AGENDA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014
6:30 P.M.
1290 Broadway
First Floor Independence Pass Conference Room

1. 6:30 Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call and Introduction of New Members and Alternates
4. *Motion to Approve Agenda
5. 6:35 Report of the Chair
   • Regional Transportation Committee report
   • Presentation of Service Awards
     o Jack Hilbert, Douglas County – Five Years
6. 6:45 Report of the Executive Director
7. 7:00 Public Comment
   Up to 45 minutes is allocated at this time for public comment and each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes. If there are additional requests from the public to address the Board, time will be allocated at the end of the meeting to complete public comment. The chair requests that there be no public comment on issues for which a prior public hearing has been held before this Board. Consent and action items will begin immediately after the last speaker.

*Motion Requested

TIMES LISTED WITH EACH AGENDA ITEM ARE APPROXIMATE
IT IS REQUESTED THAT ALL CELL PHONES BE SILENCED
DURING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING. THANK YOU

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CONSENT AGENDA

8. 7:45 *Move to Approve Consent Agenda
   - Minutes of December 18, 2013
     (Attachment A)
   - Designate location for posting notices of meetings
     (Attachment B)
   - Adopt the Federal Policy Statement
     (Attachment C) Rich Mauro, Senior Legislative Analyst
   - Designate TAC as the 2040 RTP technical lead to develop the evaluation criteria and process for determining regionally significant projects
     (Attachment D) Steve Cook, MPO Planning Manager, Transportation Planning & Operations

ACTION AGENDA

9. 7:50 *Election of Officers and Administrative Committee Members
   (Attachment E) Nominating Committee Members
   Pursuant to the Articles of Association, the election of officers and Administrative Committee representatives occurs at the February meeting. The Nominating Committee report was emailed to members with cancellation of the January meeting. Nominations can be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee is obtained in advance. If nominations are made from the floor, voting will be done by secret ballot.

10. 8:00 *Discussion of State Legislative Issues
    New Bills for Consideration and Action
    (Attachment F) Rich Mauro, Senior Legislative Analyst
    Rich Mauro will present a recommended position on new bills based on the Board’s legislative policies. If a bill requires additional discussion it may be pulled from the package and action will be taken separately. Bills introduced after the agenda is posted will be emailed to members on the Monday prior to the meeting. Positions on specific legislative bills requires affirmative action by 2/3 of those present and voting.

11. 8:10 *Move to adopt a resolution amending the 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program to add $142,000 in STP-Metro funding to the Boulder County SH-119 Underpass project (TIP ID 2012-058) in FY2014
    (Attachment G) Todd Cottrell, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning & Operations

12. 8:20 *Move to approve the revised DRCOG Mission statement as proposed by the Board member working group
    (Attachment H) Jerry Stigall, Director, Organizational Development

13. 8:30 *Move to approve revised Vision Statement (TENTATIVE)
    (Attachment I) Jerry Stigall, Director, Organizational Development

*Motion Requested
INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS

14.  8:50  Update on Sustainable Communities Initiative  
(Attachment J) Jim Taylor, SCI Executive Committee

15.  9:05  2014 Board Workshop  
Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director

16.  9:15  Update on DRCOG Web Refresh  
(Attachment K) Steve Erickson, Director, Communications & Marketing

17.  9:25  Committee Reports  
A.  Report on State Transportation Advisory Committee – Beth Humenik  
B.  Report from Metro Mayors Caucus – Doug Tisdale  
C.  Report from Metro Area County Commissioners – Don Rosier  
D.  Report from Advisory Committee on Aging – Jayla Sanchez-Warren  
E.  Report from Regional Air Quality Council – Joyce Thomas/Jackie Millet  
G.  Report on E-470 Authority – Ron Rakowsky  
H.  Report on FasTracks – Bill Van Meter

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

18.  2040 Metro Vision – 2014 Calendar of Activities  
(Attachment L)

19.  Annual Listing of Obligated Projects  
(Attachment M)

20.  DRAFT Summary of December 18, 2013 Administrative Committee meeting  
(Attachment N)

21.  Meeting Cancellation Policy  
(Attachment O)

22.  Relevant clippings and other communications of interest  
(Attachment P)  
Included in this section of the agenda packet are news clippings which  
specifically mention DRCOG. Also included are selected communications that  
have been received about DRCOG staff members.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

23.  Next Meeting – March 19, 2014

24.  Other Matters by Members

25.  9:30  Adjournment

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SPECIAL DATES TO NOTE

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CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS

**February 2014**
18  Regional Transportation Committee 8:30 a.m.
19  Administrative Committee 5:30 p.m.
Board of Directors 6:30 p.m.
21  Advisory Committee on Aging Noon – 3 p.m.
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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013

Members/Alternates Present

Sue Horn, Chair  Town of Bennett
Eva Henry  Adams County
Bill Holen  Arapahoe County
Elise Jones  Boulder County
Elizabeth Law-Evans  City & County of Broomfield
Rocky Piro  City & County of Denver
Chris Nevitt  City & County of Denver
Jack Hilbert  Douglas County
Don Rosier  Jefferson County
Bob Fifer  City of Arvada
Bob Roth  City of Aurora
Suzanne Jones  City of Boulder
Anne Justen  Town of Bow Mar
Cynthia Martinez  City of Brighton
Cathy Noon  City of Centennial
Doug Tisdale  City of Cherry Hills Village
Randy Penn  City of Englewood
Mark Gruber  Town of Erie
Joyce Thomas  City of Federal Heights
Ron Rakowsky  City of Greenwood Village
Tom Quinn (Alternate)  City of Lakewood
Phil Cernanec (Alternate)  City of Littleton
Jackie Millet  City of Lone Tree
Gabe Santos  City of Longmont
Hank Dalton  City of Louisville
Ursula Morgan  Town of Mead
Joe Gierlach  Town of Nederland
John Diak  Town of Parker
Debra Williams  Town of Superior
Val Vigil  City of Thornton
Herb Atchison  City of Westminster
Joyce Jay  Wheat Ridge
Debra Perkins Smith  Colorado Department of Transportation
Bill Van Meter  Regional Transportation District

Others Present: Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director, Connie Garcia, Executive Assistant/Board Coordinator, DRCOG; Mac Callison, Aurora; Marty Hudson, Castle Rock; Anthony Graves, Denver; Joe Fowler, Douglas County; Saoirse Charis-Graves, Golden; Jeff Moore, Longmont; Beth Humenik, Thornton; Danny Herrmann, CDOT; Susan Wood, RTD; George Dibble, Tomlinson & Assoc.; and DRCOG staff.

Chair Sue Horn called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present. New members and alternates were introduced.
Motion to Approve Agenda

Doug Tisdale moved, seconded by Bill Holen, approval of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of the Chair

• The Regional Transportation Committee met and approved the TIP Policy Amendments, actions proposed by staff regarding implementation delays of Transportation Improvement Program projects, and the financial and project scope changes proposed within RTD’s November 2013 FasTracks Change report. The Committee also approved appointments/reappointments to the Transportation Advisory Committee and received a report on 2040 Scenario Analysis results. The Regional Transportation Committee recommended approval of the items on the Board agenda this evening.
• Sue Horn reported the Board Officers met today and appointed Jackie Millet to serve the remainder of the one-year term of Secretary to replace Rachel Zenzinger, who resigned her Board Officer’s seat to accept an appointment to the Colorado Senate. She further reported the Officers appointed Elise Jones to serve the remainder of the one-year term of Treasurer, to replace Jackie Millet. The Nominating Committee appointed in November will provide their recommendation to the Board at the January 2014 meeting, with election of Officers occurring at the February meeting.

Report of the Executive Director

• Jennifer Schaufele apologized to Metro Vision Issues Committee (MVIC) members and staff for the recent email problem with the cancellation notice for the December MVIC meeting. A new policy is being developed to handle cancellation of meetings in the future, which will include a hotline for members to call and a banner on the DRCOG home page.
• Ms. Schaufele noted that an informational item on the 2040 Metro Vision process and tools will be presented at the January meeting.
• Staff expects to be able to show members the new DRCOG website in January.
• The Acronym List has been updated.
• Ms. Schaufele noted important dates for members: The January MVIC meeting is scheduled for January 8 at 4 p.m.; the Annual Awards event is scheduled for April 23, 2014, and the Board Workshop will be held February 21 and 22, 2014. Ms. Schaufele noted that a suitable venue in the north part of the state has not been found, however staff was made aware of an additional venue this evening. If a suitable venue can’t be found in the north area, the workshop will be held at Cheyenne Mountain Resort. More information will be provided on the workshop in January.

