

AGENDA
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016
MONARCH PASS CONFERENCE ROOM
1290 Broadway
➔6:00 PM ➔

1. Call to Order

CONSENT AGENDA

2. *Move to Adopt the Consent Agenda

- Minutes of November 18, 2015 meeting
(Attachment A)
- A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with RTD for support of vanpool services offered by DRCOG's Way to Go program in the amount of \$947,600
(Attachment B) Steve Erickson, Director, Communications & Marketing
- A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with RTD for collection of Guaranteed Ride Home service fees at a charge of \$3 per Eco Pass holder for all areas within the Denver region except Denver International Airport, where the charge will be \$5 per Eco Pass holder
(Attachment C) Steve Erickson, Director, Communications & Marketing
- A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and amend an existing contract with National Research Center (NRC) to complete the 2016 Who is TOD Survey
(Attachment D) Brad Calvert, Metro Vision Manager

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

3 Executed Contracts Report –no contracts to report for November/December 2015

***Motion Requested**

Persons in need of auxiliary aids or services, such as interpretation services or assisted listening devices, are asked to contact DRCOG at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting by calling (303) 480-6701.



ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Report of the Chair
5. Report of the Executive Director
(Attachment E) Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director
6. Other Matters by Members
7. **Next Meeting – February 17, 2016**
8. Adjournment

MINUTES
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Present:

Elise Jones, Chair	Boulder County
Eva Henry	Adams County
Bill Holen	Arapahoe County
Robin Kniech	City & County of Denver
Roger Partridge	Douglas County
Don Rosier	Jefferson County
Bob Fifer	Arvada
Bob Roth	Aurora
Shakti	Lakewood
Phil Cernanec	Littleton
Jackie Millet	Lone Tree
Ashley Stolzmann	Louisville
Val Vigil	Thornton
Herb Atchison	Westminster

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

Chair Elise Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

Move to Adopt the Consent Agenda

Herb Atchison **moved** to adopt the consent agenda. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Items on the consent agenda included:

- Minutes of October 21, 2015
- Resolution No. 19, 2015 authorizing the Executive Director to distribute 2016 Nutrition Service Incentive Program (NSIP) funds.
- Resolution No. 20, 2015 authorizing the Executive Director to receive and distribute 2016 Medicare Improvements for Patients and providers Act (MIPPA) funds.
- Resolution No. 21, 2015 authorizing the Executive Director to accept additional funding for the Area Agency on Aging from the Colorado Department of Human Services, in conjunction with the Colorado Refugee Services Program in the amount of \$33,250 for services to older adult refugees, which will increase the purchase order amount from \$57,500 to \$90,750 and extend the time period of services from 11/30/2015 to 06/30/2016.
- Resolution No. 22, 2015 authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and

execute contracts with Transdev on-Demand (dba: Denver Yellow Cab, Boulder Yellow Cab, Northern Colorado Yellow Cab) and MKBS, LLC (dba: Metro Taxi) to provide taxi services to guaranteed ride home subscribers.

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to use general fund dollars to cover the costs associated with the Veterans Directed Program until reimbursement is received from the VA, not to exceed \$40,000 for a maximum of 120 days

Jenny Dock, Accounting Services Manager, briefed members on the Veterans Directed Program and the purpose of authorizing use of general fund dollars to cover associated costs until reimbursement is received from the VA.

Phil Cernanec **moved** to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to use general fund dollars to cover the costs associated with the Veterans Directed Program until reimbursement is received from the VA, not to exceed \$40,000 for a maximum of 120 days, with the caveat that funds received in excess of those expended be held in reserve for use in the veterans directed program. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Move to open the process to solicit nominations for the Forty-first Annual John V. Christensen Memorial Award

Jackie Millet **moved** to open the process to solicit nominations for the Forty-first Annual John V. Christensen Memorial Award. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Move to select two members to the Nominating Committee

Robin Kniech and Ashley Stolzmann were selected to the Nominating Committee.

Executed Contracts Report – October 2015

There were no contracts to report for October 2015.

Report of the Chair

No report was provided.

Report of the Executive Director

Executive Director Jennifer Schaufele's monthly status report was included in the agenda packet. Ms. Schaufele highlighted items in the report. Ms. Schaufele reported there are openings on some of the Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging subcommittees, and asked members to pass the word to individuals they know who may be interested in applying to participate.

