

## **AGENDA**

### **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Monday, January 23, 2017**

**1:30 p.m.**

1290 Broadway

Independence Pass Board Room

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. December 19, 2016 TAC Meeting Summary  
(Attachment A)

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

4. Briefing on TIP dual model process.  
(Attachment B) Douglas Rex
5. Briefing on draft 2040 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan.  
(Attachment C) Jacob Riger

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

6. Member Comment/Other Matters
7. Next Meeting – February 27, 2017
8. Adjournment

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## ATTACHMENT A

### MEETING SUMMARY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE Monday, December 19, 2016

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#### MEMBERS (OR VOTING ALTERNATES) PRESENT:

Jeanne Shreve	Adams County
Dave Chambers	Arapahoe County-City of Aurora
Travis Greiman	Arapahoe County-City of Centennial
Tom Reed	Aviation
George Gerstle	Boulder County
Heather Balsler	Boulder County-City of Louisville
Steve Klausing	Business
Jeff Sudmeier (Alternate)	Colorado Dept. of Transportation, DTD
Paul Jesaitis	Colorado Dept. of Transportation, Reg. 1
Janice Finch	Denver, City and County
David Gaspers	Denver, City and County
Douglas Rex	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Art Griffith	Douglas County
John Cotten (Vice Chair)	Douglas County-City of Lone Tree
Rick Pilgrim	Environment
Greg Fischer	Freight
Bob Manwaring	Jefferson County-City of Arvada
Steve Durian	Jefferson County
Hank Braaksma	Non RTD Transit
Bill Sirois (Alternate)	Regional Transportation District
Sylvia Labrucherie	Senior
Ted Heyd	TDM/Nonmotorized

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Mac Callison (Alternate)	Arapahoe County-City of Aurora
Bryan Weimer (Alternate)	Arapahoe County
Larry Squires (Ex-Officio)	Federal Transit Administration
Dave Baskett (Alternate)	Jefferson County-City of Lakewood
Debra Baskett (Alternate)	Jefferson County-City of Westminster

Public: Janna West-Heiss, Dawn Mullally, American Lung Association-Clean Cities; Matt Knight, City of Arvada

DRCOG staff: Jacob Riger, Todd Cottrell, Greg MacKinnon, Robert Spotts, Mark Northrop, Melina Dempsey, Matthew Helfant, Casey Collins

#### Call to Order

Chair Bob Manwaring called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

During the meeting, Amanda Brimmer was introduced as the new RAQC alternate. The Chair also noted Chris Hudson is the new Douglas County alternate.

#### Public Comments

There were no public comments.

#### Summary of November 28, 2016 Meeting

The meeting summary was accepted.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Discussion on amendments to the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

Todd Cottrell presented the six proposed amendments.

Sponsor	TIP ID	Proposed Amendments
CDOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2016-017 Westerly Creek Trail to Toll Gate Creek Trail Connector</li> <li>• 2016-025 Ralston Rd Reconstruction: Yukon St to Upham St</li> <li>• 2016-037 Washington Ave Complete Streets</li> <li>• 2016-043 RidgeGate Pkwy Widening: Havana St to Lone Tree City Limits</li> <li>• 2016-055 I-25: 120th Ave to SH-7 Managed Lanes</li> </ul>	CDOT statewide de-federalization pilot program with five local agency projects that swaps out federal funds and replaces them with state funds in an attempt to reduce the burden to local agencies in constructing projects through CDOT. Shaded projects have federal CMAQ funding replaced with state RAMP funding. The I-25 managed lanes project receive STP-Metro and CMAQ funding.
CDOT	2016-059	C-470 Managed Toll Express Lanes: Wadsworth to I-25 Swap funding between Bonds and Loans and state RAMP funding to update to the current estimate prior to the TIFIA closing.

Art Griffith, along with Dave Baskett, Bryan Weimer, John Cotten and Travis Greiman, expressed concern the C-470 Coalition Policy Committee was not made aware of CDOT's proposed C-470 TIP amendment. Mr. Griffith noted he was concerned about loan interest accrual and the potential of jeopardizing advancement of other projects along the corridor. Paul Jesaitis agreed that CDOT's communication on this issue should have been better. He noted the TIFIA loan closing is scheduled for March and postponing approval would delay the TIFIA closing further. After discussion, it was suggested further dialogue between CDOT and C-470 Coalition Policy Committee be made prior to bringing the proposed C-470 project amendment before the Regional Transportation Committee on January 17. Paul Jesaitis agreed.

Art Griffith MOVED to recommend to the Regional Transportation Committee approval of the first five amendments as is; and to approve the sixth amendment (*C-470 Managed Toll Express Lanes: Wadsworth to I-25*) conditionally, subject to a meeting between CDOT and the C-470 Coalition Policy Committee, with flexibility to modify a \$53 million reduction in RAMP funding. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Discussion of actions proposed by DRCOG staff regarding 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project delays for FY 2016.

Todd Cottrell presented the project delays report for FY2016 (September 30, 2016). Staff discussed the reasons for delay with the project sponsors and received action plans to resolve the delays.

There was one second-year delayed project (*City of Centennial-Smoky Hill Rd and Himalaya St. Intersection Roadway Operational Improvements*) that went before the Board in October and was granted a 120-day variance (until January 29, 2017). There were 25 one-year delayed projects noted in the report, but three projects have been initiated since the report was published.

George Gerstle MOVED to recommend actions proposed by DRCOG staff regarding *2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project delays for FY 2016*. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Discussion of the application and project selection process for the Regional Traffic Operations (RTO) Improvement Program.