Public comment

No public comment was received.

Move to approve consent agenda

Phil Cernanec moved, seconded by Bill Holen, approval of the consent agenda. Items on the consent agenda included:

• Minutes of November 20, 2013
• Resolution No. 16, 2013, amending the 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program.
• Actions proposed by DRCOG staff regarding implementation delays of Transportation Improvement Program projects.

The motion passed unanimously.

Move to adopt a policy for telephonic participation during meetings of the DRCOG Board of Directors and amend the Articles of Association accordingly
A revised policy, including changes to the policy requested at the November meeting, was discussed. DRCOG’s legal counsel, Sam Light, provided information to the Board related to the changes made at the Board’s request. This action requires an affirmative majority of 29 votes to pass. Members discussed the policy.

Doug Tisdale moved, seconded by Ursula Morgan, to adopt a policy for telephonic participation during meetings of the DRCOG Board of Directors and amend the Articles of Association accordingly. There was discussion.

Members discussed whether or not those participating via telephone should be allowed to vote in the case of a supermajority requirement, such as for plan adoption/amendment, articles amendments, etc. Some felt that if member's votes counted in regular circumstance, they should count towards a supermajority. Some members expressed concern about what sort of weather events could be considered extreme enough to prevent attendance by members or alternates. Members noted that there is always an opportunity to amend the policy in the future.

Chris Nevitt offered a friendly amendment to remove Section E, restrictions related to supermajority votes. The maker and second agreed to the amendment.

After discussion, the amended motion failed with 26 in favor and 5 opposed.

Jack Hilbert moved, seconded by Phil Cernanec, to adopt a policy for telephonic participation during meetings of the DRCOG Board of Directors and amend the Articles of Association accordingly as written and recommended by staff. The motion failed with 25 in favor and 5 opposed.

Move to approve the financial and project scope changes proposed within RTD’s November 2013 FasTracks Change Report
Jacob Riger reported that two major changes are proposed in the November 2013 FasTracks Change Report: first to extend the North Metro rail line from 72\textsuperscript{nd} to 124\textsuperscript{th} Avenue within the 2025 staging period of the 2035 RTP, using an additional financing method called Certificates of Participation. Staff reviewed the financing assumptions, and finds them to be reasonable. The second proposal is to relocate the Montview station on the I-225 rail line approximately a half mile north to Fitzsimons Parkway. Mr. Riger noted that these proposed changes will require amendment of the Regional Transportation Plan at a future meeting.

Elise Jones asked what impact moving forward with this financial change would have on the ability for RTD to complete the original FasTracks Vision as passed by voters in 2004. Bill Van Meter reported
this is an opportunity to accelerate the North Metro line and will not affect the projects currently in the fiscally constrained RTP. He further stated that they also do not perceive any negative impact to projects scheduled for completion outside the 2035 time horizon.

Val Vigil moved, seconded by Doug Tisdale, to approve the financial and project scope changes proposed within RTD’s November 2013 FasTracks Change Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Move to adopt the Policy on State Legislative Issues
Suzanne Jones asked if a sentence could be added for supporting state funding for safe routes to schools, given that federal funding for the Safe Routes to Schools program has been rescinded. Debra Perkins-Smith confirmed that federal funding for these projects has in fact gone away in MAP-21. Phil Cernanec noted the Policy contains no specific mention of legislation related to owner-occupied multi-family housing. If legislation is introduced, will it come to the Board for discussion? Rich Mauro assured members that if such legislation is introduced, staff will bring it forward to the Board for discussion.

Doug Tisdale moved, seconded by Ursula Morgan, to adopt the Policy on State Legislative Issues. There was discussion.

Joe Gierlach moved, seconded by Doug Tisdale, to amend the policy to add a sentence supporting state funding for safe routes to schools. The motion to amend passed with 1 abstention.

A question was asked about language in the policy on page 5, the Regional Planning and Development section titled “Tax Structure.” Rich Mauro noted that the language is intended to address tax structures that would prevent local governments from collaborating to develop vibrant urban centers and Transit Oriented Developments; which are tenets of Metro Vision.

The motion to adopt the Policy on State Legislative Issues, as amended, passed unanimously.

2040 Scenario Analysis results
It was noted that scenario analysis is one tool being used in the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan development process. Several conceptual scenarios were modeled: A – roadway emphasis; B – multimodal emphasis; C – Metro Vision goals for urban centers; D – an urban center scenario that focuses on local plans; and E – what it might take to reach Metro Vision goals. Jacob Riger provided information on the results. It was noted that a couple scenarios showed progress toward the Metro Vision goals, but none of the scenarios fully reached those goals. A question was asked what the timeline is for looking at this information in greater detail. Mr. Riger noted that this will be an ongoing process beginning early next year and continuing throughout the year, with adoption of the 2040 Plan in December 2014. Members discussed the scenario outcomes in relation to goals that were previously set.
Committee Reports

**State Transportation Advisory Committee** – Beth Humenik reported the STAC received a presentation on the Inter-Regional Express Bus Plan; discussed statewide performance measures; and discussed recommendations for program distribution of funds.

**Metro Mayors Caucus** – Doug Tisdale reported the Metro Mayors did not meet; they are waiting to meet after MPACT64 polling results become available.

**Metro Area County Commissioners** – Don Rosier reported the MACC did not meet. He reported that Jack Hilbert was awarded the Distinguished Commissioner of the Year award at the CCI Winter Conference.

**Advisory Committee on Aging** – Jayla Sanchez-Warren reported the Committee did not meet.

**Regional Air Quality Council** – Joyce Thomas reported the council received a presentation on EPA regional priorities, an overview and discussion of EPAs program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from new and existing power plants; heard speakers from CDPHE, EPA and AQCC who provided overview and discussion of CDPHE’s proposed regulations on the oil and gas industry; and approved RAQC’s 2014 work program and budget and contracts.

**Metro Vision Implementation Task Force** – Flo Raitano reported the group did not meet.

**E-470 Authority** – Ron Rakowsky reported the Quebec/E-470 interchange design is 95 percent complete. Construction is scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2014. The Authority has reached an agreement in principle with Commerce City to add roadway improvements at Peña Boulevard and Tower Road. The number of transactions estimated for 2014 is 60 million.

**FasTracks** – Bill Van Meter reported the RTD Board approved the staff recommendation for the North Metro Corridor, and a contract was signed with Regional Rail Partners. The key item at the January FasTracks Monitoring Committee meeting will be an update on the I-225 project. The Policy Advisory Committee of the Northwest Area Mobility Study will meet on January 30 to review refinements to the arterial BRT alternatives, refinements to commuter rail; alternatives under study and to review more detailed financial alternatives and scenarios.

Next meeting – January 15, 2014

**Other Matters by members**  
Cathy Noon expressed thanks to the jurisdictions that provided resources during the recent incident at Arapahoe High School.

**Adjournment**  
The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Sue Horn, Chair  
Board of Directors  
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director
To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

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SUBJECT
This action is related to the location for posting notice of meetings.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS
DRCOG staff recommends designating the lobby of the DRCOG offices as the official location for posting notices of meetings.

ACTION BY OTHERS
N/A

SUMMARY
Notice of each regular and special meeting of the Board of Directors, each committee established by the Board, or those created as part of the approved committee structure of the Denver Regional Council of Governments, whether now existing or created in the future, should be posted in the reception area (which is a public place within the boundaries of DRCOG) of the offices of DRCOG located at 1290 Broadway, Suite 700, Denver, Colorado no less than twenty-four hours prior to the holding of the meeting. The posting shall include the time, date, and location of the meeting and shall, where possible, include specific agenda information.

This action implements SB 91-33.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS
N/A

PROPOSED MOTION
Move to designate the location for posting notice of meetings as described.

