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**AGENDA**  
**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, July 16, 2013**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
**1290 Broadway**  
**Independence Pass Board Room**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. May 14, 2013 Meeting Summary  
(Attachment A)

**ACTION ITEMS**

4. **Motion to recommend to the Board of Directors June 2013 amendments to the 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).**  
(Attachment B)  
Todd Cottrell
5. **Motion to recommend to the Board of Directors the draft FY2014-FY2015 Unified Planning Work Program for the Denver Region (UPWP).**  
(Attachment C)  
Todd Cottrell

**INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING**

6. Update on Metro Vision 2040 Process and Related Planning Efforts.  
(Attachment D)  
Steve Cook

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

7. Member Comment/Other Matters
8. Next Meeting – August 20, 2013
9. Adjournment

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## ATTACHMENT A

### MEETING SUMMARY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Tuesday, May 14, 2013

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#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Peterson	Colorado Department of Transportation
Debra Perkins-Smith (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation
Tony DeVito (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation
Trey Rogers	Colorado Department of Transportation
Sue Horn (Chair)	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Jennifer Schaufele	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Ron Rakowsky	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Sharon Richardson	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Jack Hilbert	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Bill Van Meter (Alternate)	Regional Transportation District
Larry Hoy (Alternate)	Regional Transportation District
Gary Lasater	Regional Transportation District
Barbara Deadwyler	Regional Transportation District
Ken Lloyd	Other, Environmental Interests

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Alternates: Jackie Millet (DRCOG)  
Robin Kniech (DRCOG)  
Pat Cronenberger (DRCOG)

Public: Amy Schmaltz, CDOT Region 6, Matt Sanman, Kiewit Infrastructure

DRCOG Staff: Steve Cook, Todd Cottrell, Robert Spotts, Mark Northrop, Casey Collins

#### Call to Order

Sue Horn called the meeting to order at 8:37 AM.

#### Public Comment

No public comment was heard.

#### Summary of February 19, 2013 Meeting

The summary was accepted as written.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### **Motion to recommend to the Board of Directors second quarter 2013 policy amendments to the 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).**

Todd Cottrell presented the second quarter 2013 amendment requests. The four proposed amendments are:

1. CDOT Region 1 Bridge On-System Pool, adding \$5.255 million of state funds in FY13 to the new projects:
  - a. I-70 East: Frontage Road over Middle Bijou Creek (\$3.5 million)
  - b. US-40: Byers to Deer Trail Overlay & Bridge Rehabilitation (\$755,000)
  - c. I-25 SB: Surrey Ridge Road & SH-86 at Founders Parkway (\$1 million).
2. CDOT Region 6 Bridge Enterprise Pool, adding \$44.96 million in FY13 in state FASTER bridge funds

3. CDOT Region 4 North I-25: Front Range EIS, adding \$10.46 million of RPP funding in FYs 14, 15, 16, and 17.
4. CDOT Region 6 FASTER Transit Pool, adding \$12.59 million to 6 newly selected FYs 14 and 15 projects.

Ron Rakowsky MOVED to recommend to the Board of Directors second quarter 2013 policy amendments to the *2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*. Sharon Richardson SECONDED the motion and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

**Motion to approve actions proposed by DRCOG staff regarding project delays of *Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* projects—February 1, 2013 update.**

Todd Cottrell presented the FY12 project delay report. Todd noted that in January 2013, the Board adopted the staff recommendation to delay the FY12 project review process until February for “late selected” FY12 projects. DRCOG staff, along with CDOT and RTD, reviewed the statuses of delayed project/phases, and recommendations were compiled in the report, *TIP Project Delays Report for FY2012-February 1, 2013 update* (attached in agenda).

Six projects had one-year delays. Three of those projects have since started; however, the three remaining delayed projects (Denver studies) have had conditions placed (as described in the report).

Jack Hilbert MOVED to recommend to the Board of Directors actions proposed by DRCOG staff regarding project delays of *Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* projects—February 1, 2013 update. Sharon Richardson SECONDED the motion and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

**INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS**

**Update on Metro Vision 2040 Process and Regional Modeling Scenarios.**

Steve Cook presented on the status of the Metro Vision 2040 process, which includes the 2040 update to the Regional Transportation Plan. The process is expected to conclude in fall 2014.

Current activities underway include:

- Local governments, CDOT, and RTD are currently providing their roadway and transit visions (unconstrained) to DRCOG.
  - Steve said more specific details on actual funding availability for capacity-type roadway projects from CDOT should be available later this year (after CDOT’s Program Distribution Process).
- Staff is preparing scenarios to use for modeling (travel, land use, air quality). The scenarios will provide “what if” information for Board to consider as it makes policy decisions for funding, goals, and action strategies.

Ken Lloyd asked if pricing strategies were being considered. Steve Cook noted that MVIC specifically asked that the strategies be removed for the initial scenario modeling. Steve said pricing strategies could be considered within the next round of scenarios to be tested this summer.

**Briefing on draft *2012 Annual Report on Traffic Congestion in the Denver Region.***

Rush Wickes presented the 2012 annual report on traffic congestion in the Denver region. The report contains several key sections including:

- updates to regional congestion and vehicle miles traveled (VMT) measures (both are little changed from the previous year);
- a map of key congested locations within the Denver Region; and

- information on the 2012 report's focus area—a summary of the relationship between traffic congestion and commercial vehicles. Rush noted commercial vehicles comprise about 16% of the total road volume, and the cost of traffic congestion for commercial vehicles averages about \$1.6 million per weekday.

