

AGENDA

Agency Coordination Team

Wednesday, November 29, 2017 @ **9:00 a.m.**

Monarch Pass Conference Room, 1290 Broadway, Denver

Call-in Info: (515) 739-1032, enter code 62115#

1. MVRTP

- 2040 MVRTP: 2017/18 amendments received
 - Metro Vision Plan amendments due Nov. 30th (urban centers, etc.)
- 2045 MVRTP: Status of initial activities and next steps

2. TIP

- 2018-2021 TIP
 - Administrative Modifications for December due December 1
 - Policy Amendments
 - Project Delays
 - ALOP
- 2020-2023 TIP
 - TIP Policy Work Group update

3. Other DRCOG Items (Active Transportation Plan, TDM project solicitation, etc.)

4. Federal MPO Performance Targets (Feb. 2018 - Safety: need serious injury data)

- CDOT compiling Pavement, Bridge, NHS/CMAQ performance data

5. CDOT Region 1 updates: corridor and 1601 studies, calls for projects, etc.

6. CDOT Region 4 updates: corridor and 1601 studies, calls for projects, etc.

7. RTD/transit updates

8. FHWA/FTA items/news

9. Other Items?

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Air Quality Interagency Consultation Group (ICG)

Wednesday, November 29, 2017 @ **10:00 a.m.**

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1. DRCOG updates
 - Amended 2040 MVRTP conformity determination
 - Travel model network amendments, planning assumptions
 - Modeling and action schedule, AQCC role
 - Summary of 2017 Focus Model improvements
2. NFRMPO updates
3. RAQC updates
4. CDOT updates
5. EPA updates
6. APCD/AQCC updates

Meeting Summary
Agency Coordination Team (ACT)
October 25, 2017

Attendees:

Doug Rex, DRCOG	Emily Lindsey, DRCOG
Jacob Riger, DRCOG	Scott Ramming, DRCOG
Todd Cottrell, DRCOG	Danny Herrmann, CDOT R1
Matthew Helfant, DRCOG	William Haas, FHWA
Mark Northrop, DRCOG	Larry Squires, FTA R8
Lawrence Tilong, DRCOG	Chris Quinn, RTD
Beth Doliboa, DRCOG	Rick Coffin, CDPHE

1. DRCOG MVRTP

- Jacob Riger noted that the 2017/2018 amendment cycle is underway for the 2040 MVRTP. The Board is anticipated to approve “networks to model” in December.
- For the 2045 MVRTP, Jacob noted that initial activities are underway, with a current focus on revenue forecasts and potential refinements to DRCOG’s Environmental Justice thresholds/components.
- For 2040 MVRTP amendments, Danny Herrmann asked what would happen if the SB-267 allocation to projects in the DRCOG region is lower early next year (~February 2018) than when MVRTP amendments are submitted this November?
 - i. Bill Haas replied that transportation and air quality modeling might have to be redone, or that other projects might have to be pushed to later air quality staging periods in the MVRTP to keep near-term projects on schedule.
 - ii. The group also discussed the merits of including some level of discretionary grant revenue assumptions in the MVRTP financial plan given the frequency of such grants and the region’s/state’s successful track record of obtaining grants. The group also agreed that a more strategic discussion needs to take place in Colorado about long range transportation planning and fiscal constraint.
 - iii. Additionally, Bill noted that projects in INFRA grant applications need to be included in the MVRTP to show that such projects are regional priorities.

2. DRCOG TIP

- 2018-2021 TIP: Todd Cottrell noted TIP amendments will go to November TAC and December Board.
- Regarding the recent cost increase for the North Metro Rail Line, Larry Squires said RTD does not need to request a 2040 MVRTP amendment, with DRCOG agreement, because the plan is not a budget document and the project is under construction.
- TIP delays: Todd summarized project delays and October Board action, noting that emails have been sent to project sponsors and DRCOG is setting up conference calls with sponsors to discuss each project.
- ALOP: Todd noted DRCOG’s request is out to CDOT and RTD and is due ASAP.

- FLEX: Todd noted DRCOG just completed the flex request from FHWA to FTA. Larry said it should be shown in NFRMPO's TIP. The group agreed this is a unique situation.
- Doug mentioned that DRCOG has agreed with CDOT to contract directly with project sponsors for non-infrastructure TDM projects and potentially for DRCOG's STAMP/UC program.
- 2020-2023 TIP: Todd and Doug Rex summarized current activities of the TIP Policy Work Group. Doug elaborated on the status of determining the regional/subregional funding allocation, and project evaluation criteria.
- Larry asked if more conversation is needed about how to handle rollover projects. He noted that, in some fashion, all available revenues should be listed in the TIP.

3. Other DRCOG Items

- Jacob and DRCOG staff provided updates on other DRCOG activities, including the Active Transportation Plan (project kickoff), work on FAST Act safety target setting, and other activities.

4. CDOT-Region 1 updates

- Danny noted the I-25 Central PEL recently kicked off and that the corridor study for I-70 east of E-470 will kick off soon. There is also an anticipated PEL for Santa Fe from I-25 to C-470, but it is not yet funded. Danny also discussed R1 planning staff changes.

5. RTD/transit updates

- Chris Quinn provided status updates on RTD's first and final mile study, regional BRT study, the Pass Program Working Group, and the Strategic Budget Plan.

6. FHWA/FTA updates

- Larry discussed the 16th Street Mall project and the Colfax BRT project. Jacob summarized DRCOG's coordination with Denver on the Colfax BRT project.
- Bill noted the hyperloop feasibility study kicked off yesterday. He asked that CDOT and DRCOG attend the LTAP summit on Nov. 7th/8th. He mentioned the Traffic Incident Management (TIM) awareness week in November and the TIM event on Nov. 13th. He also noted the recent kickoff of guidance for conducting modeling/traffic analyses for large, complicated projects in Colorado. Finally, he noted the annual report schedules and deadlines for CMAQ-obligated projects and Transportation Alternatives projects.

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October 25, 2017

Attendees:

Robert Spotts, DRCOG	Amanda Brimmer, RAQC
Jacob Riger, DRCOG	Tim Russ, EPA
Doug Rex, DRCOG	Sarah Martin, NFRMPO
Rick Coffin, CDPHE	Becky Karasko, NFRMPO
Kevin Briggs, APCD	Rose Waldman, CDOT
Rebecca Simpson, APCD	Emmitt Malone, APCD
Dale Wells, APCD	Ken Lloyd, RAQC
Tricia Sergeson, FHWA	Bill Haas, FHWA

- DRCOG updates
 - Jacob Riger updated the ICG on the schedule for the upcoming 2040 call for amendments and confirmed with the ICG that DRCOG's new staging years will be 2020, 2030, and 2040.
- NFRMPO updates
 - Becky Karasko updated the ICG on the NFRMPO's amendments that will not require new air quality monitoring.
- RAQC updates
 - Amanda Brimmer gave an update the 2017 ozone season, including the Denver area's first application for an exceptional event application.
- CDOT Updates
 - Rose Waldman confirmed with the ICG that a pedestrian-activated HAWK signal is exempt from the requirement to determine conformity.
 - Following the advice of the ICG, Rose Waldman agreed to write up a memo including the HAWK signal project, as well as other projects, that are exempt from a conformity determination for future reference.
- EPA updates
 - Tim Russ alerted the ICG that EPA had not yet completed the finding of adequacy determination on the submitted 2017 ozone plan MVEBs. However, after a review of DRCOG's amendment schedule and the schedule for determining adequacy of the MVEB budgets, he recommended that DRCOG design their forthcoming 2018 conformity determination based on the 2017 SIP's MVEB.