



Fiscal Year 2029-2032 TIP Development: Regional Share Process

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Discussion outline

- Existing process and trends from previous calls.
- Discussions to date on potential adjustments.
- 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 can be confusing and hard to describe.
 - “We'll know it when we see it.”
 - Staff, applicant, review panel concerns.
- Regional share is valued and fully subscribed.

Potential process adjustment concepts

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

Goal purpose.

- Purpose: align the Regional Share to one (or more) of the RTP's investment priorities.
 - The TIP implements the RTP.
 - Regional Share funding would focus on addressing specific issue(s) regardless of location.
 - After the TIP, we can say “we have advanced towards accomplishing X goal.”

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.
 - 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.

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 and weight 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.

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.

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?
 - Overwhelming 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.

Identified options to move forward.

- Keep the Regional Share as is, but with small adjustments.
 - Application question adjustments (already planned).
 - Address funding min/max and Regional Share renaming later this year.
- Adjust the Regional Share to include a goal(s).
 - Assuming positive feedback today, begin to identify a goal(s).
 - Application adjustments (already planned) but 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.

- Continue with TAC and TIP Subcommittee discussions, and regular Board updates, including:
 - TIP set-asides.
 - Application questions.
 - Subregional Share criteria.
 - Funding minimum and maximums.
 - Possible renaming of Regional Share.
- Potentially:
 - Goal identification.

Thank you!

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