Other Matters by Members

No other matters were discussed.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2016. The December 2015 meeting is cancelled.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Elise Jones, Chair
Administrative Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director

ATTACH B

To: Chair and Members of the Administrative Committee

From: Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director
(303) 480-6701 or jschaufele@drcog.org

Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
January 20, 2016	Consent	2

SUBJECT

This action is related to executing a contract with the Regional Transportation District (RTD) for support of the vanpool services offered by DRCOG's Way to Go program in 2016.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

DRCOG staff recommends authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with the Regional Transportation District (RTD) for support of the vanpool services offered by DRCOG's Regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program in 2016.

ACTION BY OTHERS

NA

SUMMARY

RTD has expressed a commitment to vanpooling as a complement to its transit services, particularly for low volume peak travel times and dispersed commute travel. For 2016, RTD has budgeted \$947,600 for passenger fare subsidies for the Way to Go vanpool program. The program expects to operate 125 vanpools in 2016 with a total of 750 riders. The contract with RTD is routinely used to accept the funds from RTD that are budgeted for vanpool subsidies.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

Move to approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with RTD for support of vanpool services offered by DRCOG's Way to Go program in the amount of \$947,600 for 2016.

ATTACHMENT

Draft resolution

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you need additional information, please contact Jennifer Schaufele, at 303-480-6701, or jschaufele@drcog.org; or Steve Erickson, Communications and Marketing Director, at 303-480-6716 or serickson@drcog.org.

DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
STATE OF COLORADO

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. _____, 2016

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (RTD) FOR SUPPORT OF THE VANPOOL SERVICE OFFERED BY DRCOG'S WAY TO GO PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, DRCOG has, through its Way to Go program, successfully administered a commuter vanpool service since 1992; and

WHEREAS, RTD has expressed a commitment to vanpooling as a complement to its transit services, particularly for low volume peak travel times and dispersed commute travel; and

WHEREAS, RTD has budgeted \$947,600 in 2016 for passenger fare subsidies for the Way to Go vanpool service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Administrative Committee authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract with RTD for support of vanpool services offered by DRCOG's Way to Go program in the amount of \$947,600.

RESOLVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2016 at Denver, Colorado.

Elise Jones, Chair
Administrative Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director

ATTACH C

To: Chair and Members of the Administrative Committee

From: Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director
(303) 480-6701 or jschaufele@drcog.org

Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
January 20, 2016	Consent	2

SUBJECT

Authorization for the Executive Director to contract with the Regional Transportation District (RTD) to collect Guaranteed Ride Home service fees on behalf of DRCOG in 2016.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

DRCOG staff recommends authorizing the Executive Director to contract with RTD for collection of Guaranteed Ride Home service fees from employers who participate in RTD's Eco Pass program in 2016 at a charge of \$3 per Eco Pass holder for all areas within the Denver region, except Denver International Airport, where the charge will be \$5 per Eco Pass holder. These fees are unchanged from previous years.

ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

SUMMARY

RTD's Eco Pass program includes DRCOG's Guaranteed Ride Home service, which provides a free taxi ride home for Eco Pass holders when an emergency or unexpected overtime prevents them from using RTD or other alternative forms of transportation to get home from work.

The proposed charge for Guaranteed Ride Home coverage in 2016 is \$3 per Eco Pass holder for all areas within the Denver region, except Denver International Airport, where the charge will be \$5 per Eco Pass holder. The proposed charge is unchanged from previous years, and is based on DRCOG's prior year costs and anticipated costs for staff time, taxi charges, and marketing costs.

During 2015, more than 100,000 Eco Pass holders were covered by the Guaranteed Ride Home.

This is a routine agreement between DRCOG and RTD. It permits RTD to collect Guaranteed Ride Home fees from employers who participate in the Eco Pass program on behalf of DRCOG. It is an efficient way to collect the fees, and it means that employers can pay for both the Eco Pass and the Guaranteed Ride Home on the same invoice.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

None

PROPOSED MOTION

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with RTD for collection of Guaranteed Ride Home service fees at a charge of \$3 per Eco Pass holder

for all areas within the Denver region except Denver International Airport, where the charge will be \$5 per Eco Pass holder.

