions under the bridge. The bridge replacement would enable a longer span that could accommodate wider shoulders along I-25 for disabled vehicles to take refuge in and emergency responders to use to more safely respond to crashes. Additionally, the widened bridge deck would enable left turn storage and protected left turns which would improve the operations and increase the safety for all users on 23rd Avenue.

Improve Community Connectivity for All Road Users: Contingent on community feedback and design recommendations, the improved 23rd Avenue will feature significantly safer connections for traveling community members. Proposed updates will include construction of improved bi-directional bike lanes, construction of 6' sidewalks on both sides of the bridge, converting unsignalized intersections to signalized, and reconstructing ramp terminals to provide better sightlines and allow for safer crossings. In addition, a multi-use path will be constructed to the north of the SB I-25 off-ramp to Speer Boulevard, and will provide a bicyclist/pedestrian connection between Central Street and Speer Boulevard.

Total Project Cost: \$54.6M

Grant Funding Request: \$25M



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Agency: City of Commerce City

Contact: Jenna Hahn

Project Name: 88th Avenue Widening - Segment C

Project Type: Road widening

Project Description:

E. 88th Avenue: I-76 to Highway 2 Corridor Improvement Program - Segment C: Creating a safe and efficient east-west travel route for residents, businesses and regional commerce that provides access to adjacent industrial, commercial and residential land uses.

This project would improve 1.6 miles of E. 88th Ave. between I-76 and Highway 2, and a portion of Rosemary St. between E. 86th Ave. and E. 88th Ave. The roadway serves as a key arterial that connects major employment centers and industrial areas.

Improvements include:

Widen E. 88th Ave. from 2 to 4 lanes with turn lanes and medians.

Add sidewalks and a multiuse path

Upgrade the traffic signal at E. 88th Ave. & Rosemary St.

Use advanced signal controller functions to improve traffic signal operations.

Add a traffic signal at the entrance of Mile High Flea Market to improve the safety of vehicles entering and exiting the site.

Address persistent roadway and neighborhood flooding issues with storm drainage improvements.

Total Project Cost: \$20,000,000 (for segment C only)

Grant Funding Request: \$20,000,000



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Agency: Arapahoe County

Contact: James Katzer

Project Name: Gun Club Road Bridge at Coal Creek

Project Type: Final Design for Bridge and Channel Improvements

Project Description:

The project involves improving transportation and flood management on Gun Club Road at the Coal Creek crossing. The County intends to request FY2026 BUILD grant funds to develop final engineering design and construction drawings to replace the current undersized culvert system with a new bridge, elevate the roadway, and restore the creek channel to remove the segment from the base floodplain.

Gun Club Road is a two-lane rural north-south roadway. The section crossing Coal Creek is currently equipped with a culvert system consisting of four 36-inch pipes with a capacity of 200 CFS. The system is unable to handle flows from even a 2-year storm event, leading to overtopping of the roadway during minor storm events. Hydrological modeling shows that a 100-year flood event requires 16,000 CFS of conveyance. Due to the flows magnitude, additional culverts would be insufficient, and a bridge is needed to ensure proper conveyance and prevent recurring flooding.

This area is experiencing rapid development with ADT's projected to reach 15,000 by 2035, making the project particularly important considering future development plans within the City of Aurora and surrounding unincorporated areas.

Total Project Cost: \$3,000,000 (Final Design)

Grant Funding Request: \$3,000,000 for FY 2026 BUILD Grant- Final Design