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AGENDA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015
6:30 P.M. – 8:50 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. *Move to Approve Agenda
5. 6:35 Report of the Chair
 - Report on Regional Transportation Committee
 - Presentation of Five Year Service Award to Jackie Millet, City of Lone Tree
6. 6:40 Report of the Executive Director
7. 6:45 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

STRATEGIC INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

8. 7:05 Presentation on Ozone
(Attachment A) Ken Lloyd, Executive Director, Regional Air Quality Council

***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

9. 7:25 *Move to Approve Consent Agenda
- Minutes of May 20, 2015
(Attachment B)

ACTION AGENDA

10. 7:30 *Discussion of a resolution amending the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program
(Attachment C) Todd Cottrell, Senior Transportation Planner, Transportation Planning & Operations
In accordance with the Articles of Association, this action requires an affirmative majority (30) of the DRCOG membership
11. 7:40 *Discussion of the 2016-2017 Unified Planning Work Program
(Attachment D) Todd Cottrell, Senior Transportation Planner, Transportation Planning & Operations
12. 7:50 *Discussion of synchronizing DRCOG's Annual Work Program with the Annual Budget and adopting them together no later than November beginning in 2015 and, moving the Board's annual workshop to the fall/early winter timeframe of each calendar year
(Attachment E) Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS

13. 8:05 Presentation on Strategic Planning Model
(Attachment F) Jerry Stigall, Director, Organizational Development
14. 8:20 Presentation on Board Portal
(Attachment G) Steve Erickson, Director, Communications & Marketing
15. 8:35 Committee Reports
The Chair requests these reports be brief, reflect decisions made and information germane to the business of DRCOG
- A. Report on State Transportation Advisory Committee – Elise Jones
 - B. Report from Metro Mayors Caucus – Sue Horn
 - 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
 - F. Report on E-470 Authority – Ron Rakowsky
 - G. Report on FasTracks – Bill Van Meter

***Motion Requested**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

16. Draft June 3, 2015 Metro Vision Issues Committee summary
(Attachment H)
17. Draft May 20, 2015 Administrative Committee summary
(Attachment I)
18. Relevant clippings and other communications of interest
(Attachment J)
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

19. **Next Meeting –August 19, 2015**
20. Other Matters by Members
21. 8:50 Adjournment

CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS

July

14	Regional Transportation Committee	8:30 a.m.
15	Administrative Committee	5:30 p.m.
	Board of Directors	6:30 p.m.
17	Advisory Committee on Aging	CANCELLED
27	Transportation Advisory Committee	1:30 p.m.

August

5	Metro Vision Issues Committee	4 p.m.
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.
24	Transportation Advisory Committee	1:30 p.m.

September

2	Metro Vision Issues Committee	4 p.m.
15	Regional Transportation Committee	8:30 a.m.
16	Administrative Committee	5:30 p.m.
	Board of Directors	6:30 p.m.
18	Advisory Committee on Aging	Noon – 3 p.m.
28	Transportation Advisory Committee	1:30