ATTACHMENT

Draft resolution

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

STATE OF COLORADO

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. _____, 2016

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (RTD) FOR COLLECTION OF GUARANTEED RIDE HOME SERVICE FEES FROM EMPLOYERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN RTD'S ECO PASS PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Eco Pass program offered by RTD to employers has since its inception included DRCOG's Guaranteed Ride Home service to provide a free taxi ride home for Eco Pass holders when an unexpected situation arises; and

WHEREAS, RTD collects revenues for the Guaranteed Ride Home service along with Eco Pass sales and passes the Guaranteed Ride Home revenue on to DRCOG; and

WHEREAS, the charge for this service is based on DRCOG's prior year costs, including both staff time and taxi charges plus estimated costs for advertising the program; and

WHEREAS, for 2015 the proposed charge is \$3 per person for all areas within the Denver region except Denver International Airport, where the charge will be \$5 per person; and

WHEREAS, all costs for providing this service would, therefore, be covered by the revenues collected by RTD.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Administrative Committee authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract with RTD for collection of Guaranteed Ride Home service fees at a charge of \$3 per Eco Pass holder for all areas within the Denver region except Denver International Airport, where the charge will be \$5 per Eco Pass holder.

RESOLVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2016 at Denver, Colorado.

Elise Jones, Chair
Administrative Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director

ATTACH D

To: Chair and Members of the Administrative Committee

From: Brad Calvert, Metro Vision Manager, Regional Planning and Operations
(bcalvert@drco.org or 303-480-6839)

Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
January 20, 2016	Action	2

SUBJECT

This item concerns amending DRCOG's existing contract with National Research Center (NRC) to conduct a survey of residents, employers and employees living or working near current or planned bus rapid transit lines.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and amend an existing contract with National Research Center (NRC) to complete the *2016 Who is TOD Survey*.

ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

SUMMARY

DRCOG released an RFP in March 2008 and selected National Research Center (NRC) to conduct a survey of households and businesses located near existing transit stations. The original study was completed in 2010 and recommended repeating the survey every 5 to 10 years to understand how attitudes and perceptions may change as the region's transit system expands and matures.

DRCOG budgeted for the survey update over two budget years, 2015 and 2016. DRCOG contracted with NRC in 2015 for a small amount of preparatory work in anticipation of the primary survey efforts in 2016. DRCOG was not able to extend the initial contract beyond December 31, 2015 because Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) funds for 2016 had not been secured. DRCOG's contract with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is now in place.

DRCOG's 2016 Budget includes \$125,000 to complete this study. DRCOG anticipates that a significant portion of the project cost will be hard costs, specifically the cost to print and mail surveys. An amendment to DRCOG's existing contract with NRC is required to finalize and administer the survey; analyze survey responses and to create a report that outlines findings, including notable changes from the 2010 survey. DRCOG has worked closely with NRC to keep anticipated costs comparable to the previous survey, a notable achievement given the much larger area that will be surveyed in 2016.

Below is the anticipated timeline for the upcoming survey (subject to change based on Administrative Committee approval and development of final scope of work and contract):

- Printing mailing materials: February 2016
- Mail out invitations and Resident Survey and Business Survey: March 2016
- Follow-up with employers to recruit employees for the Employee Survey: March/April 2016
- Data collection ends: April/May 2016
- Data analysis and draft report writing: May/June 2016
- Finalize Report: June/July 2016

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and amend an existing contract with National Research Center (NRC) to complete the *2016 Who is TOD Survey*.

ATTACHMENT

Draft resolution

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you need additional information, please contact Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director, at 303-480-6701 or jschaufele@drcog.org; or Brad Calvert, Metro Vision Manager at 303-480-6839 or bcalvert@drcog.org.

DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
STATE OF COLORADO

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. _____, 2016

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND AMEND AN EXISTING CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER (NRC) TO COMPLETE THE 2016 WHO IS TOD SURVEY, WITH THE OVERALL PROJECT COST NOT TO EXCEED \$155,000.

WHEREAS, the original *Who is TOD Survey* recommended repeating the survey every 5 to 10 years to understand how attitudes and perceptions may change as the region's transit system expands and matures; and

WHEREAS, RTD will open five new transit lines and a second *Who is TOD Survey* prior to the lines opening is a unique opportunity to benchmark residents, employers, and employees' attitudes towards transit prior to the opening of a significant portion of the FasTracks system; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Regional Council of Government's (DRCOG) outreach to RTD, local governments, and other stakeholders will ensure the data collected will be useful to a variety of potential audiences, and;

WHEREAS, the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) contracted with National Research Center (NRC) in 2015 to begin preparatory work for the survey; and;

WHEREAS, the DRCOG 2016 Budget includes \$125,000 in 2016 to complete the survey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Administrative Committee authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate and amend an existing contract with National Research Center (NRC) to complete the *2016 Who is TOD Survey*, with overall project costs not to exceed \$155,000.

RESOLVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2016 at Denver, Colorado.

Elise Jones, Chair
Administrative Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

For the period December 16, 2015 – January 13, 2015

REPORTING, COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH

❖ **Outcome #1:**

- Good relationships with Board members. Member outreach is key to continuing successful relationships with Board members while providing a forum to discuss challenges and opportunities.

❖ **Initiative #1:**

- Meet w/10 Board members by December 18 (won't be meeting 1:1 with officers; already meeting with them twice monthly); meet w/75% (42) Board members by July 31, 2016
 - **Status:**
 - **19 meetings completed as of January 13 (Beckman, Cernanec, Fanganello, Fifer, Gordon, Henry, Holen, Jefferson, Kniech, Partridge, Peck, Pieters, Rakowsky (2), Rosier, Santos, Shakti, Stolzmann, Vigil)**
 - **Focus turns to new members; working on scheduling meetings for January and February**
 - **No common themes but issues where more than one member noted as a concern:**
 - **Would like officers group expanded, more transparent, and demonstrate regionalism in officer role**
 - **Board is increasingly partisan**
 - **Lack of meeting preparation by members; staff assumes members have read package**
 - **While multiple people didn't share the following concerns, they're noteworthy for how they can impact the Board composition and conversations**
 - **Too much "brain damage" for the resulting lack of compromise**
 - **Officer outreach to new members is critical; shouldn't be just staff**
 - **Wants pros and cons from staff**

❖ **Initiative #2:**

- Provide opportunities for members to learn more about DRCOG
 - **Status:**
 - **DRCOG staff is hosting an Open House for Board members and alternates (December 16, tentative start at 6:00 p.m.) to meet employees and learn more about products and services. Completed. About 25 members enjoyed a catered dinner and met with 25+ staff to learn more about the tools and technology DRCOG uses to support the Board's decisions, understand the fragile balance many seniors must maintain to remain in their homes and largely independent, test their knowledge of the Board's strategic framework, and much more.**
 - **The plan to expand member onboarding was reviewed by Structure/ Governance group November 12, 2015. The Onboarding Plan was approved December 16, 2015 by the Board and initial implementation is slated for 1st quarter of 2016.**
 - **Staff is researching and will recommend a conferencing tool to ensure members who are unable to attend the newly-established work sessions in person can participate in the sessions in a meaningful way. Additionally,**

staff is surveying the full membership to identify a recurring date and time when most Directors can attend the new work sessions.

❖ **Outcome #2:**

- Staff activities are aligned to the DRCOG vision and strategy, internal and external communications are improved, and performance against strategic goals is tracked and measured.

❖ **Initiative #1:**

- Complete Balanced Scorecard (BSC) for all divisions and enter measures and targets into QuickScore (a web-based tool showing an organization the results of their balanced scorecard investment) for reporting to the Board by December 31, 2015.
 - **Status**
 - Division staff continued meeting with Jerry Stigall through December, wrapping up a week earlier than anticipated. DRCOG now has an operational BSC and will be highlighted at the January 2016 Board meeting.

❖ **Outcome #3:**

- Robust analysis/pros and cons and staff recommendations for agenda items
 - **Status:**
 - Officers have committed to working with members of Administrative Committee and ED to better describe what's requested of staff. **The officers and ED discussed this in November and guidance was: 1) officers will point to areas they feel need extra elucidation and 2) staff should look at each item case by case and focus added attention on items which aren't routine, are known to have some element of controversy, are complex or otherwise may be difficult to understand. Officers also suggested pros and cons in some instances are also desirable.**

TIMELINESS OF MEETING MATERIALS

❖ **Outcome #1:**

- Meeting attendees receive agenda materials for regularly scheduled meetings a week in advance to prepare for discussions and actions.