ATTACHMENT
N/A

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SUBJECT
This item concerns the 2014 Policy Statement on Federal Legislative Issues.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS
Staff recommends approval of the policy as presented.

ACTION BY OTHERS
N/A

SUMMARY
Each year, the Board adopts a policy statement on a range of federal legislative issues. This document provides the DRCOG Board, staff and lobbyists with policy direction on federal legislative issues during the coming year.

This year, revisions to the federal legislative policy statement are proposed to clarify the intent of a particular policy, use more precise language or otherwise update a statement to better reflect current practice.

The Draft 2014 Policy Statement on Federal Legislative Issues was forwarded to the Board for comment on January 9, 2014. No comments or suggested revisions were received from Board members.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS
N/A

PROPOSED MOTION
Move to adopt the 2014 Policy Statement on Federal Legislative Issues

LINKS
DRAFT 2014 Policy Statement on Federal Legislative Issues (with markup)
DRAFT 2014 Policy Statement on Federal Legislative Issues (with changes accepted)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Should you have any questions regarding the policy statement, please contact Jennifer Schaufele at 304-480-6701 or jschaufele@drcog.org, or Rich Mauro at 303-480-6778 or rmauro@drcog.org.
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SUBJECT
Development of the Fiscally Constrained 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (2040 RTP) to be adopted in December 2014.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS
Recommend establishing the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) as the 2040 RTP technical lead to develop the evaluation criteria and process for determining regionally significant projects.

ACTION BY OTHERS
MVIC, January 8, 2014 - Recommended TAC as the 2040 RTP technical lead to develop the evaluation criteria and process for determining regionally-significant projects.

SUMMARY
The 2040 RTP will be a key element of the new 2040 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan (2040 MVRTP) being prepared this year. The future roadway and transit network projects identified in the 2040 RTP must be fiscally constrained (have a reasonable expectation of funding). The future system must also pass air quality conformity modeling tests.

All fiscally constrained roadway capacity projects of “regional significance” such as new interchanges, new lanes on principal arterials, and new managed lanes on freeways must be identified in the 2040 RTP regardless of funding source. In particular, roadway capacity projects designated to receive regional funds (funds controlled by DRCOG and CDOT) must be called out in the RTP, as they will then be eligible for future TIP funding.

Individual non-capacity projects (reconstruction, preservation, bicycle/pedestrian, intersections, TDM, small transit) are NOT identified in the RTP.

Summary of key tasks for completing the roadway network element of the 2040 RTP follows (see attached Table 1 for Board action dates):

- March – Define process and evaluation criteria for determining regionally funded capacity projects.
- April – Approve RTP financial plan - identifying amount of regional funds available for capacity projects.
- April – Determine candidate capacity projects to be evaluated and scored.
- May – Complete project scoring.
- June – Approve capacity projects (and staging schedule) to include in the 2040 RTP.
- July-September – Conduct air quality conformity model runs.
- December – Adopt 2040 RTP.
PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS
N/A

PROPOSED MOTION
Move to designate TAC as the 2040 RTP technical lead to develop the evaluation criteria and process for determining regionally significant projects.

ATTACHMENT
Table 1 – Schedule to Develop the 2040 RTP

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
If you need additional information, please contact Jennifer Schaafele, Executive Director, at 303-480-6701 or jschuafele@drcog.org; or Steve Cook, MPO Planning Program Manager, Transportation Planning & Operations at 303-480-6749 or scook@drcog.org
Table 1
Schedule to Develop the Fiscally Constrained 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (2040 RTP)
(Regionally Significant Roadway Capacity Projects)
(February 7, 2014)

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<td>Summary of 2040 RTP schedule (+ Air Quality Conformity &amp; relation to TIP)</td>
<td>Jan 27</td>
<td>Feb 18</td>
<td>Jan 8 / 15</td>
<td>What must be done to prepare this (federally required) long range 2040 RTP?</td>
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<td>Discuss staff recommended criteria and process for evaluating roadway capacity projects</td>
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<td>What is a &quot;regionally significant capacity project&quot;?</td>
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<td>Recommendation of criteria and process</td>
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<td>Mar 5 / 19</td>
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<td>How should projects to include in the 2040 RTP be selected?</td>
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<td>Define process for determining candidate roadway capacity projects to evaluate (selected projects in 2035? New solicitation?) (reconfirm 100% local projects)</td>
<td>Feb 24</td>
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<td>TBD</td>
<td>Can the number of projects to be evaluated be capped? (given lack of funds)</td>
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<td>Discuss amount of 2040 funds for roadway capacity projects (and other uses e.g. preservation). &quot;Trade-off&quot; analysis</td>
<td>Feb 24</td>
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<td>Mar 5 / 19</td>
<td>What funds should be allocated to system preservation, operations, transit, bicycle/ped, etc.?</td>
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<td>Recommend amount of 2040 funds for roadway capacity projects</td>
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<td>April 15</td>
<td>April 2 / 16</td>
<td>What remaining funds are available for capacity projects?</td>
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<td>Confirm candidate roadway capacity projects to be evaluated</td>
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<td>Verify project cost estimates</td>
<td>Do this offline with CDOT and locals</td>
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<td>Complete project evaluation (scoring) April 18; discuss project package options</td>
<td>April 28</td>
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<td>What are the most beneficial capacity projects?</td>
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<td>Recommend roadway capacity projects to include in the 2040 RTP</td>
<td>May 19</td>
<td>June 17</td>
<td>June 4 / 18</td>
<td>What projects can be included in the 2040 RTP? And, in what staging period can they be funded?</td>
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"Public Hearing Drafts" of documents completed | Oct. 19 | Board Chair sets hearing date. |

Public Hearing | Nov 19 |                              |

Final Actions & Adoption of 2040 RTP | Dec 15 | Dec 16 | Dec 3 / 17 |
To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

From: Members of the Nominating Committee

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**SUBJECT**

This item is related to the Nominating Committee’s recommendations for election of DRCOG Board officers and appointments to the Administrative Committee for 2014.

**PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Nominating Committee members recommend the Board elect the slate of Officers and appointments to the Administrative Committee as proposed.

**ACTION BY OTHERS**

N/A

**SUMMARY**

The Nominating Committee – comprised of Ron Rakowsky, Greenwood Village; Chris Nevitt, Denver; Suzanne Jones, Boulder; John Diak, Parker; Cathy Noon, Centennial; and Adam Paul, Lakewood – considered numerous persons for DRCOG Board offices. The committee wishes to thank all of those who expressed interest in serving. After discussion and consideration, the candidates proposed below are recommended unanimously by the Nominating Committee members:

**Chair** – Jack Hilbert, Commissioner, Douglas County

**Vice Chair** – Jackie Millet, Council Member, Lone Tree

**Secretary** – Elise Jones, Commissioner, Boulder County

**Treasurer** – Doug Tisdale, Mayor, Cherry Hills Village

It is further recommended that the Board of Directors appoint the following to serve one-year terms on the Administrative Committee: **Ron Rakowsky, City of Greenwood Village; Suzanne Jones, City of Boulder; and Gabe Santos, City of Longmont.**

Officers of the Board also become members of the Administrative Committee. In accordance with the **Articles of Association**, in cases where one or more of the officers would otherwise qualify for membership (Jack Hilbert, Chair, and Elise Jones, Secretary), the Board then selects a municipal or county representative to serve on the Administrative Committee. **The Nominating Committee recommends the Board appoint Joyce Downing, City of Northglenn, and Cathy Noon, City of Centennial.**

Nominees have all been contacted and have indicated their willingness and enthusiasm to serve. In accordance with the **Articles of Association**, nominations may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominee is obtained in advance.
PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS
N/A

PROPOSED MOTION
Move to elect the slate of Officers and appoint Administrative Committee members as recommended by the Nominating Committee.

ATTACHMENTS
N/A

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SUBJECT
This item concerns positions on state legislative bills.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS
Motion to adopt positions on bills as presented by staff.

ACTION BY OTHERS
N/A

SUMMARY
The attachment summarizes the bills introduced since the beginning of the legislative session relative to the Board-adopted Policy Statement on State Legislative Issues.