Acronym List

* Denotes DRCOG Program, Committee or Report

AAA	Area Agency on Aging	NARC	National Association of Regional Councils
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials	NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
ADA	Americans with Disability Act of 1990	NHPP	National Highway Performance Program
AMPO	Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations	NFRMPO	North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization
APA	American Planning Association	NHS	National Highway System
APCD	Air Pollution Control Division	NOx	Nitrogen oxides
AQCC	Air Quality Control Commission	NWCCOG	Northwest Colorado Council of Governments
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act	O&M	Operations and Maintenance
BMPs	Best Management Practices	O ₃	Ozone
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments	P3	Public Private Partnership
CAC	Citizens Advisory Committee	PM _{2.5}	Particulates or fine dust less than 2.5 microns in size
CARO	Colorado Association of Regional Organizations	PM ₁₀	Particulates or fine dust less than 10 microns in size
CBD	Central Business District	PnR	park-n-Ride
CCI	Colorado Counties, Inc.	PPACG	Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
CDPHE	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment	RAQC	Regional Air Quality Council
CDOT	Colorado Department of Transportation	RAMP	Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance & Partnerships
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	RFP	Request for Proposal
CM/AQ	Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality	RFQ	Request for Qualifications
CML	Colorado Municipal League	ROD	Record of Decision
CMS	Congestion Management System	ROW	Right-of-way
CO	Carbon monoxide	RPP	Regional Priorities Program
CWA	Clean Water Act	RTC	Regional Transportation Committee*
CWP	Clean Water Plan*	RTD	Regional Transportation District
DBE	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise	RTP	Regional Transportation Plan*
DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement	SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
DMCC	Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce	SB	Senate Bill
DoLA	Colorado Department of Local Affairs and Development	SCI	Sustainable Communities Initiative
USDOT	U.S. Department of Transportation	SIP	State Implementation Plan for Air Quality
DRCOG	Denver Regional Council of Governments	SOV	Single-occupant Vehicle
DRMAC	Denver Regional Mobility and Access Council	STAC	State Transportation Advisory Committee
DUS	Denver Union Station	STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
E&D	Elderly and Disabled	STP	Surface Transportation Project (STP-Metro, STP-Enhancement)
EA	Environmental Assessment	TAC	Transportation Advisory Committee*
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement	TAP	Transportation Alternatives Program
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	TAZ	Traffic Analysis Zone
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration	TCM	Transportation Control Measures
FCC	Federal Communications Commission	TDM	Transportation Demand Management
FEIS	Final Environmental Impact Statement	TIFIA	Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency	TIP	Transportation Improvement Program*
FWHA	Federal Highway Administration	TLRC	Transportation Legislative Review Committee
FIRE	Firefighter Intraregional Recruitment & Employment*	TMA	Transportation Management Area
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact	TMO/TMA	Transportation Management Organization/Transportation Management Agency
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration	TOD	Transit Oriented Development
FTA	Federal Transit Administration	TPR	Transportation Planning Region
FY	Fiscal Year	TSM	Transportation System Management
GIS	Geographic Information System	TSSIP	Traffic Signal System Improvement Program
HB	House Bill	UGB/A	Urban Growth Boundary/Area
HC	Hydrocarbons	UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program
HOT Lanes	High-occupancy Toll Lanes	V/C	Volume-to-capacity ratio
HOV	High-occupancy Vehicle	VMT	Vehicle Miles of Travel
HUTF	Highway Users Trust Fund	VOC	Volatile Organic Compounds
IGA	Intergovernmental Agreement	WHSRA	Western High Speed Rail Authority
ICMA	International City Management Association	WQCC	Water Quality Control Commission
IPA	Integrated Plan Assessment*	WQCD	Water Quality Control Division (CDPHE)
ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act		
ITE	Institute of Traffic Engineers		
ITS	Intelligent Transportation System		
JARC	Job Access/Reverse Commute		
LRT	Light Rail Transit		
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century		
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement		
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding		
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization*		
MVIC	Metro Vision Issues Committee*		
MVITF	Metro Vision Implementation Task Force		
MVPAC	Metro Vision Planning Advisory Committee		
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards		

To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

From: Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director
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Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
July 15, 2015	Information	8

SUBJECT

The Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) must prepare a State Implementation Plan (SIP) describing how the Denver/North Front Range area will reach attainment of the current ozone standard.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

No action proposed. This item is for information only.

ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

SUMMARY

In the Denver Metro/North Front Range (DMNFR) area, ground level ozone is a “summertime” pollutant formed on hot sunny days from the mixture of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) emitted into the atmosphere from various sources. High levels of ozone can greatly affect the respiratory conditions of people, especially children, older adults, and persons with existing health conditions. Air quality monitors across the DMNFR area (from north of Fort Collins down to Douglas County) measure hourly average ozone concentrations.