Ron Rakowsky asked for clarification on the methodology for determining per capita VMT. Steve Cook said the methodology used is a simple total VMT divided by population, and doesn't detail vehicle occupancy. Ron asked if population demographics, such as age, are determined. Steve said at this time, only total population is considered, and more detailed demographic calculations will be conducted for 2040 analysis.

Ken Lloyd asked for clarification between Figure 1 and Table 2—why in Figure 1, in 2011 the daily VMT is about 72 million miles, and in Table 2, average weekday VMT is 55 million miles. Rush said Figure 1 shows all roads in the region, while Table 2 shows the regional roadway system (arterial segments and above) which is a smaller network of the entire system.

Jack Hilbert asked how congestion numbers were modeled. Steve Cook said the process looked at total traffic volume compared to roadway capacity. The report presents the recurring congestion, not including crash congestion. For next year's report, DRCOG is looking to use GPS data for selected roads (mainly freeways). Steve said raw volumes are received from traffic counts throughout the area.

Debra Perkins-Smith asked if behavioral aspects of the aging population were considered in calculating VMT. Steve Cook said the 2035 model does assume a greater share of older adults (age 60+) in the population.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

#### **Member Comment/Other Matters**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2013 (likely to be cancelled because of conflict with Colorado Municipal League (CML) annual conference).

## ATTACHMENT B

To: Chair and Members of the Regional Transportation Committee

From: Todd Cottrell, Senior Transportation Planner  
303 480-6737 or [tcottrell@drcog.org](mailto:tcottrell@drcog.org)

Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
July 16, 2013	Action	4

### SUBJECT

This action is related to making routine amendments to the adopted Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Typically, these amendments involve the deletion and addition of projects or adjustments to existing projects and do not impact other projects in the TIP.

### PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

DRCOG staff recommends approval of the proposed amendments. They comply with the Board adopted [TIP Preparation Policy](#), do not impact other projects in the TIP and are financially neutral.

### ACTION BY OTHERS

Transportation Advisory Committee recommended approval on June 24.

### SUMMARY

- Projects to be amended are listed in the [tables](#), along with specific details and the reasons for the amendment.
- The proposed policy amendments to the [2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program](#) have been found to conform with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality.

### PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

### PROPOSED MOTION

Motion to recommend to the Board of Directors the June 2013 amendments to the *2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*.

## ATTACHMENT C

To: Chair and Members of the Regional Transportation Committee

From: Todd Cottrell, Senior Transportation Planner  
303 480-6737 or tcottrell@drcog.org

Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
July 16, 2013	Action	5

### SUBJECT

This action concerns adoption of the 2-year planning activities to be undertaken by DRCOG staff and consultants.

### PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends approval of the draft FY2014-FY2015 UPWP.

### ACTION BY OTHERS

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended approval on June 24.

### SUMMARY

- The draft [FY2014-FY2015 UPWP](#) outlines activities to be conducted from October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2015 and was prepared with input from CDOT, RTD, and local government staff. The UPWP document also lists other major planning activities performed by local governments and partner agencies.
- Key activities include:
  - Development, adoption, and implementation of the *Metro Vision 2040 Plan*.
  - Preparation and adoption of the *2040 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan*.
  - Development and adoption of the *2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program*.
  - Incorporation of MAP-21 rulemaking outcomes.

### PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

### PROPOSED MOTION

Motion to recommend to the Board of Directors the draft *FY2014-FY2015 Unified Planning Work Program for the Denver Region*.

## ATTACHMENT D

To: Chair and Members of the Regional Transportation Committee

From: Steve Cook, Acting Director, Transportation Planning and Operations  
303 480-6749 or scook@drcog.org

Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
July 16, 2013	Briefing	6

### SUBJECT

DRCOG staff will update the RTC on the Metro Vision 2040 planning process and related planning activities to date and respond to questions. Several of these planning activities will come before the RTC as action items later this year.

### PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

This item is an informational briefing.

### ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

### SUMMARY

- This briefing provides an update on several key transportation planning activities :
  - Preparation of the *2040 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan* (MVRTP)
    - 2040 Regional Scenario Analysis process.
    - 2040 Vision of roadway capacity and rapid transit system improvements.
    - CDOT 2040 Program Distribution process to determine transportation revenue estimates for the DRCOG region.
    - DRCOG definition of 2040 revenues available for regionally significant roadway capacity projects.
    - Evaluation and prioritization of roadway capacity projects.
  - Coordination with CDOT 2040 Statewide Plan process
  - Relation to CDOT RAMP program project selection process
    - Amendments to current 2035 MVRTP.

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### Schedule

- June—November 2013:
  - CDOT completes “program distribution” to create baseline estimates of fiscally constrained revenues for the 2040 MVRTP; define future funding available for roadway capacity projects and associated project evaluation process.
- January—April 2014:
  - Complete evaluation of candidate roadway projects for the Fiscally Constrained 2040 RTP.
- April—August 2014:
  - Complete air quality conformity modeling.
- December 2014:
  - Adopt 2040 MVRTP.

### PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A