❖ **Initiative #1:**

- Mail all meeting materials 1 week in advance to the Board and MVIC beginning September 1, 2015; mail all meeting materials 1 week in advance to RTC, ACA, Structure/Governance Group beginning October 1, 2015.
 - **Status:**
 - **100% compliance for Board, MVIC, RTC and ACA, and Structure/Governance with one exception (below)**
 - **One of 6 attachments (draft Onboarding (Capacity Building) Plan) was inadvertently omitted and sent 4 days after original mailing in November 2015.**

NEW/EXPANDED PRODUCTS, SERVICES, AND INNOVATION

❖ **Outcome #1:**

- Create new and expanded partnerships, funding and other support to stretch our resources further and improve service delivery.

❖ Initiative #1:

- Build business acumen of AAA
 - **Status:**
 - Received funding from Colorado Health Foundation in the amount of \$50,000. The Foundation provides financial support for community based organizations learn to contract with the healthcare industry. This grant pays for staff (Jayla Sanchez-Warren – AAA Director, AJ Diamontopoulos – AAA Business Director, Jenny Dock – DRCOG Accounting Services Manager) to attend training sessions. Training (October 2015 and May 2016) focuses on finance, marketing, operations and outreach and include any necessary assistance between sessions. No match required except for staff time to attend training. During October, these staff attended the Linkage Lab, a learning session for Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). Economist Victor Tabbush Ph.D. discussed making the business case for contracting with healthcare providers, managing projects and leadership skills necessary to successfully move into this new area of service. Attendees also received a market study of the Colorado healthcare industry to assist in targeting efforts to find mutually beneficial partnerships. **In December, staff had a teleconference with two of the consultants partnering with the Foundation. The purpose of the call was to discuss challenges and opportunities unique to DRCOG entering the fee for service marketplace and provide specific information related to proposals we had attempted and prospects in our pipeline as well as describe our infrastructure (accounting, staffing, etc.) and any other barriers (including organizational cultural and marketplace perceptions) that could be a roadblock to success. The information gleaned from the call will be used by the consultants to prepare a localized strategy for DRCOG when they make an onsite visit in the first quarter of 2016. In addition, staff had a conference call with Dr. Tabbush on January 7th to discuss vision and mission topics and help with competitive pricing.**

❖ Initiative #2:

- Improve/expand service delivery to member governments through partnerships and innovative funding.
 - **Status:**
 - DRCOG purchased a subscription (\$1995) to an application called GrantFinder through EfficientGov - an information service that tracks innovative solutions to fiscal and operational challenges communities around the world. GrantFinder provides access more than 4,000 federal, state, corporate and foundation grants in a user-friendly, real-time format and the subscription includes technical support, dashboard to track deadlines, customized searches, key agency contacts. A subscription for 10 is \$995; DRCOG can offer a no-additional-cost “seat” to GrantFinder for 47 of its members. Not anticipating every community to have interest, we expect all interested members can have a seat, and certainly all interested members with populations under 50,000. Staff will be notifying member communities of this opportunity in the coming days and is working with GrantFinder on a webinar walking member through the product to maximize the value of service. **Nine communities took immediate advantage of this offer. DRCOG hosted 3 webinars to explain the basics of using GrantFinder in November and December. As more members opt in, we will host additional**

briefing webinars. We currently have 36 seats still available and staff will remind member communities of this opportunity in one-on-one meetings.

- DRCOG submitted a grant application to DOLA in the amount \$250,000 to expand Boomer Bond into small communities, an express target of DOLA. The grant does not require a cash match. Match normally required by DOLA will be covered by the time invested by DRCOG staff who is already involved in taking Boomer Bond into member communities. **DRCOG received notice we'd been approved to receive \$75,000 for this first year of funding.**
- Robert Liberty, Director of the Urban Sustainability Accelerator at Portland State University has contacted DRCOG about bringing together no more than 6 peer agencies across the nation to tackle the issue of transportation investment decision-making. For a cost of about \$50,000, Mr. Liberty, along with subject matter experts, would provide technical, strategic, and administrative assistance to the cohort as we work on improving how we make transportation investment decisions. Mr. Liberty will be here the first week of December to meet with electeds and staff to discuss DRCOG's challenges and opportunities around this topic and help DRCOG determine if we'd like to be a part of the peer to peer team he's assembling for launch in the spring of 2016. **DRCOG hosted 5 meetings with 21 Board members and 22 others (43 total) in December. To help gauge interest in participating in a cohort related to improving transportation decision-making in the Denver region, a survey was sent to participants. The survey closed January 4 and results will be discussed at the February meeting of the Board of Directors.**
- Don Hunt, former CDOT Executive Director met with the Board officers and later made a presentation to the full Board in December concerning **maximizing existing transportation investments by leveraging technology to plan for the future workforce and employer mobility needs as well as increasing economic opportunities and quality of life.**