Under the current nonattainment designation for the “2008 8-hour ozone standard” (75 parts per billion), the DMNFR area is classified as marginal nonattainment and initially had a deadline of December 31, 2015 to reach attainment (determined from monitor readings over a three-year period of 2013-2015). However, based on a recent court ruling, the attainment deadline was changed to July 20, 2015, which effectively changes the determination period to 2012-2014. As a result, the DMNFR area (see Figure 1) **will not** attain the ozone standard by the deadline and will be “bumped-up” to a higher classification of nonattainment (from “marginal” to “moderate”) with a new attainment date of July 20, 2018.

The following is the timeline for developing a State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Ozone for the DMNFR area:

2015

- RAQC and CDPHE continue work on emission source inventories and photochemical grid modeling for a 2011 base year and 2017 attainment year.
- RAQC evaluates alternative emissions control strategies.
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reclassifies DMNFR area to moderate nonattainment.

2016

- RAQC completes modeling, control strategy evaluation, and proposed motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEB).
- Fall: Colorado Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) holds public hearings and approves SIP.

2017

- Colorado legislature receives SIP for review and approval
- AQCC submits SIP to EPA

The DRCOG (and North Front Range MPO) Regional Transportation Plan and TIP must always “conform” with the currently approved SIP. It must be demonstrated the estimated transportation pollutant emissions will not exceed the mobile source emissions budgets established in the SIP for VOCs and NOx. The current RTP and TIP pass all the budget tests. After new emission budgets are “found adequate” by EPA as part of the new ozone SIP, transportation conformity with new budgets will have to be demonstrated.

Also on the horizon is the establishment of a new, more stringent, ozone standard by the EPA (anticipated to be between 65 and 70 parts per billion). A SIP for the new standard would likely have to be completed by 2020 or 2021.

RAQC staff will present the latest information at the July Board meeting.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

N/A

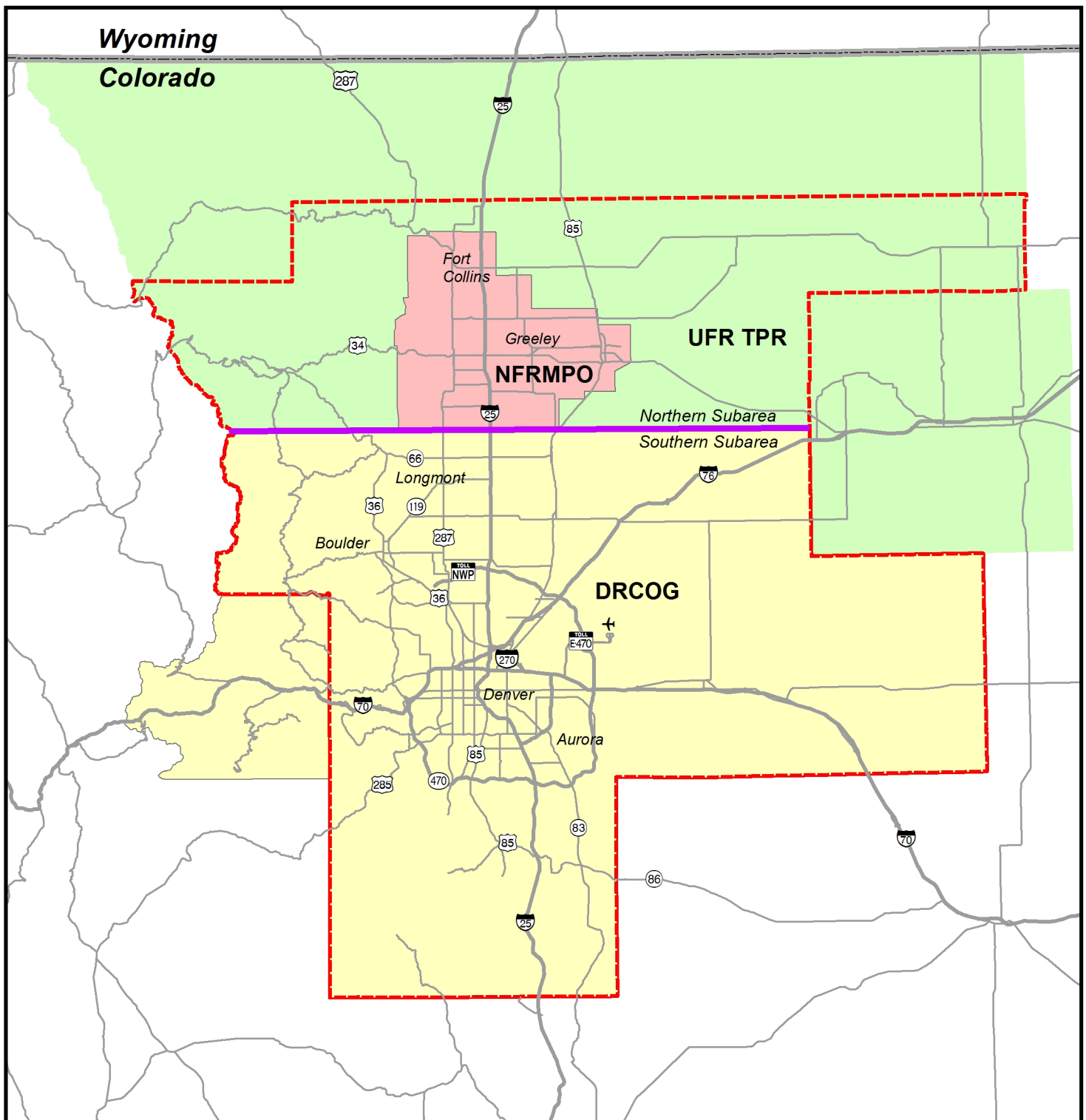
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Figure 1 – Map of Denver-North Front Range Ozone Nonattainment Area