The bills are presented with staff comments and staff recommended positions.

Any bills of interest introduced after February 12 will be emailed to Board members by the Monday before the meeting with staff recommendations for review at the meeting (per current Board policy).

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS
N/A

PROPOSED MOTION
Move to adopt positions on state legislative bills as presented by staff.

ATTACHMENT
New Bills—2014 Session

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Should you have any questions regarding the bills or recommended positions, please contact Jennifer Schaufele at 303-480-6701 or jschaufele@drcog.org; or Rich Mauro at 303-480-6778 or rmauro@drcog.org.
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<td>SB 012</td>
<td>Kefalas/Exum</td>
<td><strong>Aid to Needy Disabled Program - Economic Opportunity Poverty Reduction Task Force.</strong> The AND program provides payments to low-income Colorado residents from ages 18 to 59 who have been medically certified as disabled and are unable to work for a period of at least six months. The current monthly payment is $175. If a person is later deemed eligible for federal Supplemental Security Income benefits, the state is retroactively reimbursed for any payments made to the person. The bill requires the Department of Human Services to set the monthly assistance payment to be equal to at least 28% of the federal poverty guidelines for a household of one. AND applicants who may be eligible for other state or federal benefits must apply for and accept any such benefits.</td>
<td>Senate Finance</td>
<td>Monitor - staff discretion to support</td>
<td>DRCOG typically supports programs like those in SB 14-012, SB 14-013 and SB 14-014 because they help keep older adults independent and living in their own residences. However, these bills will require an additional estimated $13 million in the state budget. At the same time, with the Board’s support, staff also is pursuing a $4 million increase in the appropriation for senior services. In order to have the flexibility to work with Joint budget committee members and supportive legislators, staff requests discretion to monitor or support these bills with the caveat that they are not funded at the expense of our $4 million request.</td>
<td>DRCOG supports increased funding for programs providing services to older adults, persons with disabilities, and their caregivers, especially services that support individuals continuing to live independently in their homes and communities.</td>
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<td>SB 013</td>
<td>King/</td>
<td><strong>Allowing Gifts to Old Age Pensioners</strong> - For a person eligible for an old age pension, allows the person to receive up to $300 per month in gifts, grants, or donations without reducing the amount of the pension or reporting the gifts, grants, or donations.</td>
<td>Senate Appropriations</td>
<td>Monitor - staff discretion to support</td>
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<td>SB 014</td>
<td>Kefalas/Pettersen</td>
<td><strong>Property Tax/Rent/Heat Fuel Grants For Low-Income</strong> - Expands the property-related expense assistance grants for low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities by increasing the maximum awards, creating a minimum award and increasing the income threshold.</td>
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<td>SB 87</td>
<td>Ulibarri/Fields</td>
<td>Identification Card Issuance Standards - Economic Opportunity Poverty Reduction Task Force. Requires the issuance of identification cards for an applicant that is at least 70 years old or at least 50 years old and is an honorably discharged or retired veteran of the armed forces using certain documents issued by the United States government to prove name, age and lawful presence. The Department of Revenue is required to promulgate rules to clear up minor spelling discrepancies and to accept alternate documents showing lawful presence. Creates a simplified process for a person to change his or her name to settle name discrepancies.</td>
<td>Senate Appropriations</td>
<td>Support</td>
<td>Colorado residents who lack a valid state identification card can find themselves marginalized and excluded from essential services and assistance including access to health care, housing, employment and public benefits. In addition, citizens need a picture ID when opening a bank account, cashing a check, picking up prescriptions, boarding a plan and even entering some government buildings. State IDs are issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) within the Department of Revenue. The ID application process can be daunting and confusing to individuals who lack documents required by the DMV. The elderly, for instance, often need IDs for medical care, banking needs and public assistance. For both groups, access to a state ID provides a means to improve independence, economic opportunity and</td>
<td>DRCOG supports services that support individuals continuing to live independently in their homes and communities.</td>
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<td>SB 98</td>
<td>Zenzinger/Schafer</td>
<td>Crimes against At-risk Elders - Amends provisions of Colorado statutes enacted in SB 13-111, which replaced Colorado’s voluntary reporting statute with a statute mandating reporting of abuse and neglect of at-risk adults. These include clarifying the definition of the crime of exploitation and the procedures for reporting to a local law enforcement agency or county department of social services.</td>
<td>Senate Floor</td>
<td>Support</td>
<td>As operator of an Area Agency on Aging and Long Term Care Ombudsman program, DRCOG is mandated to advocate for older adults, particularly those living in long-term care facilities. Last year, DRCOG supported SB 13-111, which replaced Colorado’s voluntary reporting statute with a statute mandating reporting of abuse and neglect of at-risk adults.</td>
<td>DRCOG supports increases in consumer protections for older adults and their caregivers and, in particular, legislation strengthening the role of the long-term care ombudsman as a resident/consumer advocate.</td>
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<td>SB 130</td>
<td>Tochtrop/Primavera</td>
<td>Increase Personal Care Allowance Nursing Facility - The bill changes the personal needs allowance by increasing the minimum amount payable to a resident of a nursing facility or an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities from $50 to $75 per month and provides for annual cost adjustments.</td>
<td>Senate Appropriations</td>
<td>Support</td>
<td>A personal needs allowance for residents of Medicaid nursing facilities was enacted by federal law in 1987, at which time the minimum allowance was set at $30. The purpose is to allow for the purchase of clothing and other goods and services that are not reimbursed by any state or federal program. States have the option to set the allowance at a higher rate. The most recent adjustment to the Colorado allowance occurred in 1999, when the allowance was increased to the current $50 from $34.</td>
<td>As the Long-Term Care Ombudsman for the region, DRCOG is an advocate for the rights of residents in long-term care communities and for improvement in the quality of care in such facilities.</td>
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<td>SB143</td>
<td>Steadman/ May &amp; Gerou</td>
<td>Payment of Appeals Nursing Facility Cash Fund - The bill authorizes appropriations from the Medicaid Nursing Facility Cash Fund to satisfy settlements or judgments resulting from nursing facility provider reimbursement appeals.</td>
<td>Senate Health &amp; Human Services</td>
<td>Monitor</td>
<td>The need for this legislation has been identified by the Joint Budget Committee and the state Attorney General to clarify that prior year rate adjustments, including settlements and appeals, will be handled through a payment process the following year through the Nursing Facility Provider fee. Currently, such adjustments are made through the supplemental appropriations process. The state expects this clarification to reduce the risk of appeals.</td>
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<td>HB 1203</td>
<td>Duran/Lambert</td>
<td>Funding For Digital Trunked Radio System Maintenance - Annually, beginning with FY 2013-14 through the FY 2024-25, the bill directs the General Assembly to appropriate a total of $3.5 million from the Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) to the Public Safety Communications Trust Fund (trust fund) for the replacement of legacy radio equipment and hardware at radio tower sites. Annually, beginning with the FY 2017-18 through the FY 2024-25, the bill directs the General Assembly to transfer $3.7 million from the General Fund to the trust fund for software upgrades.</td>
<td>House Finance</td>
<td>Oppose</td>
<td>The statewide digital trunked radio system provides interoperable radio communications that allow personnel from multiple agencies in different levels of government to rapidly share information and coordinate efforts in emergency situations. The General Assembly established the Public Safety Communications Trust Fund for the acquisition and maintenance of public safety communications systems, including the digital trunked radio system. The bill also authorizes the General Assembly to appropriate moneys from the HUTF to the trust fund for use by the state patrol to maintain infrastructure on the digital trunked radio system.</td>
<td>DRCOG opposes “Off-the-Top” appropriations from the Highway Users Tax Fund.</td>
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<td>HB 1259</td>
<td>Del Grosso/None</td>
<td>General Fund Transfer To State Highway Fund - Requires the state treasurer to transfer $100 million from the General Fund to the State Highway Fund on July 1, 2014. CDOT is required to: allocate the money among its engineering regions in proportion to the number of state highway system lane miles in each engineering region; and expend the money transferred only for the maintenance, repair, reconstruction, and replacement of existing state highways and bridges.</td>
<td>House Finance</td>
<td>Monitor</td>
<td>DRCOG has considered proposals to transfer General Fund moneys to transportation, taking into account this can place transportation funding in competition with funding for other priorities, such as funding for senior services. DRCOG typically has taken positions on such proposals on a case-by-case basis. Staff also is concerned about setting a precedent for allocating those moneys based solely on lane miles.</td>
<td>DRCOG supports increased funding for transportation to preserve the system, address congestion and safety, and provide multimodal options for people of all ages, incomes and abilities. Provide a share of increased revenues back to local governments.</td>
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<td>HB 1017 Duran/ Ulibarri</td>
<td>Expand Availability of Affordable Housing</td>
<td>House Finance Support</td>
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<td>The need for more affordable housing has been a longstanding concern in Colorado and the Denver region. DRCOG has long supported efforts to preserve and expand the availability of quality affordable housing. The bill makes modifications to three existing tools to increase their capacity and effectiveness.</td>
<td>DRCOG supports the following principles pertaining to the quality, quantity and affordability of housing in the Denver metro area: • Regional approaches to addressing the affordable housing issue that incentivize local efforts, particularly as they relate to preservation of existing affordable housing stock. • An adequate supply of permanently affordable housing located near job and transit hubs and continued public- and private sector support for such an effort. • Increased state financial support for loan and grant programs for low- and moderate-income housing. • Collaboration among public and private entities, including efforts to develop loan programs and address the jobs-housing connections. • Actions to provide more accessible and obtainable housing options for seniors.</td>
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SUBJECT
This action concerns adding federal funding to an existing 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS
DRCOG staff recommends distributing additional federal (STP-Metro) funds to a Boulder County project in order to free up local match for a Town of Lyons project.