❖ **Initiative #3:**

- Expand outreach in support of DRCOG's mission and vision
 - **Status**
 - The DRCOG Chair, Vice-Chair and staff traveled to Washington D.C. in late September where they met with -or provided information – to all 9 Congressional offices on the Older American's Act Reauthorization and the DRIVE Act. While in D.C., DRCOG also meet with a senior administration official as well as the policy team of the National Association of AAAs. DRCOG continues fighting to ensure Colorado's older adults receive their fair share of federal funds and remains vigilant in the federal transportation reauthorization process. On December 4, **President Obama signed the FAST Act, the first long-term transportation bill in a decade. For Colorado, the result is an additional \$251 million above current levels for highway projects over the next 5 years and an additional \$45 million above current levels for transit projects over the same period of time. The bill includes a new freight program, gives additional flexibility to STP Metro funds, and slightly increases the MPO share of STP Metro over the life of the bill.**
 - DRCOG's Leadership in Aging Summit targeted Colorado's Congressional Delegation, the General Assembly, advocates, caregivers, healthcare professionals, consumers, and the public. The Summit's focus was on the

unfairness and costliness of failing to fix the Older Americans Act (OAA). We hosted 100 participants, including 6 representatives from the Congressional offices and 3 members of the general assembly. The event turned out to be too large to hold at DRCOG and was moved to Westin downtown. *As a result, Representative Coffman asked that we draft a letter for his signature that would request members of Congress eliminate the Hold Harmless provision in the OAA.* **In a strong show of bipartisanship, all seven of Colorado's members to the US House of Representatives signed a letter addressed to the House Education and Workforce Committee chairs bringing their attention to the provision in the current and Senate bill which artificially freezes our funds at 2006 levels despite growth in our senior population. The provision also disproportionately directs higher sequester cuts to Colorado. We are contacting the other 25 states harmed by this provision and are scheduling a trip to DC in February with expectations of meeting – among others - with the National Association of Regional Councils and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging about standing with Colorado on getting the OAA fixed.**

- DRCOG partnered with History Colorado on their newest exhibit, *Searching for Home: Homelessness in Colorado History*. The exhibit invites visitors to explore Colorado's long history of economic struggle and to consider the complexities of an issue often reduced to simplistic stereotypes. DRCOG's role has been to provide information on the homelessness of older adults. **December 26, DRCOG is hosting a discussion of best practices for providing difficult news to clients seeking affordable housing at History Colorado. The forum will incorporate information and tools from the newly published "Talking About the Affordable Housing Crisis: Tools for Delivering Bad News" guide, produced by the AAA, Brothers Redevelopment, Inc. and the Mile High United Way 2-1-1 Help Center to will equip community agency professionals as they're confronted with the challenge of delivering bad news about nearly impossible-to-find affordable housing in the region.**
- The Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging in Colorado was established in the last session of the General Assembly. Jennifer Schaufele is the Group's vice chair and is helping develop a plan by November 2016 to provide guidance to the Governor and the general assembly for dealing with Colorado's rapidly aging population. There have been 4 meetings of full group which is developing a strategic framework to delineate how the group will accomplish its missions by the established deadline. SAPGoA hired the Keystone Policy Center to provide staffing services for the Group. Subcommittees were formed (physical environment, workforce development, health and wellness, etc.) to develop strategic objectives, measures and targets and strategic initiatives for the final Plan. Jerry Stigall provided technical support in getting agreement on the Group's strategic framework to help ensure the final Plan is of high quality, meaningful, on-time, and implementable.
- **DRCOG hosted its biggest ever Metro Vision Idea Exchange in December. There were 76 attendees, 21 of which were local government staff. Other participants were service providers and other concerned about the senior housing crisis. The event focused on the different older adults and their spectrum of housing needs; senior housing being built throughout the region and the types that are lacking; successful senior housing projects throughout the region; and, strategies for building senior housing. Ratings from attendees were very high.**