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# Arapahoe County

## Board of County Commissioners Study Session

### Meeting Minute Summaries

**Tuesday, October 14, 2025**  
**1:00 PM**

**Administration Building**  
**5334 S. Prince St.**  
**Littleton, CO 80120**  
**West Hearing Room**

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#### **Commissioners Present**

Carrie Warren-Gully  
Jeff Baker  
Jessica Campbell  
Leslie Summey  
Rhonda Fields

#### **Others Present**

Ron Carl  
John Christofferson  
Michelle Halstead  
Cooney Sarracino  
Callie Pecore  
Michele Frishman

### **STUDY SESSION TOPICS**

1:45 PM \*Request from City of Aurora to Increase Percentage of Open Space Shareback Proceeds Spent on Maintenance

**Attachments:** [Board Summary Report](#)  
[Aurora Request](#)

The purpose of this study session was for Open Spaces staff to present a request from the City of Aurora to increase the percentage of open space shareback proceeds that the city can spend on maintenance needs in a given year.

A background of the request was presented.

Staff provided information regarding the open space shareback proceeds and the caps that the city can spend on the maintenance needs.

The city of Aurora is requesting an increase in the percentage of open space shareback proceeds on the capacity spending limit on the maintenance needs for the city.

Staff recommends for BOCC to increase the cap on maintenance needs from 20% to 27% starting in 2026.

Staff discussed the request form that the city of Aurora had submitted.

The needs for the city of Aurora were discussed.

Commissioner thanked staff for their work with the request and with the maintenance of the High Line Canal.

Commissioner noted the good timing of the request.

Commissioner asked if the IGA would need to go through the City Council.

5-0 in favor of the request.

2:00 PM \*Joint Project Request for Design of Replacement Mineral Avenue Bridge on Mary Carter Greenway Trail

**Attachments:** [Board Summary Report](#)  
[Funding Application](#)  
[OSTAB Recommendation](#)  
[AC Decision Support Framework](#)

The purpose of this study session was for South Suburban Park and Recreation District (SSPRD) to present a joint project request to support the design of a replacement pedestrian bridge across the South Platte River along the Mary Carter Greenway Trail in Littleton. Open Spaces staff and the Open Space and Trails Advisory Board (OSTAB) support the project and request that the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) award \$84,000 in South Platte Working Group funds to SSPRD.

A background of the request was presented.

A PowerPoint presentation was presented, a copy of which has been retained for the record.

The Mary Carter Greenway Trail Study from 2023 was presented and discussed with the South Platte Working Group. A map showing the route of the corridor overview was displayed.

A project map of the Mary Carter Greenway Trail was displayed. The project description and the top priorities for the project were discussed.

The project objectives and budget for the Mineral Avenue Bridge were presented. The requested funding amount was for \$84,000.

Staff shared the timeline for the Mineral Avenue Bridge project if the request were to be approved.

A map was displayed showing the Mineral Avenue Trail and the connection to the other trails within the system.

A vicinity map and a site map were displayed and discussed.

Photos showing the existing conditions of Mineral Avenue Bridge were presented.

The Master Plan Alignment between Mary Carter Greenway Trail Study, Arapahoe County Open Spaces Master Plan and the South Suburban Master Plan was discussed.

Commissioner asked staff for clarification on if the bridge would be widened to allow pedestrians. Commissioner voiced support for the request.

Commissioner asked staff regarding the collaboration between parties for the project.

Commissioner asked regarding the mission and vision and how staff measured the priorities for the project.

5-0 in favor of the request.

2:30 PM \*Joint Project Request for Construction of Two Replacement East Trail Bridges in South Platte Park

**Attachments:** [Board Summary Report](#)  
[Funding Application](#)  
[OSTAB Recommendation](#)  
[AC Decision Support Framework](#)

The purpose of this study session was for South Suburban Park and Recreation District (SSPRD) to present a joint project request to support the replacement of two pedestrian bridges along the East Trail in South Platte Park in Littleton. Open Spaces staff and the Open Space and Trails Advisory Board (OSTAB) support the project and request that the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) award \$97,500 in South Platte Working Group funds to SSPRD.

A background of the request was presented.

A PowerPoint presentation was presented, a copy of which has been retained for the record.

Staff informed BOCC that the presentation was similar to the previous item's presentation and that some information on slides would be repetitious.

A map showing the South Platte Park East Trail was displayed.

The 2023 Mary Carter Greenway Trail Study identified the East Trail Bridges Replacement as a top priority.

Photos showing the conditions of the existing bridges were presented.

The objectives and budget for the East Trail Bridges were displayed and discussed. The requested funding amount was for \$97,500.

Staff shared the timeline for the East Trail Bridges project if the request were to be approved.

A site map was displayed and discussed.

The Master Plan Alignment between Mary Carter Greenway Trail Study, Arapahoe County Open Spaces Master Plan and the South Suburban Master Plan was discussed.

Commissioner asked staff regarding the length of the East Trail. Commissioner voiced support with the request and with the replacement of the bridges.

5-0 in favor of the request.

**The meeting was adjourned.**

**\*Virtual/Streamed**