



# Fiscal Year 2029-2032 TIP Regional Share Process – Conversations and Summary to Date

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# Discussion outline

- Existing process.
- Trends from previous calls.
- Discussions to date.
- Pathway forward.
- Next steps.

# Existing Regional Share process

- Purpose “...achieve the regional outcomes and objectives of Metro Vision and the regionally funded projects and program investment priorities set by the Regional Transportation Plan.”
- Eligibility extended to both projects and programs.
- After set-asides, 20% of the remaining funds are allocated to the Regional Share.

# Existing Regional Share process (continued)

- Submittals: 3 per forum, 2 for CDOT and RTD each.
- DRCOG staff scores, turn over to panel to discuss and recommend back to DRCOG.
- Panel: 1 technical forum member, RTD, CDOT, subject matter experts.

# Regional Share trends since 2020

- No program submittals; only CDOT covers the entire MPO.
- Applications are generally for one location and don't align with other submittals to address regional goals in a unified way.
- Application criteria is the same for both Regional and Subregional Shares.
- Current definition is confusing and hard to describe.
  - “We’ll know it when we see it.”
  - Staff, applicant, review panel concerns.

# Regional Share: review process and relationships.

- TIP Subcommittee purpose: explore potential changes, relationships between all the different Regional share elements.
  - DRCOG staff sounding board, idea generator check.
- TAC/Board purpose: Add details to the subcommittee discussions through decisions, recommendations, actions.

# Concepts to improve process.

- Ongoing Regional Share discussions with TIP Subcommittee in February and March.
- Discussions generally breakdown into four categories.
  - Alignment to a RTP Goal(s).
  - Application process.
  - Submittal process.
  - Eligibility/other.

# Concepts to improve process – goal alignment.

- Generally satisfied with current process, but support exists to tie the share to a regional goal(s).
  - Most logical would be the RTP investment priorities.
- After the priority is identified, using a “tiered” system to provide the appropriate level of detail.
  - Tier 1: Just the goal(s) or priority (safety).
  - Tier 2: Mid-level detail (certain types of improvements).
  - Tier 3: Additional level of detail (at certain locations).
- Tier two (mid-level detail) was selected as potentially the best fit.

# Concepts to improve process – application process.

- Current Regional and Subregional Share applications are identical. After discussion,
  - If no goal(s): keep the application generally the same.
  - If using goal(s): focus on additional questions related to the goal(s).
- Introduction of a “two-step” application process.
  - Similar to most of the current TIP set-asides.
  - Letter of Interest, review and discussion, then invitations to submit full applications.
  - Additional discussions will be necessary to provide details.

# Concepts to improve process – submittal process.

- Currently, forums can submit up to three application to DRCOG for scoring and then review and recommendation by the Regional Share Review Panel.
- TIP Subcommittee felt strongly to keep the role of the forums intact; described as the perfect “pre-screening” step for identifying submittals.

# Concepts to improve process – eligibility/other.

- Current funding request minimums and maximums are \$100,000 and \$20 million.
  - Too early and too much is unknown yet to fully discuss.
- Does alignment to a goal(s) restrict project type eligibility?
  - Example: if active transportation is the goal, can a roadway operational project be submitted if it has an active transportation component?
  - Overwhelmingly vote and discussion to not restrict any project types.
- Potentially rename Regional Share to “Regional Priority”.
  - Mixed reaction as too much is still unknown; will reintroduce later.

# Identifying the options to move forward.

- Keep the Regional Share as is, but with small adjustments.
  - Application question adjustments (already planned).
  - No future discussions: aligning to a goal(s), two-step app process.
  - Address funding min/max and Regional Share renaming later this year.
- Adjust the Regional Share to include a goal(s).
  - Assuming TAC and Board positive feedback, begin to identify a goal(s).
  - Application adjustments (already planned) and expand questions specific to the selected goal(s).
  - Work through details on the two-step application process.
  - Address funding min/max and Regional Share renaming later this year.

# Next steps.

- June 3 Board Work Session discussion (anticipated).
- Continue with TIP Subcommittee discussions, including on TIP set-asides and application questions.
- Continue with TAC discussions, including Subregional Share criteria, TIP fee introduction, set-asides, and funding minimum and maximums.

# Thank you!

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