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METRO VISION REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

YOUTH ADVISORY PANEL
Meeting Summary: April 29, 2020 (VIRTUAL)

Attendees:
Aimee Resnick, Centennial
Anna Smith, Lone Tree
Bennett Herbolsheimer, Thornton
Carter Perun, Littleton
Giana Rocha, Brighton
Kirby Federocko, Brighton
Julia Reigrut, Lone Tree
Jacob Tow, Northglenn
Marcus Tsuei, Lone Tree
Natalie Perez, Aurora
Jenna Katsaros, Aurora Staff
Lisa Houde, DRCOG
Jacob Riger, DRCOG
Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, DRCOG
Matthew Helfant, DRCOG

Welcome & introductions
• Panel members introduced themselves and the commission they represent.

February meeting recap
• Lisa Houde, public engagement specialist, reminded the group of the activities done at the February meeting and described how the panel’s input has influenced the plan process since that meeting.

Scenario planning results
• Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, transportation planner, and Jacob Riger, long range transportation planning manager, described the results of DRCOG’s scenario planning process, the outcomes of the various scenarios, and how the scenarios performed related to the Metro Vision targets.

Investment priorities budget and survey activity
• Panel members tested the investment priorities budget tool created by DRCOG to provide their input on the investment priorities related to the scenario results. Results are below. The scenarios that panel members felt were highest priorities for investment were Travel Choices, Transit, Infill, and Centers.
Following the budget tool, panel members were asked to complete a short survey. The ranking results from the survey are below. **Reducing vehicle miles traveled**, **increasing transit trips**, and **increasing walk/bike trips** were ranked as the highest priorities. The question asked: What do you think are the most important transportation goals for the Denver region to achieve by 2050? Rank the following in order of importance, with the top option being most important to you.

![Bar chart showing rankings for various transportation goals](chart.png)

The panel also provided feedback on the tool itself. Some suggestions for improvement prior to releasing the tool to the public included:
- Ranking tool in survey is difficult to drag.
- Confusing to include the “Centers + Transit” and “Infill + Travel Choices” options.
- Hard to see all of the items at once – consider redesign so all can be seen at once.
- Graphs next to each scenario would be helpful to help absorb the information, rather than bullet points of the results.
- Better instructions about whether to spend all $100 or only fund a single item.
- Check into issues with pop-up budget on a smartphone.

**Coordinated Transit Plan introduction**

- Matthew Helfant, senior transportation planner, described the Coordinated Transit Plan that will be incorporated into the 2050 MVRTP and the upcoming plan for public and stakeholder engagement.

**Transit activity**

- Panel members answered a few questions about transit in the region that will help inform the Coordinated Transit Plan. Results are in the presentation.

**Wrap up**

- The next meeting of the Youth Advisory Panel will be held in September or October. Have a good summer!
- Thank you and congratulations to our graduating seniors – Carter Perun & Jacob Tow!
- Lisa will reach out to the group to let them know when the budget tool is finalized and will ask for the panel’s help spreading the word about the opportunity to participate.