

**MEETING DATE:** July 14, 2026

**STAFF PERSON RESPONSIBLE:** Benjamin Pierce, P.E., Capital Improvement Projects Supervisor

**DESCRIPTION:** Public Contract for Services with RS&H for Design of the Titan Road & US 85 Interchange Project, Douglas County Project Number CI 2026-012.

**SUMMARY:** The primary objective of the project is to reconfigure the existing Titan Road & US 85 (Santa Fe Drive) interchange to accommodate the substantial traffic demands generated by ongoing development in the Chatfield Basin region. While the interchange reconfiguration is the central focus of this project, widening of US 85 from Highlands Ranch Parkway south to the Titan Road interchange is included as a separate task order under this contract.

This project represents the implementation phase of recommendations established in the 2014 Northwest Douglas County Feasibility Study and the 2016 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Report. These studies concluded that the existing interchange configuration is insufficient to handle the long-term regional mobility needs of the corridor. While the PEL provided a general framework for certain design concepts, the surrounding land use and traffic demands have changed considerably since that study was conducted. As part of this project, the consultant will perform a renewed evaluation of interchange concepts and configurations to meet the current and future needs.

To determine the most effective solutions for the interchange, the project team will need to conduct a new regional traffic study that will take into account multiple land use considerations including ongoing development in Sterling Ranch, the County's Zebulon Sports Complex, a future Front Range Rail station, and other regional growth that will affect traffic through the interchange.

The scope of work for Task Order 01 of the project includes topographic survey, subsurface utility engineering investigations, geotechnical investigation, traffic modeling, National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) clearance documentation, other Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) coordination, interchange concept design (15% level), and 30% level

design of the chosen ultimate interchange configuration. Task Order 02 of the project focuses on preliminary and final design of the widening of US 85 from Highlands Ranch Parkway to Titan Road which is needed to support additional operational and capacity improvements at the Titan Road & US 85 interchange.

RS&H was selected by Douglas County and Colorado Department of Transportation staff based on a competitive consultant selection process as follows: On January 23, 2026, a Request for Proposals was sent out by Douglas County Staff to five consultants which had previously been selected (short listed) for 2025 - 2026 by the County to provide consultant services under the “Division 1 - Major Roadway” projects category. The following five firms each provided proposals:

**AECOM, Atkins, HDR, RMS, and RS&H**

Proposals were evaluated by four Douglas County Engineering staff members and two Colorado Department of Transportation staff members based on the following criteria with a total of one hundred (100) points possible:

1. Firm capabilities and qualifications for this project - 15 Points
2. Project team’s past performance and relevant experience - 20 Points
3. Project approach and understanding of critical issues - 40 Points
4. Draft project schedule - 10 Points
5. Draft scope of services & list of deliverables - 15 Points

Each of the six evaluators submitted their rankings confidentially. The six evaluators’ rankings were then combined to determine the overall ranking as shown below.

<u>Consultant Teams Submitting a Proposal</u>	<u>Overall Ranking</u>
AECOM	1 (interviewed)
RS&H	2 (interviewed)
HDR	3
Atkins	4 (tie)
RMS	4 (tie)

It was decided by the scoring committee that the top two firms were close enough in score to warrant a formal interview as allowed by the RFP. AECOM and RS&H were both interviewed at Douglas County offices on March 13, 2026, and the six panel scoring committee unanimously agreed to select RS&H

as the winning team.

Enclosed for reference and project records are copies of the final RFP, the individual consultant selection scoring forms, and the combined overall consultant scoring form.

The proposed PCS with RS&H is for an amount not to exceed Four Million Four Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$4,499,961.25) using funds set aside as follows:

Fund 230, BU 800455 - \$499,961.25

Fund 230, BU 801017 - \$4,000,000.00

**RECOMMENDED**

**ACTION:**

Approval of a Public Contract for Services with RS&H for an amount not to exceed Four Million Four Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$4,499,961.25) for design of the Titan Road & US 85 Interchange Project, Douglas County Project Number CI 2026-012.

**REVIEW:**

Kristina Mann	Approve	6/29/2026
Jeff Garcia	Escalated	7/6/2026
Amy Williams	Escalated	7/7/2026
Christy Gordon	Approve	7/8/2026
Christie Guthrie	Approve	7/8/2026
Doug DeBord	Approve	7/9/2026

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Design RFP - Titan Road & US 85 Interchange  
PCS-RS&H-Titan-&-US-85-Interchange-Design  
Titan & US 85 - Consultant-Ranking-Packet