Greg MacKinnon presented the proposed process to select projects for funding from the RTO Pool set-aside, which has been allocated \$4.2 million each year in CMAQ funding for fiscal years 2018 and 2019. The RTO Improvement Program funds traffic signal system capital improvements, timing improvements, and other advanced technology. If approved by the Board, a call for projects is anticipated in March 2017. There was some discussion on encouraging opportunities with CDOT's Road-X initiative.

John Cotten MOVED to recommend to the Board of Directors the proposed application and project selection process for the *Regional Traffic Operations (RTO) Improvement Program*.

Discussion on updates to the *Transportation Planning in the Denver Region*.

Douglas Rex presented the updates and revisions made to the document since the November TAC meeting.

Per George Gerstle's suggestion, staff will revise Exhibit 4, in Responsibilities of the TAC row, 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet, to change from "*Reviews planning products and processes*" to "*Assist the Board and the Regional Transportation Committee by reviewing planning products and processes.*"

Heather Balsler MOVED to recommend to the Regional Transportation Committee updates to the *Transportation Planning in the Denver Region*. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Discussion on the draft *2040 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan*.

Jacob Riger presented an overview of the draft 2040 MVRTP and asked for the committee's recommendation to release the document for public review and comment, recognizing that further refinements and changes can and will be made over the next three months.

Ted Heyd MOVED to recommend to the Regional Transportation Committee the release of the draft *2040 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan* for public comment and review. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Briefing on *Electric Vehicle Smart Fleets* program

Robert Spotts introduced Janna West-Heiss, Denver Metro Clean Cities Coordinator, American Lung Association in Colorado, who presented on an opportunity to be involved in a group purchase program, the *Electric Vehicle Smart Fleets* program. For more information, go to [www.evsmartfleets.com](http://www.evsmartfleets.com), or contact Ms. West-Heiss.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

The TIP Review Work Group was rescheduled to January 5, 2017.

The TAC will be briefed on the Work Group's recommendations at the January 23 TAC meeting.

The RFP for the Active Transportation Plan will be released this week.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2017.

## ATTACHMENT B

To: Chair and Members of the Transportation Advisory Committee  
From: Douglas W. Rex, Director, Transportation Planning and Operations  
303-480-6747 or [drex@drco.org](mailto:drex@drco.org).

Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
January 23, 2017	Informational	4

### SUBJECT

Briefing on the discussions of the TIP Review Work Group.

### PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A

### ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

### SUMMARY

In August 2015, the DRCOG Board of Directors directed the establishment of a work group, comprised of DRCOG staff and Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) members, to develop a white paper addressing issues associated with the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Topics directed for discussion: TIP process, funding allocations and criteria, and a comparative look at other MPO practices. The purpose of the white paper was to assist a future Board to address identified issues/concerns in the development of the next DRCOG TIP call for projects.

On February 17, 2016, DRCOG staff presented the [TIP Review Work Group White Paper](#) to the DRCOG Board highlighting discussions and recommendations of the Work Group from its October 16, 2015 to February 3, 2016 deliberations. Following discussion, the Board acted to accept the document and directed the Work Group to continue investigating the white paper's five recommendations:

1. Develop a project selection process purpose statement for the TIP.
2. Further explore the Regional/Subregional dual project selection model.
3. Create a project selection process that places more emphasis on project benefits, overall value, and return on investment.
4. Explore opportunities to exchange CDOT state funds with DRCOG federal funds.
5. Evaluate off-the-top programs and projects.

The Work Group reconvened in April 2016 and is in the final stages of preparing another report to the Board providing an update on the five recommendations. The report will focus on a more comprehensive evaluation of the regional/subregional dual project selection model undertaken by the Work Group.

Staff will brief TAC on the latest recommendations of the TIP Review Work Group at the January meeting.

### PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you need additional information, please contact Douglas W. Rex, Director,  
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## ATTACHMENT C

To: Chair and Members of the Transportation Advisory Committee

From: Jacob Riger, Transportation Planning Manager  
303-480-6751 or [jriger@drcoq.org](mailto:jriger@drcoq.org).

Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
January 23, 2017	Informational	5

### SUBJECT

Initial review of the draft 2040 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan (2040 MVRTP).

### PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A

### ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

### SUMMARY

In December 2016, the TAC recommended approval to release the draft 2040 MVRTP to initiate the public review process. DRCOG staff anticipates reviewing the draft 2040 MVRTP with TAC at the January through March TAC meetings, and requesting TAC to recommend approval at the March meeting.

Staff will initiate the review process at the January TAC meeting by discussing Chapter 5 –the 2040 Fiscally Constrained RTP Financial Plan. This chapter has been significantly expanded from previous RTPs based on federal guidance received during DRCOG’s recent MPO quadrennial certification review. Based on this guidance, the chapter more fully (compared to previous RTPs) documents the process, assumptions, data, and results used to prepare the financial plan component of the 2040 Fiscally Constrained RTP adopted in 2015.

This discussion will also serve as a foundation for the financial analysis to be undertaken for the next iteration (2045) of the MVRTP. Based on federal requirements and increased federal and state emphasis on infrastructure funding and implementation, the financial plan for the 2045 MVRTP—a joint effort of DRCOG, CDOT, RTD, and others—will be even more detailed and complex than the 2040 MVRTP version. This “look ahead” discussion is also critical given the short timeframes for completion of the 2045 MVRTP and the next Transportation Improvement Program call for projects in 2018.

Attachment 1 contains the latest draft 2040 MVRTP and appendices.

### PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

- [December 19, 2016](#) - Recommended releasing the draft 2040 MVRTP to start the public review process.

### PROPOSED MOTION

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

1. [Draft 2040 MVRTP](#) with [Draft Appendices](#)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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