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

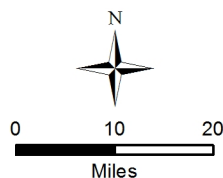
If you need additional information, please contact Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director, at 303-480-6701 or jschaufele@drcog.org, or Steve Cook, MPO Planning Program Manager at 303-480-6749 or scook@drcog.org.

Figure 1
Denver-North Front Range
Ozone Nonattainment Area



LEGEND

- Ozone Nonattainment Area**
- Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)
- North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Org. (NFRMPO)
- Upper Front Range Transportation Planning Region (UFRTPR)



SOURCE DATA:
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Projection: State Plane Colorado Central, NAD 83 (feet)

ATTACH B

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015

Members/Alternates Present

Jackie Millet, Chair	Lone Tree
Eva Henry	Adams County
Bill Holen	Arapahoe County
Elise Jones	Boulder County
Dennis Harward	City & County of Broomfield
Crissy Fanganello	City & County of Denver
Chris Nevitt	City & County of Denver
Roger Partridge	Douglas County
Don Rosier	Jefferson County
Bob Roth	City of Aurora
Sue Horn	Town of Bennett
Suzanne Jones	City of Boulder
Anne Justen	Town of Bow Mar
George Teal	Town of Castle Rock
Cathy Noon	City of Centennial
Laura Christman	City of Cherry Hills Village
Gale Christy	Town of Columbine Valley
Jim Benson	City of Commerce City
Debbie Nasta	City of Dacono
Randy Penn	City of Englewood
Daniel Dick (Alternate)	City of Federal Heights
Laura Brown	Town of Frederick
Ron Rakowsky	City of Greenwood Village
Brad Wiesley	City of Lafayette
Shakti	City of Lakewood
Phil Cernanec	City of Littleton
Jeff Moore (Alternate)	City of Longmont
Ashley Stolzmann	City of Louisville
Colleen Whitlow	Town of Mead
Josh Rivero (Alternate)	Town of Parker
Rita Dozal	Town of Superior
Val Vigil	City of Thornton
Joyce Jay	City of 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; Jeanne Shreve, Adams County; Rod Bockenfeld, Bryan Weimer, Arapahoe County; Mac Callison, Aurora; Heather Lamboy, Castle Rock; Doris Truhlar, Centennial; Joe Fowler, Douglas County; Joe Jefferson, Englewood; Steve Durian, Jefferson County; Jenice JJ Dove, Kent Moorman, Thornton; Jim Taylor, SCI Executive Committee, George Dibble, Ed Bowditch, Tomlinson & Associates; and DRCOG staff.

