

Regional Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 6, 2026

Agenda Item #: 5 (Attachment C)

Transportation Improvement Program Set-Aside Policy Amendment

Agenda item type: Action

Summary

Amendments to the TIP Set-Asides Policy document to promote clarity and better alignment with program intent.

Background

DRCOG's [Policies for 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\) Set-Aside Programs](#) document (often referred to as the TIP Set-Aside Policy) outlines the Board-approved TIP set-aside programs through which a portion of available transportation funding is targeted to particular project types of regional importance. This document outlines the policies associated with each TIP set-aside program, including program goals, eligibility, application process, evaluation criteria and scoring. This document was most recently amended in April 2026, and is being updated now to reflect additional lessons learned prior to the opening of a set-aside call for projects.

The amendments proposed primarily focus on strengthening and clarifying the purpose and intent of the Livable Centers Small-Area Planning Program and updating evaluation criteria to support the intent of the program. Specific updates include:

- Revision of the purpose to better define the program and integration of references to the purpose into eligibility and scoring.
- Revisions of eligible project locations and project types to match the clarification to the program purpose.
- Addition of a scoring criterion related to integration of land use, housing and transportation.

Additionally, one edit is made to multiple set-aside programs

- The addition of a requirement to all four DRCOG managed programs (Livable Centers, Transportation Corridor Planning, Community-Based Transportation Planning and Innovative Mobility) to require a pre-application meeting between project sponsors and DRCOG to foster greater understanding of the sponsor's project objectives and approach to ensure greater alignment with the set-aside purpose and goals.

Action by others

[September 28, 2026](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee recommended adoption.

Previous discussion/action

None.



Recommendation

Move to recommend the attached amendments to the Policies for 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Set-Aside Programs document to the Board of Directors.

Attachment(s)

1. [Working draft of the amended Policies for 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Set-Aside Programs document showing changes in redline edits.](#)

For more information

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