



Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: November 27, 2023

SUBJECT: **Resolution No. 73-R-2023** – A Resolution of the Town of Mead, Colorado, Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement to Establish the Southwest Weld County Subregion Forum for Collaborative Transportation Planning

PRESENTED BY: Marcus McAskin, Town Attorney

THROUGH: Lindsay Sloan, Assistant Town Attorney

SUMMARY

Resolution No. 73-R-2023 (“Resolution”): (1) approves an intergovernmental agreement (“IGA”) between the Town and other local governments in Weld County to establish the Southwest Weld County Subregion Forum (“Forum”) for the purposes of coordinating transportation planning and funding efforts with the Colorado Department of Transportation (“CDOT”) and the Denver Regional Council of Governments (“DRCOG”); (2) authorizes the Mayor to execute the IGA on behalf of the Town when in final form; and (3) designates Mayor Whitlow as the Town’s Appointee to the Forum and the Town Manager (Helen Migchelbrink) as the Town’s Alternate designee.

A copy of the IGA is attached to the Resolution as ATTACHMENT A.

The IGA is between the Town and the City of Brighton, the City of Dacono, the Town of Erie, the Town of Frederick, the Town of Firestone, the Town of Lochbuie, the City of Longmont, the City of Thornton, and Weld County (each an “Agency” and together the “Agencies”). The IGA establishes the Forum for the purposes of submitting project funding requests to CDOT and DRCOG for consideration in their respective Capital Improvement Plans.

In 2018 DRCOG modified the Transportation Improvement Program (“TIP”) submittal process from a centralized Regional Model to a new Dual Model that comprises both a Regional Funding process and a Subregional Funding process. Accordingly, the Agencies wish to collaborate and submit projects as a subregion (specifically, the “Southwest Weld County Subregion”) to compete directly with other subregions for CDOT and DRCOG Regional Funding, as well as develop a list of recommended projects to use the Subregional Funding.

Each Agency will appoint a Forum representative to serve as a regular member of the Forum (“Appointee”) and may also designate one alternate to participate when the Appointee is absent or otherwise unavailable (“Alternate”). The Resolution designates Mayor Whitlow as the Town’s Appointee to the Forum and Town Manager Helen Migchelbrink as the Town’s Alternate designee.

The role of the Appointees will be to collaborate with appointees (of the other Agencies) in identifying priority corridors and developing a prioritized subregional list for interstate/state highway system, rail, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) projects. The priority corridors and list will be presented to CDOT and DRCOG for funding consideration during the during

cyclical updates to CDOT's 10-year Plan, State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), RTD's Strategic Plan, and DRCOG's Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Under the IGA, the Agencies agree to submit all DRCOG funding applications through the Forum for the Southwest Weld County Subregion transportation projects or programs that seek regional or subregional funding. Submissions may include any transportation related project or program eligible per the DRCOG Board's TIP Policy.

The Agencies also agree to collaborate and advocate for other grant funding opportunities to support transportation projects that will benefit the Forum.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUIRED

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution. A motion to approve the November 27, 2023 consent agenda will approve the Resolution. If the Board decides to remove this item from the consent agenda for questions or discussion, staff recommends the following motion:

Suggested Motion:

"I move to approve Resolution No. 73-R-2023, A Resolution of the Town of Mead, Colorado, Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement to Establish the Southwest Weld County Subregion Forum for Collaborative Transportation Planning."

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 73-R-2023

Attachment A to Resolution (Southwest Weld County Subregion Forum Collaborative Transportation Planning Intergovernmental Agreement)