Chair Jackie Millet called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present. It was noted this would be the last meeting for both Chris Nevitt and Randy Penn. Randy Penn introduced his alternate and the new Board member representing Englewood, Joe Jefferson. The chair recognized Jeff Moore, alternate from Longmont, and Josh Rivero, alternate from Parker. The Chair presented Ashley Stolzmann with a gift for being the first respondent in the Board Collaboration Assessment.

Move to Approve Agenda

Elise Jones **moved** to approve the agenda. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Report of the Chair

- Chair Millet noted she was not in attendance at the Regional Transportation Committee meeting on Tuesday, and asked Sue Horn to provide information on the Committee's activities. Mayor Horn noted the committee approved the self-certification, and discussed the update of the prospectus document.

Report of the Executive Director

- Jennifer Schaufele reported the annual work program would be included in the July Board agenda packet for adoption.
- Ms. Schaufele noted the annual Executive Director evaluation survey will be distributed to members early next week, with a two-week turnaround. If there are questions about the survey, please contact Jerry Stigall, Director of Organizational Development. If members have questions specifically about information to include in the survey, please contact Jackie Millet or one of the other Board Officers. Elise Jones noted she would offer a prize for the first person who responds to the evaluation survey.

Public comment

No public comment was received.

Move to approve consent agenda

Bill Holen **moved** to approve the consent agenda. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

- Minutes of April 15, 2015
- Approve the *DRCOG Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Self-Certification Statement*.
- Confirm appointments to the Metro Vision Issues Committee in accordance with the committee guidelines established by the Board

Move to approve Arapahoe County's request for an additional one (1) square mile of urban growth boundary/area

Rod Bockenfeld, Arapahoe County Commissioner, provided information on a request by Arapahoe County for an additional square mile of UGB/A. He noted that as a consequence of annexations by the City of Centennial, the County is one mile short for developments currently underway or soon to be underway. He noted the County feels the process for recouping annexed UGB/A is flawed. The current policy calls for an Intergovernmental Agreement between the parties to restore UGB/A to the County once an annexation has taken place. Centennial stated they were not aware of this provision in the policy, and has no UGB/A to return to the City. Commissioner Bockenfeld stated the County doesn't feel this request should be considered an "emergency" request as it is merely restoring UGB/A that had already been allotted to them.

Members discussed the request at length. Some members felt the policy for an emergency request should have been followed, regardless of whether the County feels the policy is flawed. Other members agreed with the County's position, and feel the policy should be fixed. Concern was expressed that no information was provided with the agenda item. Staff suggested the county bring the item as an emergency request; however the county does not agree that the request fits in that process and declined to submit the request in that way.

Bill Holen **moved** to approve Arapahoe County's request for an additional one (1) square mile of urban growth boundary/area. The motion was **seconded**. There was discussion.

At this time the Chair excused herself from the meeting due to a prior engagement. The Vice Chair took over chairing the meeting.

It was **moved** and **seconded** to stop debate. The motion to stop debate **passed** with 21 in favor and 7 opposed.

The original motion **failed** on a vote of 15 in favor, 15 opposed, and 2 abstaining.

Move to approve eligibility rules and evaluation criteria for FY 2016-2017 studies funded through the Station Area Master Plans/Urban Center Planning Studies Pool outlined in the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Brad Calvert provided a brief presentation on the evaluation criteria and eligibility rules. He noted the Transportation Advisory Committee recommends approval.

