

Special Board of Directors

Meeting date: January 07, 2026

Agenda Item #: 9

2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update – Recommended Investment Priorities

Agenda item type: Informational briefing

Summary

Discussion on the recommended project and program investment priorities for the major update to the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan.

Background

The call for candidate projects for the 2050 RTP closed October 17 and DRCOG staff received 133 applications, 109 through the subregional/county track and 24 through the interagency tract. The projects were scored by DRCOG staff against the six adopted RTP priorities and three Metro Vision themes.

The qualitative scores are only one consideration in the development of recommended investment projects and programs as described below. The scores were provided to the Regional Review Panel, alongside information related to congestion, equity, and county rankings (if available), which can be reviewed in Attachment 2. A summary of public feedback to date was also provided.

The panel met three times in November to identify additional considerations DRCOG staff and the regional partners could take into account in evaluating the candidate submittals. DRCOG staff have been meeting weekly since late October with planning staff from CDOT and RTD to review all the information and combining that information with the draft financial plan to recommend a list of project and program investment priorities.

Attachment 3 reflects the recommended list of project and program investment priorities. The investment strategy largely carries forward the existing identified priorities in the current adopted 2050 RTP, while including additional major, non-regionally significant projects funded programmatically. The framework for identifying investment priorities includes:

- Projects automatically carried over were updated first. This included changes to scope, cost, and staging period.
- Priority was then given to current projects resubmitted for continued inclusion.
- Alongside the qualitative scores, additional information to identify priorities included:
 - High congestion mobility scores.
 - High equity index scores.
 - Geographic balance, with a focus on new applicants or areas that had not previously had projects reflected in the RTP.
- Where appropriate, overlapping supportive projects were combined.

DRCOG staff will outline the process to arrive at the recommended investment priorities, provide an overview of the recommended list, and discuss next steps at the December Board meeting.



Action by others

[December 15, 2025](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee. (seeking recommendation)

Previous discussion/action

[November 20, 2024](#) – Board of Directors.

[December 4, 2024](#) – Board Work Session.

[December 18, 2024](#) – Board of Directors.

[May 7, 2025](#) – Board Work Session.

[July 2, 2025](#) – Board Work Session.

[July 16, 2025](#) – Board of Directors.

[August 20, 2025](#) – Board of Directors.

[November 5, 2025](#) – Special Board of Directors.

Recommendation

None.

Attachments

1. DRCOG staff presentation.
2. List of candidate project submittals and scores.
3. List of recommended project and program investment priorities.

For more information

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