ACTION BY OTHERS
January 27, 2014 Transportation Advisory Committee

SUMMARY
During September 2013, Colorado’s Front Range experienced heavy rain and catastrophic flooding. While many communities suffered, some of the most severe conditions were observed in Boulder County, resulting in a Major Disaster Declaration by President Obama. Damage was especially severe in the Town of Lyons where one-fifth of the town’s entire housing stock had to be demolished. The flood took out all core utilities (gas, electric, water, sewer, internet, telephone), as well as key transportation infrastructure.

Despite the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) covering 75% and the State of Colorado picking up 12.5% of the $50 million cleanup costs, Lyons is still responsible for $6 million. Lyons has, in all of its accounts and reserves, $4 million.

In the 2012-2017 TIP, Lyons was awarded FY 2014 funding for a streetscape project on US-36 from Stone Canyon Road to 3rd Avenue with local match coming from Lyons ($142,000) and Boulder County ($305,000).

In December 2013, Lyons’ officials informed DRCOG staff that it would be unable to fulfill its local match commitment for the project and asked DRCOG to aid in identifying other funding sources.

DRCOG staff researched funding options and developed the following solution with the assistance of Boulder County that will allow the Lyons streetscape project to proceed: Deduct $142,000 from the $600,000 overmatch Boulder County committed to the SH-119 underpass (FY 2014 funds) and program STP-Metro funds for the same amount to the SH-119 underpass. If approved, Boulder County has agreed to apply the $142,000 in match savings to the Lyons streetscape project.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS
N/A
PROPOSED MOTION
Move to adopt a resolution amending the 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program to add $142,000 in STP-Metro funding to the Boulder County SH-119 Underpass project (TIP ID 2012-058) in FY2014.

ATTACHMENTS
Draft resolution
Project Description Sheets (DRCOG website TRIPS database):
- SH-119/Airport Rd Bike/Ped Underpass: City of Longmont (2012-058)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
If you need additional information, please contact Jennifer Schaufele at (303) 480-6701 or jschaufele@drcog.org, or Douglas W. Rex, Director, Transportation Planning and Operations at (303) 480-6747 or drex@drcog.org
A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2012-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADD $142,000 IN STP-METRO FUNDING TO THE BOULDER COUNTY SH-119 UNDERPASS PROJECT (TIP ID 2012-058) IN FY2014.

WHEREAS, the Denver Regional Council of Governments, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, is responsible for carrying out and maintaining the continuing comprehensive transportation planning process designed to prepare and adopt regional transportation plans and programs; and

WHEREAS, the urban transportation planning process in the Denver region is carried out through cooperative agreement between the Denver Regional Council of Governments, the Regional Transportation District, and the Colorado Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, a Transportation Improvement Program containing highway and transit improvements expected to be carried out in the period 2012-2017 was adopted by the Board of Directors on March 16, 2011; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Committee has recommended approval of the amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Denver Regional Council of Governments hereby amends the 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program to add $142,000 in STP-Metro funding to the Boulder County SH-119 Underpass project (TIP ID 2012-058) in FY2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Denver Regional Council of Governments hereby determines that this amendment to the 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program conforms to the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality.

RESOLVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED this ___ day of ____________________, 2014 at Denver, Colorado.

________________________________________
Chair
Board of Directors
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

________________________________________
Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director
Title: US-36 - Lyons Streetscape: Stone Canyon Rd to 3rd Ave

Project Type: Other Enhancement Projects


Project Scope

Project designs and constructs streetscape improvements along US-36 from Stone Canyon Rd to 3rd Ave including new pedestrian connections, multi-modal pathways, improved vehicle and bicycle parking, drainage improvements, landscaping, beautification, and lighting.

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**Title:** SH-119/Airport Rd Bike/Ped Underpass: City of Longmont

**Project Type:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects (New)

**TIP-ID:** 2012-058  **STIP-ID:** SDR7007.011  **Open to Public:** 2016  **Sponsor:** Boulder County

### Project Scope

Project designs and constructs a 10-foot wide, 4,500 feet long bi-directional bicycle and pedestrian connection along Airport Rd from the Longmont city limits to Highway 119, including a lighted underpass under the Diagonal Hwy. Twenty (20) bicycle parking spaces will be included (10 of the spaces covered).

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04/09/2013 | Amended | Project receives $120,000 in FY2012 and $490,000 in FY2014 of state FASTER Transit funds and $30,000 in FY2012 and $123,000 in FY2014 of local match transferred from TIP ID #2012-051. Increase total project funding.
12/05/2011 | Amended | Add $100,000 in FY2012 and $815,000 in FY2014 of federal CMAQ funds, and $40,000 in FY2012 and $770,000 in FY2014 of local match.
To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

From: Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director
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SUBJECT
This action is related to approval of the revised DRCOG Mission statement.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS
A working group of DRCOG Board members recommends approval of the revised DRCOG mission statement.

ACTION BY OTHERS
N/A

SUMMARY
At the September 2013 Board meeting, DRCOG Executive Director Jennifer Schaufele outlined a series of four phases of organizational development work for DRCOG. Ms. Schaufele described the advantages of putting “some curbs” around the mission to clarify and better articulate DRCOG’s purpose. In October, the Board approved a working group of Board members for Phase One: Mission, Vision, and Commitments:

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John Diak  Parker
Val Vigil  Thornton

The member volunteers participated in two 90-minute meetings, plus email exchanges between the meetings, to assess the current mission statement and recommend revising the statement.

Current mission statement:
DRCOG is local officials working together to address the region’s challenges for today and tomorrow.
Revised mission statement:

The Denver Regional Council of Governments is a planning organization where local governments collaborate to establish guidelines, set policy and allocate funding in the areas of:

- Transportation and Personal Mobility
- Growth and Development
- Aging and Disability Resources

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS
N/A

PROPOSED MOTION
Move to approve the revised DRCOG Mission statement as proposed by the Board member working group.

ATTACHMENT
N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
If you need additional information, please contact Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director, at 303-480-6701 or jschuafele@drcog.org or Jerry Stigall at 303.480.6780 or jstigall@drcog.org.
SUBJECT
This action is related to approval of the revised DRCOG Vision statement. Action on this item is TENTATIVE.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS
A working group of DRCOG Board members recommends approval of the revised DRCOG mission statement.

ACTION BY OTHERS
N/A

SUMMARY
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Current vision statement:
Enhancing and protecting the quality of life in our region.
Revised mission statement:

*TBD*

**PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS**

N/A

**PROPOSED MOTION**

Move to approve the revised DRCOG Vision statement as proposed by the Board member working group.

