

BILL/ RESOLUTION REQUEST

- 1. Title:** Authorizes the City and County of Denver to enter into the first of two Intergovernmental Agreements with the Regional Transportation District the City of Aurora to commit funding to the Peoria Grade Separation project related to the RTD Eagle East Corridor project.
- 2. Requesting Agency:** Public Works
- 3. Contact Person *with actual knowledge of proposed ordinance***
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- 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 the first of two IGAs between the CCD, RTD, and the City of Aurora to commit funding to the Peoria Grade Separation project, a project with limits from approximately the intersection of Peoria St. and 39th Ave. to Peoria St. and Baranmor Parkway. This project is related to the RTD Eagle East Corridor project. With the addition of RTD's Commuter Rail next to the UP heavy rail tracks, an at-grade crossing at Peoria Street would cause very significant congestion and safety problems. This area is on the border between CCD and 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 funds, and is now currently programmed to receive \$25 million DRCOG funds for this project. Per the proposed IGA, the remaining matching funds of \$25 million are to be split between CCD (\$2.5 million), City of Aurora (\$2.5 million), and RTD (\$20 million). Other provisions of the IGA include the ability for CCD, the City of Aurora, and RTD to charge appropriate staff time against the \$50 million.

CCD has hired a consulting firm (CH2MHill) to do an environmental study to get NEPA clearance on the project. It is estimated that this part of the process will take one year, after which CCD will proceed with final design and construction, with a projected project completion date in 2014 or 2015.

A second funding IGA will be developed in 2012 to cover remaining funding issues for this project, including a) RTD's ability to front DRCOG money to meet the project schedule, b) use of funds from other entities, such as the UPRR contribution, c) project savings, d) project overruns, e) other project elements eligible for project funds, f) land acquisition, g) seeking acceleration of DRCOG funds, and h) receiving additional funds.

b. Duration

n/a

c. Location

approximately Peoria St. and 39th Ave. to Peoria St. and Baranmor Parkway

d. Affected Council District

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e. Benefits

Improved safety and mobility on Peoria St.

f. Costs

Denver: \$2.5 million; City of Aurora \$2.5 million; RTD \$20 million

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

No

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