Phil Cernanec **moved** to approve eligibility rules and evaluation criteria for FY 2016-2017 studies funded through the Station Area Master Plan/Urban Center Planning Studies Pool outlined in the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Move to endorse the Sustainable Communities Initiative Regional Principles and accept the document containing the principles and recommended strategies as presented by the SCI Executive Committee

Jim Taylor, Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) Executive Committee Chair, and Rick Garcia, Housing & Urban Development Region VIII Administrator, encouraged members to endorse the SCI Regional Principles and accept the document containing the principles and recommended strategies.

Suzanne Jones **moved** to endorse the Sustainable Communities Initiative Regional Principles and accept the document containing the principles and recommended strategies as presented by the SCI Executive Committee. The motion was **seconded**. There was discussion.

Roger Partridge offered a **substitute motion** to accept the document containing the principles and recommended strategies as presented by the SCI Executive Committee. The substitute motion was **seconded**. There was discussion.

After discussion, the substitute motion **failed** with 13 in favor and 17 opposed.

Phil Cernanec offered a friendly amendment to the original motion to replace the word “include” on page 2 of the principles background document with the word “offer.” The maker and second accepted the friendly amendment.

The motion **passed** with 22 in favor, 7 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Bike to Work Day Presentation

Steve Erickson, Director of Communications & Marketing, provided information to members about Bike to Work Day.

Presentation on Collaboration Assessment

Jerry Stigall, Director of Organizational Development, distributed copies of the collaboration assessment and an observation document on the assessment to Board members. Members not in attendance will receive their copies via mail. Mr. Stigall asked members to email him with suggestions on how to approach the action items in the observations document.

RTD FasTracks Status Report

Bill Van Meter, RTD staff, provided a brief overview of the RTD FasTracks Status Report. Members had no questions on the report.

Area Agency on Aging Contracts

Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Director of the Area Agency on Aging, reported on contracting for Older Americans Act funds for the upcoming contract cycle. Hendrik Kopperl, DRCOG staff, provided an overview of the process and funding. Bob Roth expressed his

appreciation to Jayla Sanchez-Warren and Brad Calvert, who provided a presentation for the Aurora City Council.

Committee Reports

Due to the lateness of the hour, no committee reports were provided.

Next meeting – July 15, 2015

Other matters by members

Randy Penn expressed his thanks to the City of Denver for a successful conclusion to recent fire department negotiations.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Jackie Millet, Chair
Board of Directors
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director

ATTACH C

To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

From: Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director
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Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
July 15, 2015	Action	10

SUBJECT

DRCOG's transportation planning process allows for Board-approved amendments to the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), taking place on an as-needed basis. Typically, these amendments involve the deletion and addition of projects or adjustments to existing projects and do not impact funding for other projects in the TIP.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

DRCOG staff recommends approval of the proposed amendments because they comply with the Board adopted [TIP Preparation Policy](#).

ACTION BY OTHERS

[June 22, 2015](#) - TAC recommended approval.

July 14, 2015 – RTC will act on a recommendation.

SUMMARY

Projects to be amended are listed in the attachment. Highlighted items depict proposed changes. The proposed policy amendments to the [2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program](#) have been found to conform with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

Move to adopt a resolution amending the [2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#).

ATTACHMENT

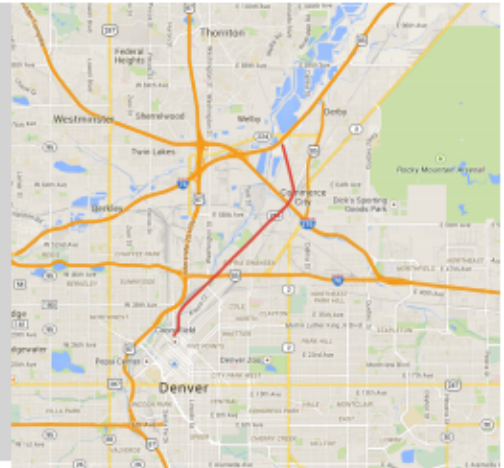
- Proposed TIP Amendments
- Draft Resolution