**ATTACHMENT**

N/A

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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SUBJECT
This item concerns an update on the Sustainable Communities Initiative.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS
No action requested. This item is for information only.

ACTION BY OTHERS
N/A

SUMMARY
The Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) is a special project of DRCOG and is entering its third and final year of activity. The fourth quarter of 2013 and the first month of 2014 has seen a major increase in activity on all four corridors included in the project scope and a flurry of contracts to advance the efforts on each of those corridors is anticipated in the remainder of the first quarter of 2014.

SCI Executive Committee Chairman, and former DRCOG Board member, Jim Taylor will present an update of the SCI project and highlight upcoming activities, including the Catalytic Site selection for each of the corridors; the focus areas that each corridor has identified for Technical Assistance; and public engagement activities. Chairman Taylor will provide a quick overview of specific aspects, activities and issues that the DRCOG Board may wish to hear more detail about in future presentations.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS
N/A

PROPOSED MOTION
N/A

ATTACHMENT
N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Should you have any questions on this item, please contact Jennifer Schaufele at 303-480-6701 or jschaufele@drcog.org; or Paul Aldretti at (303) 480-6752 or paldretti@drcog.org.
To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

From: Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director
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February 19, 2014 | Informational Briefing | 16

SUBJECT
This item concerns an update on the website refresh project.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS
No action requested. This item is for information only.

ACTION BY OTHERS
N/A

SUMMARY
DRCOG’s web presence consists of multiple sites built over the course of many years on numerous CMS platforms. In 2012 a technical consultant presented a plan to overhaul all web properties, and the Board subsequently approved a web development and design contract.

As part of an integrated plan to improve Communications with the public and the Board, this website refresh project has been underway throughout much of the past year, with Bike to Work Day and Way to Go sites launched earlier. The main site www.drcog.org will soft launch March 1, with a planned formal launch around March 17.

Communications and Marketing Division Director Steve Erickson will present a preview of the new site, highlighting best-practices improvements, including mobile-friendly responsive design, improved public engagement capabilities, and a user-friendly brand-building design. In this quick tour, you’ll see the innovative development that positions DRCOG as a model for peer organizations, with overviews of the MyWayToGo trip-planning platform as well as the Regional Equity Atlas.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS
The Administrative Committee approved Squishy Media as the web refresh implementation contractor on January 16, 2013.

PROPOSED MOTION
N/A

ATTACHMENT
N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Should you have any questions on this item, please contact Jennifer Schaufele at 303-480-6701 or jschaufele@drcog.org; or Steve Erickson at (303) 480-6716 or serickson@drcog.org.
To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

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February 19, 2014 | Information Item | 18

SUBJECT
This item concerns the Metro Vision 2040 calendar of activities anticipated in 2014.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS
N/A

SUMMARY
DRCOG is the Regional Planning Commission for the Denver metro region and Metro Vision is the foundation of all of DRCOG’s long-range planning activities.

Throughout 2014, the Board of Directors will have an opportunity to provide feedback on key Metro Vision 2040 policy matters, with Board adoption of Metro Vision 2040 currently scheduled in December. Expected plan development activities were shaped by numerous efforts, including the Metro Vision 2040 Listening Tour; 2013 Board Retreat; Metro Vision Planning Advisory Committee (MVPAC) suggestions for additional regional planning topics; Metro Vision 2040 Local Government Survey; and the Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI).

A “high level” timeline of key activities and deliverables is attached (Metro Vision 2040 – Plan and Policy Development / 2014 Schedule-at-a-Glance).

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS
N/A

PROPOSED MOTION
N/A

ATTACHMENT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
If you need additional information, please contact Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director, at 303-480-6701 or jschaufele@drcog.org or Brad Calvert, Senior Planner, Regional Planning and Operations at 303 480-6839 or bcalvert@drcog.org
## Metro Vision 2040 - Plan and Policy Development

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February 19, 2014 | Informational Item | 19

SUBJECT
This item concerns the Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS
No action requested. This item is for information only.

ACTION BY OTHERS
None

SUMMARY
Federal law requires metropolitan planning organizations to produce for public review an annual listing of projects that receive federal obligation.

The Draft Annual Listing of Obligated Projects lists all transportation projects in the Denver region that obligated federal funds in federal fiscal year 2013 (October 1, 2012 - September 30, 2013).

A net total of $342.9 million was obligated in FY2013 for 135 transportation projects.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS
N/A

PROPOSED MOTION
N/A

LINK
Draft FY2013 Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
If you need additional information, please contact Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director, at (303) 480-6701, or jschaufele@drcog.org; or Todd Cottrell, Senior Transportation Planner at (303) 480-6737 or tcottrell@drcog.org.
Present:

Jack Hilbert, Chair
Eva Henry
Bill Holen
Bob Roth
Sue Horn
Elise Jones
Doug Tisdale
Chris Nevitt
Ron Rakowsky
Jackie Millet
Val Vigil

Douglas County
Adams County
Arapahoe County
Aurora
Bennett
Boulder County
Cherry Hills Village
Denver
Greenwood Village
Lone Tree
Thornton

Others Present: Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director; Connie Garcia, Executive Assistant/Board Coordinator, and DRCOG staff.

Chair Jack Hilbert called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. with a quorum present.

Motion to Adopt the Consent Agenda

Doug Tisdale moved, seconded by Bill Holen, to adopt the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously. Items on the consent agenda included:

- Minutes of November 20, 2013
- Resolution No. 34, 2013 authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with RTD for support of vanpool services offered by DRCOG’s Regional TDM Program in the amount of $700,000.
- Resolution No. 35, 2013 authorizing the Executive Director to continue to contract with RTD for the Guaranteed Ride Home service.
- Resolution No. 36, 2013 appointing the accounting services manager and the contracts and budget manager as attorneys-in-fact to represent the Denver Regional Council of Governments before the Internal Revenue Service in tax matters and to authorize certain actions in connection therewith for tax years 2013-16.
- Resolution No. 37, 2013 authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Michael Douglas Ferrell, LLC for 2014 professional lobbying services.

Report of the Chair

Jack Hilbert reported the Board Officers met today and appointed Jackie Millet to serve the remainder of the one-year term of Secretary to replace Rachel Zenzinger, who resigned her Officer’s seat to accept a nomination to the Colorado Senate. He further reported the Officers appointed Elise Jones to serve the remainder of the one-year term of Treasurer, to replace Jackie Millet. The Nominating Committee appointed in November will provide their recommendation to the Board at the January 2014 meeting, with election of Officers occurring at the February meeting. Commissioner Hilbert also reported the group working on bylaws will provide a report in early 2014.
Report of the Executive Director
The Executive Director reported that the date of the 2014 Board Workshop is February 21/22, 2014, and will likely be held in Colorado Spring. Additional information will be provided in January.

Other Matters by Members
No other matters were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

_________________________________________________________________
Jack Hilbert, Chair
Administrative Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

_________________________________________________________________
Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director
Cancellation Notification Policy for Committees of the DRCOG Board

The DRCOG Board of Directors and its committees are scheduled to meet monthly. Notice of meetings is made public, in accordance with Colorado’s Open Meeting laws. DRCOG recognizes there may be times when cancelling an advertised meeting may occur, such as, but not limited to,

- when there is no business to conduct,
- it is known in advance there will not be a quorum present,
- a meeting falls on a holiday, or
- when inclement weather or another emergency occurs.

Under these, or other similar circumstances, the DRCOG Executive Director is authorized to cancel meetings. A decision to cancel a meeting shall be made and noticed as soon as the cancellation is known, but no later than two hours before the meeting start time. DRCOG will notify Board members and alternates, or committee members in a variety of ways.

To check for meeting cancellations, please refer to one or more of the following.

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Denver ranks as a Top 'Market to Watch' for Commercial Real Estate

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Denver's commercial real estate market ranks at No. 11 among 2014 "Markets to Watch" nationwide, up three spots from 2013, in the Emerging Trends in Real Estate report from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and the Urban Land Institute.

The report was released by ULI Colorado at an event Thursday at the Embassy Suites Denver – Downtown/Convention Center hotel.

