

# ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team

at [MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org](mailto:MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org) by 9 a.m. Friday. Contact the Mayor's Legislative team with questions

Date of Request: **11/22/2025**

Please mark one:  Bill Request or  Resolution Request

## 1. Type of Request:

- Contract/Grant Agreement     Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)     Rezoning/Text Amendment
- Dedication/Vacation     Appropriation/Supplemental     DRMC Change
- Other:

2. **Title:** Approves an intergovernmental grant agreement between the City and County of Denver and the USDOT Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant program to accept \$35,475,000 in federal funding for planned infrastructure projects.

3. **Requesting Agency:** Mayor's Office of the National Western Center and Department of Transportation & Infrastructure

## 4. Contact Person:

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution	Contact person to present item at Mayor-Council and Council
Name: Michael Bouchard	Name: Michael Bouchard
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## 5. General description or background of proposed request. Attach executive summary if more space needed:

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Grant Program awarded \$3.3 billion to 132 communities in 2023, including \$35.4 million to the City and County of Denver. With an additional \$32.5 million match from Denver, the \$68 million total will fund critical infrastructure projects enhancing mobility, safety, and environmental conditions.

This ordinance approves a grant agreement to accept the federal funding for four planned projects:

- A pedestrian bridge over the rail corridor at Brighton Blvd and 48th Ave.
- Bettie Cram Drive Bridge and 48th Avenue Greenway.
- An at-grade rail crossing at National Western Drive South.
- Environmental cleanup of the former DPS bus barn site.

The projects will improve connections between Globeville, Elyria-Swansea and the National Western Center, provide new pedestrian and bike infrastructure, modernize stormwater systems to reduce flooding, and prepare the former bus barn site for future community use while reducing methane emissions.

6. **City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable):** John McGrath

7. **City Council District:** 9

8. **\*\*For all contracts, fill out and submit accompanying Key Contract Terms worksheet\*\***

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## Key Contract Terms

**Type of Contract: (e.g. Professional Services > \$500K; IGA/Grant Agreement, Sale or Lease of Real Property):**

Grant Agreement

**Vendor/Contractor Name (including any dba's):** To Be Determined (construction contracts to be procured separately)

**Contract control number:** DOTI-202477031

**Location:** National Western Center

**Is this a new contract?**  Yes  No **Is this an Amendment?**  Yes  No **If yes, how many?**

**Contract Term/Duration (for amended contracts, include existing term dates and amended dates):**

06/30/2021

**Contract Amount (indicate existing amount, amended amount and new contract total):**

<i>Current Contract Amount</i> (A)	<i>Additional Funds</i> (B)	<i>Total Contract Amount</i> (A+B)
\$68,670,809	\$0.00	\$67,911,306

  

<i>Current Contract Term</i>	<i>Added Time</i>	<i>New Ending Date</i>
June 30, 2031	N/A	N/A

**Scope of work:**

This ordinance approves a grant agreement to accept the federal funding for four planned projects inspired by neighborhood led conversations. Related construction contracts will be brought to City Council for separate approval.

- **Bettie Cram Drive Bridge and 48th Avenue Greenway** - The proposed Bettie Cram Drive Bridge and 48th Avenue Greenway will connect to Washington Street and stitch the neighborhoods east and west of the South Platte River barrier, providing safe passage for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists.
- **New Pedestrian Bridge** - A new pedestrian crossing will help reconnect the Eyria-Swansea and Globeville communities that have long been bisected by impassable infrastructure and provide east-west ADA access to the RTD station at 48th and Brighton Boulevard.
- **Improvements to the At-Grade Rail Crossing @ NWD South** - The improvements to the at-grade rail crossing located at National Western Drive South will improve safety in the area and accommodate activity from new area development.
- **DPS Bus Barn Environmental Remediation** - Vacant land adjacent to the RTD Transit Station will undergo environmental remediation to remove effects from past site uses, including use as a former landfill. The clean-up will allow future development of the site. The Globeville, Elyria-Swansea communities will be an integral part of any future development plans.

**Was this contractor selected by a competitive process?**      N/A      **If not, why not?**

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Has this contractor provided these services to the City before?  Yes  No

Source of funds: N/A

Is this contract subject to:  W/MBE  DBE  SBE  XO101  ACDBE  N/A

**WBE/MBE/DBE commitments (construction, design, Airport concession contracts):** M/WBE goals will be established for related construction contracts before procurement.

**Who are the subcontractors to this contract?** To be determined.

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