Denver Regional Council of Governments State of Colorado

Finance and Budget Committee

Resolution No. 47, 2024

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with ECOnorthwest for the development of a regional housing strategy for the Denver region in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a 12-month term.

Whereas, the Denver Regional Council of Governments, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, is responsible for carrying out and maintaining the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in the Greater Denver Transportation Management Area; and

Whereas, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), prepared biennially, is the two-year work program for the Metropolitan Planning Organization and serves as the management tool for scheduling, budgeting, and monitoring the planning activities of participating entities; and

Whereas, the FY 2024 - FY 2025 UPWP was adopted in August 2023; and

Whereas, DRCOG included a task in FY 2024 - FY 2025 UPWP to assess and plan for regional housing needs and opportunities that have a significant role in growth, housing, and economic development patterns contributing to growth in regional travel demand; and

Whereas, DRCOG has budgeted \$300,000 over federal fiscal years 2024 and 2025 for the development of a regional housing strategy through our federal transportation planning program; and

Whereas, CDOT is in concurrence with DRCOG pursuing consultant services for a regional housing strategy in furtherance of the work outlined in the UPWP; and

Whereas, DRCOG received a revenue contract on April 2024 from the Department of Local Affairs from the More Housing Now Initiative through the Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Program in the amount of \$200,000 for the development of a regional housing strategy; and

Whereas, DRCOG conducted a competitive bidding process and a selection committee of staff from DRCOG, Regional Transportation District, City of Louisville and Douglas County Housing Partnership, that determined ECOnorthwest had the best proposal; and

Whereas, the selected consultant has demonstrated qualifications and experience in developing a regional housing strategy; and

Whereas, DRCOG has budgeted \$500,000 over fiscal years 2024 and 2025 for the development of a regional housing strategy; and

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Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with ECOnorthwest for the development of a regional housing strategy for the Denver region in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for a 12-month term.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 20th day of November, 2024 at Denver Colorado.

Richard A. Kondo, Chair Finance and Budget Committee Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director