“Survey respondents see the outlook for investment, development and homebuilding prospects to be good for 2014,” according to the report. “Denver is intriguing to a number of interviewees. Some see it as an established core market, while other see it as more of an opportunistic location.”

Some highlights from the report:

• 51.3 percent of those surveyed gave Denver’s retail property a “buy” recommendation, while 40 percent listed it as “hold.”

• 51.6 percent rated local industrial/distribution property at a “buy” recommendation, while 39.3 percent listed it as “hold.”

• 50 percent rated Denver office property a “buy” and 33.6 listed it as “hold,” while 16.4 percent rated office property here as a “sell.”

“Denver is positioned to be an above-average performer in the coming years,” the report states. “High industrial diversity and a well-educated workforce provide numerous avenues for growth.”

According to one hedge fund official surveyed: “Secondary cities, or ‘institutional core cities,’ are the market to invest in for up-and-coming funds. Examples are Denver, Houston, Dallas and Seattle. These ‘core’ markets are ideal for development, as that will be the way to make money in 2014. With the higher risk, they could earn a higher return.”

Panelists at the Thursday event burrowed into the Denver market with statistics and observations from the street level.
“The investment market here just had an incredible year,” said HFF senior managing director Mary Sullivan. “Our team sold just under $1 billion dollars. The values for these assets are exceeding previous highs and the new assets are breaking historic record levels.”

Jeff Hawks, principal at ARA Colorado, said interest rates remaining at historic lows made commercial real estate investments soar.

“It just doesn’t get better for cash flow investments,” said Hawks, a Denver multifamily market expert.

John Beeble, chairman and CEO of Saunders Construction, said the company finally got up to “normal” levels of construction activity in 2013, but the challenge has been to find construction workers. He also predicted construction costs would continue to rise, up to 4 percent in 2014.

“The worst hit [for the labor shortage] is multifamily, anything with lumber,” Beeble said. “Framers are almost impossible to find.”

Panelists also addressed the lack of for-sale multifamily development and attributed it to Colorado’s construction defect laws.

“Colorado has some of the worst construction defect laws in the country,” Hawks said. “It’s stupid to try and build a condo development until that changes.”

Beeble said they don’t build condos for that reason.

“We’ve been in business for 42 years and never been sued for construction defects,” Beeble said. “But the odds are close to 100 percent that we’d be in court defending ourselves if we did condos.”

As far as how long the CRE market will continue to improve, CBRE Group Inc.’s Jessica Ostermick, director of research and analysis, said a look at previous down cycles showed the market will continue to improve until at least mid 2017.

“We still have quite a bit of ways to go,” Ostermick said.

Hawks said for those worried about apartments being overbuilt here, that shouldn’t be a problem for the foreseeable future.

“[Denver Regional Council of Governments] predicts we’ll hit 4 million in population by 2029,” Hawks said. “We’ll have to deliver 19,000 units every three years just to keep up with population growth.”

In its 35th year, the Emerging Trends commercial real estate study is based on surveys of more than 1,000 commercial real estate experts, including investors, developers, lenders and brokers.
EWEGEN: MIKE STRANG'S LEGACY IS A LONG ONE

R.I.P. for a 'little country boy from Princeton'

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Former State and U.S. Rep. Mike Strang — a “little country boy from Princeton” who helped transform Colorado's attitudes toward their land and legacy — died Sunday at his home in Carbondale at the age of 84.

Strang, a Republican, introduced an unsuccessful bill in the Colorado legislature in the 1970s to legalize marijuana, according to the Associated Press. Four decades later, Colorado voters caught up with him by becoming, along with Washington state, one of just two states legalizing recreational use of the drug.

But Strang was no mere ahead-of-his-time idealist. He used his engaging manners and Princeton-honed mind to become part of the “Great Triumvirate” — along with Republican Rep. Betty Anne Dittemore of Englewood and then Democratic Rep. Dick Lamm of Denver — who revolutionized Colorado’s land-use policies.

The three spearheaded the fight for intelligent land-use regulations through several legislative sessions, culminating in the passage of House Bill 1041 in 1974. The landmark bill signed by former Gov. John D. Vanderhoof allowed areas of state interest to be determined by local governments and set up criteria for administration of such areas. It also regulated a number of natural hazard areas.

Note the paradox that the primary power to designate an area of state interest was reserved for local governments. That bizarre outcome resulted from amendments to the bill by another former legislative powerhouse, the late Sen. Joe Shoemaker, R-Denver. As originally introduced by Strang, Dittemore and Lamm, the bill set up a tri-level land-use review process consisting of local and regional authorities topped, when appropriate, by the state land-use commission. The notion was that Denver didn’t need anybody’s help in deciding whether to allow a McDonald’s at Broadway and Alameda but that some activities, such as a later reversed Denver annexation to build what is now the Southwest Plaza shopping center in Jefferson County, would benefit from regional review since they had major impact on two or more counties. Likewise some issues, such as a new metropolitan airport, clearly had a statewide impact.

Land developers led the fight to strip those state and regional powers, assuming they could more easily dominate local officials. Covering the bill at the time, I questioned their logic. What would happen, I speculated, if Maggie Markey, then a lobbyist for the League of Women Voters fighting for strong land-use controls, were to be elected to the Boulder County Commission? It was no idle thought — Markey was indeed elected to that post and a number of cities and...
counties used their new powers to curb or regulate developments. Later on, we saw more than once the irony of developers seeking state relief from what they saw as onerous local restrictions.

The growth debate in the ‘70s featured the same basic tensions that still divide Coloradans. It pitted developers and business advocates against anti-growth environmentalists. But it also featured a division between citizens who wanted a strong statewide policy and those who wanted to keep such decisions at the local level. In 1974 and the sequel debate a quarter century later, local control won out. No matter how much those visionary planners in Boulder wanted to impose their views on Aurora, they settled for local control after realizing the trade-off would be that Aurorans would have a similar say in Boulder’s future.

HB 1041 basically handed cities and counties strong tools for planning and developing their territories and let it go at that. But however desirable local control may seem, it inevitably raises larger questions. Who serves as referee when two or more local jurisdictions fight each other? How do we handle problems such as transportation, air pollution and other issues that don’t respect political boundaries?

The original draft of HB 1041 went well beyond local control to establish strong regional commissions to reconcile city vs. city or city vs. county conflicts. A strong state Land Use Commission had the authority to impose and enforce statewide guidelines as well. Those regional and state powers were largely stripped from the final version. But in 1997, then-state Sen. Pat Pascoe resurrected the notion of strong regional powers with her Responsible Growth Act to establish strong rules to regulate growth. Because she was a member of the then-minority party, Pascoe’s bill was easily killed.


That special session passed the most meaningful package of growth legislation since the 1974 laws. One measure required cities and counties to mediate inter-jurisdictional disputes. If they can’t reach a compromise, a court will decide the matter based on rational land-use standards. A state Office of Smart Growth is able to aid local officials in planning. The most important bill allowed counties and statutory cities (those without home-rule powers) to collect impact fees for such direct costs of new developments as roads and sewers.

The package didn’t include the mandatory regional plans sought by Pascoe and the earlier Strang-Dittemore-Lamm team. But that failure was alleviated by the fact that in the Denver area the 49 member governments of the Denver Regional Council of Governments already have drafted a regional plan and now are working successfully to carry out MetroVision 2030.

So Mike Strang’s legacy was a long one indeed. Still, my favorite memories of him include how he deliberately developed a quirky country boy from Princeton personality to distract and befuddle opponents.

He had a habit of tossing his keys over his shoulder and catching them behind his back — sometimes while waiting to talk at a legislative microphone and thus distracting the audience from whoever was speaking at the time. He also excelled in rolling a cigarette one-handed —
yes, in those benighted times, smoking was allowed in legislative hearings. He would also let the ash on a burning cigarette grow to outrageous lengths — while onlookers stared waiting for it to drop.

Of course, Strang used these antics when opponents were criticizing things he supported. By the time an ash finally fell, a critic’s time might be up and Strang would slyly move on to his own arguments.

