

BILL/ RESOLUTION REQUEST

- 1. Title:** Executes an IGA (201205000) with the Colorado Department of Transportation for the reimbursement of Federal Surface Transportation Improvement Program funds for the construction of a grade separation on Peoria Street over the existing Union Pacific Railroad tracks and the soon to be constructed Regional Transportation District's East Rail Line in Council District 11.

- 2. Requesting Agency:** Public Works

- 3. Contact Person *with actual knowledge of proposed ordinance***
Name:Tykus Holloway
Phone:(720) 913-8812
Email:tykus.holloway@denvergov.org

- 4. Contact Person *with actual knowledge of proposed ordinance who will present the item at Mayor Council and who will be available for first and second reading, if necessary***
Name:Tykus Holloway
Phone:(720) 913-8812
Email:tykus.holloway@denvergov.org

- 5. Describe the proposed ordinance, including what the proposed ordinance is intended to accomplish, who's involved**
 - a. Scope of Work**

This is a request for an ordinance to allow CCD to enter into an agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) so that CCD can begin receiving the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) grant monies by no later than September 2012 as programmed in the DRCOG 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Peoria Grade Separation project. The project limits are from approximately the intersection of Peoria Street and 39th Avenue to Peoria Street and Baranmor Parkway. This project is related to the RTD Eagle project.

With the addition of RTD's East Rail line adjacent to the existing Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks, an at-grade crossing at Peoria Street would cause very significant traffic congestion and safety problems. This area is on the municipal border between CCD and the City of Aurora. A grade separated facility would have elements in the City of Aurora and CCD, and is currently estimated to cost \$50 million. CCD agreed to be the lead agency for this project, and thus applied for DRCOG grant funds. CCD has hired a consulting firm (CH2M Hill, Inc.) to perform an environmental study to obtain the necessary NEPA clearance and provide engineering and professional services for the project. The project is expected to be complete in late 2014 / early 2015.

There are four primary sources of funds for this project. CCD was awarded a DRCOG TIP grant in the amount of \$25,000,000 in federal funds with a required \$25,000,000 local match for the project. The local matching funds are being split between CCD (\$2.5 million), City of Aurora (\$2.5 million), and RTD (\$20 million), which were previously approved and committed by City Council. This agreement will allow CDOT to use Federal Surface Transportation Improvement Program funds to reimburse CCD for up to \$25,000,000 over a period of four year (FY2012-FY2015) for the project. The CDOT Project Number assigned to this project is STU C010-108, subaccount (WBS) number is 18529. The DRCOG Grant monies are anticipated to be received in the following amounts on the following dates: \$2,400,000 (Federal FY2012), \$2,017,000 (Federal FY2013), \$11,550,000 (Federal FY2014), and \$9,033,000 (Federal FY2015). Any modifications in the anticipated amounts or timing of the DRCOG grant monies, as approved by DRCOG and CDOT, shall be documented by an addendum to this agreement and kept in the project account file.

This ordinance will set up a capital grant fund and appropriate the budget for this grant as follows:

Fund	Org	Project Number	Project Name
Amount	38321	5011102 PI83511_001	Peoria Grade Separation DRCOG
Contribution		\$25,000,000	

b. Duration

Term will be NTP to completion

c. Location

Approximately 39th Avenue to Baranmor Parkway along Peoria Street

d. Affected Council District

11

e. Benefits

Improved safety and mobility on Peoria Street

f. Costs

Estimated at \$50,000,000

6. Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance, groups or individuals who may have concerns about it? Please explain.

No

Bill Request Number: BR12-0384

Date: 5/8/2012