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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY AND ADAMS COUNTY REGARDING COST-SHARING FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS FOR I-270 CORRIDOR PROJECT

The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the Mayor to enter into an IGA with Adams County for preliminary engineering and environmental analysis for the I-270 Corridor Project.

Summary & Background

Adams County applied for and received a grant for preliminary engineering and environmental analysis through the DRCOG 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process. The 2020-2023 TIP was adopted by the DRCOG board in August 2019. The total amount of the grant awarded by DRCOG is \$1.8M. The local match for this project is \$3.5M - consisting of \$2.5M from Adams County and \$1M from Commerce City.

The I-270 project will complete a National Environmental Policy Act process consistent with CDOT's environmental assessment template and complete preliminary designs to address identified issues along the functionally obsolete, crash prone, and congested 5.4-mile I-270 corridor. The I-270 project will produce a long-term corridor solution and design process with managed lanes, technology, and other congestion mitigation strategies; provision for safe and efficient connections to regional pedestrian and bicycle trails, and, improvements to the mainline and 6 interchanges along the corridor, including in the study considerations, among others. Project improvements identified in the 2040 Fiscally Constrained Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan (MVRTP) for CDOT-controlled regional funding to address know crash, safety, efficiency, and congestion problems on the I-270 corridor cannot be funded or constructed without first completing this environmental assessment.

The current schedule for the I-270 project is to complete the environmental assessment in May 2022 with the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) being completed in September 2022.

Staff Responsible (Department Head): Joe Wilson, Director of Public Works

Staff Presenting: Brent Soderlin, City Engineer

Financial Impact: \$5.3M - Commerce City portion is \$1M.

Funding Source: \$1.8M from DRCOG, \$2.5M from Adams County, and \$1M from Commerce City (Vasquez Improvements CIPP Funds - which has the Vasquez Boulevard Improvements Project and the I-270 Project).

Staff Recommendation: Approval.

Suggested Motion: I move to approve Resolution 2021-73.