He also had a gift for plain speaking and a hatred of the legalese that often befouls legislation. At one point, he threatened to introduce an amendment to a confusing bill in iambic pentameter. That prompted me to write a poem in his memory that I ran in The Denver Post, which in that long-ago day wasn’t adverse to a bit of levity in its legislative reporting.

Oh gather my children and I’ll harangue
of the lonely fight of Michael Strang,
Who tried to make the legislature
Do something quite alien to its nature.
He thinks that the common run of man
should be able to read the laws of the land
and he says that this noble goal is not really
advanced by Greek, legalese or Swahili.
He’s a rancher by trade, I think it’s in cattle
And he just can’t stand all this dull legal prattle.
Oh, his background’s a blessing for he needs all his wit
to tread his way through all the legal bull-feathers.
Oh let the barristers dab at their eyes with a tissue.
Mike Strang calls kids kids.
Only lawyers have issue.

Goodbye, my friend. You served your state very well
Nederland Approves NedPeds, Moves to Save Trees in Path

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A Nederland homeowner is rejoicing after learning that two trees near her property won't be cut down to make way for two new parallel parking spots.

The town's Board of Trustees voted 6-0 late Tuesday night to approve, with amendments, a plan called NedPeds, or the Nederland Pedestrian Enhancement Design and Nederland Pedestrian Transportation and Storm Water Management Improvement Project.

NedPeds — funded in part by a $486,000 grant from the Denver Regional Council of Governments — will create an 8-foot-wide "multimodal pathway" through town that connects the library to the post office and will help mitigate storm water drainage issues along Second Street.

One of the new amendments will save two, 30-foot blue spruce trees in front of Tori Carpenter's property that were in danger of being chopped down if the project moved forward as planned.

"It was really amazing, and I'm so thrilled," Carpenter, 52, said. "I was so impressed with the board and even the public input. We were able to come up with something that really is the best decision for the community."

Nederland Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Mueller proposed several amendments to the project, including one that removed the parking area in front of Carpenter's property at 155 E. Second St. The trustees approved up to $15,000 from the town's $308,974 general fund reserves to be used to redesign the project to accommodate the two trees.

"The Nederland community is very supportive of the environment," said Mayor Joe Gierlach. "We do understand the role that trees play in town. We live in a forest for a reason, and so we've made every effort to save all the trees along the pathway throughout the process."

Though technically the two trees aren't on Carpenter's property, but in the town's right-of-way, Carpenter said she felt she needed to step up and represent the trees as a "good guardian of the natural world." Because she rents out the home on Second Street and lives elsewhere in town, Carpenter said she didn't receive any information about the project as it was developing. She said she was never consulted about how the trees near her property would be affected by NedPeds.
Various groups and commissions in Nederland had been working on NedPeds for the last two years, and some residents were concerned that Carpenter's tree protests could put a stop to the entire project. Other residents were concerned about the trees' health even if the project was redesigned around them.

Conor Merrigan, a sustainability consultant for Denver-based C2 Sustainability whom the town hired as the NedPeds project manager, said the amendments will allow NedPeds to go forward while also addressing Carpenter's concern for the two trees.

"The town was really supportive and saying, 'If we don't need to go there, let's not,'" he said. "Let's keep the parking down and save the trees."

Denver-based engineering firm Huitt-Zollars will revisit the project plan and most likely realign a small curve in the road to avoid the trees. Construction likely will begin on the project as planned in late spring or early summer, Merrigan said. Merrigan said he wasn't sure if the project would have to be reapproved by the boards and commissions in the Nederland planning process. The Colorado Department of Transportation must sign off on the project before work can begin. Now that she knows the trees won't be cut down, Carpenter said she's excited to see the project get finalized.

"It feels really good, and I look forward to the new project, especially now that the big ol' trees on the block are still going to be there," she said, laughing. "We as a town are doing the right thing, and I'm just happy that that's how it turned out."
DRCOG and Way to Go Unveil First-of-its-kind Trip Planning Tool: Region’s Commuters Benefit

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My Way to Go, an innovative web-based trip planning tool launched this week at mywaytogo.org, offers area residents a convenient central resource to explore multiple commute options. The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Way to Go program debuts the one-stop shop that allows commuters to easily and comprehensively compare their trip options and make informed choices.

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Users can simply enter their trip information to quickly see their commute options and compare travel time, distance, cost, and health benefits, including calories burned and such environmental impacts as CO2 generated. The tool incorporates transit (including bus and light rail), biking, walking, carpooling and vanpooling, comparing each option to driving alone. DRCOG and its partners hope to incorporate even more features, including carshare and bikeshare information, in a later phase of development. “This tool is really the first of its kind in the country, comparing different aspects of commute information on multiple modes in just a few quick and easy steps,” said DRCOG Executive Director Jennifer Schaufele. “It offers Denver region commuters the best available multimodal trip planning experience. We believe this will be a game-changer as we work to shift commuting behavior and meet our Metro Vision traffic goals.”

DRCOG pioneered ride matching services in the region in the 1970s as a response to the energy crisis using a time-intensive manual tracking system to form carpools. And while the underlying technologies have changed over the years to computer-based systems, the offerings still fell short of the experience the Way to Go team envisioned.

“Market research indicates that one of the key barriers for people even considering other options is the difficulty in finding good information. Visiting multiple websites to explore options,
calculate costs and incorporate other variables makes it more work than people think its worth,” said Schaufèle. “We’re removing that barrier.”

The My Way to Go tool has been developed by California-based RideAmigos, working closely with Way to Go staff and mapping technology leader Esri to design the best possible user experience. The interactive website is easy to use and offers mobile interface on smart phones and tablets without requiring an app. The platform sets a new standard in the industry, one that could become a model for other agencies to follow.

Commuters can start exploring their options at http://www.mywaytogo.org; businesses can ask for a demonstration from a Way to Go specialist (303-458-7665) to see how they can help their employees use the new tool.
Downtown Lakewood Improvement Plan Gets Thumbs-Up

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Lakewood City Council last month gave final approval to adapt the Downtown Lakewood Connectivity and Urban design plan, a $15 million project to improve walkability, way-finding and visual identity in downtown Lakewood.

The plan, the culmination of more than a year of public outreach and work, envisions a more connected, less automobile-dependent downtown centered on the intersection of Alameda Avenue and Wadsworth Boulevard and bounded by Cedar Avenue, Carr Street, Ohio Avenue and Pierce Street.

Infrastructure projects make up the lion's share of the plan's recommendations. Cost estimates range from $20,000 for additional lighting on the approaches to the Wadsworth underpass near Ohio Street to $5 million for widened medians and an enhanced Teller Street pedestrian crossing on Alameda east of Wadsworth.

Funding is currently not available for any of the improvements, said Rob Smetana, a principal planner for the city. "We need to wait for the next budget year and look to see what opportunities come along, certainly for some of these smaller projects," Smetana said. "There's also opportunity for funding through the city's capital improvement budget or from state grants."

The plan ranked projects in terms of priority and time frame.

A near-term priority is modifying the intersection of Alameda and Yarrow Street to allow a left-hand turn onto Yarrow and Lakewood City Commons from westbound Alameda.

That project, estimated at $210,000, would significantly relieve congestion on Allison Parkway near the King Soopers and improve the pedestrian environment in the area, Smetana said.

The intersection of Wadsworth and Virginia Avenue is another high-priority area, with $1.7 million in improvements proposed to better the pedestrian experience through the creation of refuge islands and enhanced crosswalks. The plan also calls for more consistency with signage and billboards in the area, to create a more uniform look.
On the wish list is a pedestrian signal crossing over Wadsworth between Alameda and Virginia. Smetana said since Wadsworth is a state highway, a certain number of pedestrians would have to cross daily and other benchmarks — including safety — would have to be met.

"We would have to work with private developers on either side of Wadsworth to get that to work," Smetana said. "There would have to be an increase in density coming from commercial or residential development on either side."

In addition to infrastructure changes, the plan also encourages city leaders to work with local partners to launch bicycle and car share programs in the area.

Since its approval by council Jan. 13, the plan is now part of the Lakewood Comprehensive Plan, the city's guiding document for land use, transportation and economic development.

Funding for the downtown plan came from a $100,000 grant from the Denver Regional Council of Governments.