

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT MEMORANDUM
#23-2025

DATE: Dec. 1, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Council Members

THROUGH: Heather Geyer, City Manager *hmg*
Jason Loveland, Deputy City Manager *JL*

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SUBJECT: DRCOG Livable Centers Small-Area Planning and Community-Based Transportation Planning Set-Aside Grant Programs

PURPOSE

To inform City Council that staff has submitted two Letters of Interest (LOIs) to the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) for the Livable Centers Small-Area Planning and the Community-Based Transportation Planning Set-Aside Grant Programs.

BACKGROUND

The Livable Centers Small-Area Planning and the Community-Based Transportation Planning Set-Aside Grant Programs focus on the integration of land use, housing, and multimodal transportation strategies. Matching funds are not required for either program. DRCOG issued a call for project proposals to be submitted by letter of interest (LOI) from Oct. 1 through Nov. 15, 2025. City staff met with DRCOG staff to discuss projects on the horizon based on the City's Comprehensive Plan and City Council's Strategic Plan. After reviewing the parameters of the set-aside programs and the merit of these two projects, staff submitted the following LOIs:

Livable Centers Small-Area Planning

<https://drcog.org/growth-development/livable-centers-small-area-planning-set-aside>

Project: Washington Point & Washington Center Community Access & Revitalization Plan

Focus: Address safety, mobility, food access gaps (following Safeway closure), tenant stability, and reinvestment opportunities in the Washington Point & Washington Center area.

Funding Request: \$225,000 with no local match required. This project aligns with City Council Strategic Plan Action Item 4.1 - Washington Point Redevelopment, Action Item 4.4 - NURA Plan Areas Evaluation, and the Comprehensive Plan.

Community-Based Transportation Planning

<https://drcog.org/transportation-planning/corridor-and-subarea-planning/community-based-transportation-planning>

Project: Northglenn First/Last Mile Community Mobility Access Plan

Focus: Improve walking, biking, ADA, and transit access to the 112th Avenue N Line Station and Wagon Road Park & Ride, especially for transit dependent individuals.

Funding Request: \$200,000 with no local match required. This project directly supports the City's Strategic Plan Action Item 3.23 - First/Last Mile Connection to Mass Transit, accelerating the project timeline from 2028 to 2026. The project also supports the Comprehensive Plan, the Climate Action & Resilience Plan, and the Comprehensive Transportation & Mobility Plan.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget or time implications. DRCOG will notify the City in early 2026 if either or both projects are selected for funding. If selected, staff will return to City Council to provide a full briefing and obtain any required approvals.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This memo is for informational purposes only.

STAFF REFERENCE

If Council members have any questions, please contact Brook Svoboda, Director of Planning & Development, at bsvoboda@northglenn.org or 303.450.8937.