

**ADCOG Subregional TIP Additional Considerations
2020-2023 Thornton/Adams County/Commerce City Application**

- **Does the project benefit a small community, which for this process is defined as a community with a population of less than 50,000 people?**

The ADCOG committee identified Bennett, Lochbuie, Federal Heights, Northglenn, and Brighton as communities with populations under 50,000 people. The proposed project does benefit the city of Northglenn. Northglenn is located approximately 1/4-mile west of the project's western limit. Further west, a significant portion of Northglenn is adjacent to 104th Avenue. The future widening of the segment from Colorado Boulevard to US-85 as a result of the project will provide residents of Northglenn with the same operational benefits, multimodal improvements, improved air quality, opportunity for healthy and active lifestyles, and growth in economic health and vitality as identified in the TIP application.

- **Is the project a suburban connector?**

The future widening as a result of the proposed project does improve a suburban connector. 104th Avenue is a principal arterial in the DRCOG Regional Transportation Plan, with the segment from Colorado Boulevard to US-85 serving to link Thornton, Commerce City, and portions of Adams County together. The future widening will improve this connection by providing increased vehicle capacity on 104th Avenue as well as establishing bike lanes and pedestrian facilities where none exist today. As previously mentioned, the project benefits the city of Northglenn. The project also continues to benefit communities further west in the Jefferson County subregion. 104th Avenue extends west of Colorado Boulevard to US-36, where it changes to Church Ranch Boulevard and then 100th Avenue before finally terminating at Simms Street west of Wadsworth Parkway. To the east of US-85, 104th Avenue extends to Tower Road and then terminates further east at E-470. 104th Avenue provides access for the Jefferson County and Adams County subregions to the Denver International Airport. All goods, services, and people from communities along 104th Avenue that use this corridor will benefit from the proposed project.

- **Does the project address a gap in existing service?**

The future widening as a result of the proposed project does address a gap in existing service. Currently, there are no bicycle or pedestrian facilities along the majority of the Colorado Boulevard to US-85 segment of 104th Avenue. Without the facilities in place, mobility by means of transportation other than motor vehicle is essentially non-existent. The future widening will establish bike lanes and trails along this segment of 104th Avenue to provide opportunity for walking or biking to destinations along 104th Avenue as well as access to recreational amenities such as the Adams County Elaine T. Valente Open Space, Adams County 88th Avenue Open Space, and Adams County Regional Park.

- **Is this the logical next step of a project?**

The proposed project will conduct the preliminary engineering and environmental design necessary to reach approximately 30% level design documents for the widening of 104th Avenue between Colorado Boulevard and US-85. These are the initial steps for such a project and therefore the logical next steps for the future widening of 104th Avenue.

- **Is the project construction ready?**

The project is for preliminary engineering and environmental design necessary to reach approximately 30% level design documents and therefore is not construction ready.