

INNOVATION FUND

OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES

The Vision 2035 Innovation Fund is part of a broader funding program of Denver South, a non-profit economic development and transportation management organization. The group represents a coalition of local governments along the I-25 corridor and Southeast Light Rail Line south of Denver, Colorado. Among other functions, Denver South serves as a technology scout and project facilitator on behalf of our partner jurisdictions.

The goal of the Vision 2035 plan is to foster innovation that encourages growth of employment and the local tax base, enhances quality of life, and provides competitive advantages for businesses as they recruit and retain employees. We aim to achieve this balance by providing 1:1 match funding to our partner jurisdictions for projects seeking to improve mobility throughout the Denver South region. The Vision 2035 plan promotes regional collaboration, proactive planning, and local investment in infrastructure and efficiencies.





PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

- \$5.5MM for Innovation Projections through 2035
- Priority for projects with region-wide impact on:
 - First- and last-mile connectivity to light rail
 - Autonomous, Connected, Electric and Shared (ACES) mobility
 - Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
 - Congestion reduction
 - Increased transit ridership
 - Improvement to highway, interchange and arterial road capacity and safety
- Priority given to projects including private sector partners with a physical office presence (permanent or temporary) in Denver South during the duration of the pilot or project period.



HOW IT WORKS

The project application process begins by identifying and engaging with a local government sponsor interested in your project or technology. That sponsor will help you define the scope of a project and then present it to the Denver South Transportation Management Association (TMA) Technical Committee, a group of technical staff from each of our jurisdictions that meets monthly. Projects deemed to have sufficient regional benefit are then referred by the Technical Committee for a formal vote by the TMA Board of Directors, composed of elected officials from each of the jurisdictions. Upon a positive vote, proposals are advanced for final contracting with the board of directors of the Southeast Public Improvement Metro District (SPIMD.)



APPLICATION PROCESS





FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT:

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