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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2007-055: Change project name, limits, scope and increase funds to accurately reflect project information**Existing**Title: **FasTracks North Metro: Denver Union Station to 72nd Ave**Project Type: **Rapid Transit**TIP-ID: **2007-055**STIP-ID: **SST7015.008**Open to Public: **2020**Sponsor: **R T D****Project Scope**

Commuter rail corridor from Denver Union Station to 72nd Ave. Alignment generally follows the BNSF rail alignment to near 54th Ave, then further north it joins the UPRR Boulder Branch ROW. Future funds are anticipated expenditures from 2018-2035, and may not represent total build out costs.

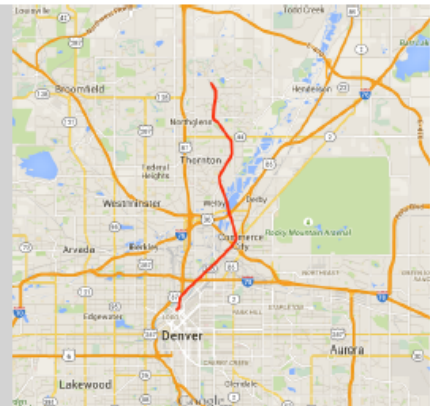


Affected Municipality(ies)	Affected County(ies)
Commerce City	Adams
Denver	Denver

Amounts in \$1,000s	Prior Funding	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20-21	Future Funding	Total Funding
Federal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
State		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Local (RTD)		\$172,484	\$84,690	\$4,740	\$0	\$0		
Total	\$157,680	\$172,484	\$84,690	\$4,740	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$419,594

RevisedTitle: **FasTracks North Metro: Denver Union Station to Eastlake / 124th Ave** Project Type: **Rapid Transit**TIP-ID: **2007-055**STIP-ID: **SST7015.008**Open to Public: **2020**Sponsor: **R T D****Project Scope**

Commuter rail corridor from Denver Union Station to the Eastlake / 124th Ave Station in Thornton and generally follows the UP Boulder Branch right-of-way.

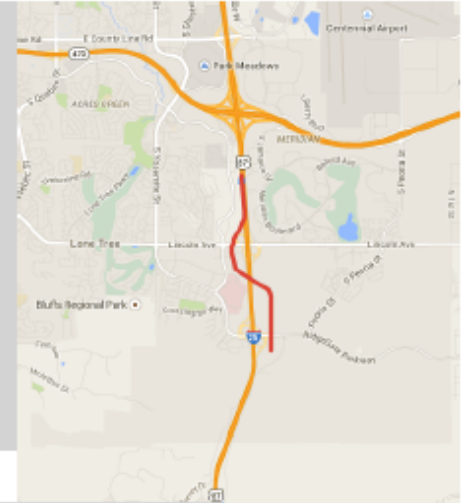


Affected Municipality(ies)	Affected County(ies)
Commerce City	Adams
Denver	Denver
Northglenn	
Thornton	
Unincorporated	

Amounts in \$1,000s	Prior Funding	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20-21	Future Funding	Total Funding
Federal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
State		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Local (RTD)		\$252,627	\$147,367	\$14,248	\$0	\$0		
Total	\$283,988	\$252,627	\$147,367	\$14,248	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$698,230

2007-059: Revise funding table to accurately reflect committed funds**Existing****Title: FasTracks Southeast Corridor Extension: Lincoln Ave to RidgeGate Pkwy****Project Type: Rapid Transit****TIP-ID: 2007-059****STIP-ID: SST7015****Open to Public: 2019****Sponsor: R T D****Project Scope**

Extend Southeast Corridor LRT from Lincoln Ave to RidgeGate Pkwy Station in the City of Lone Tree.



Affected Municipality(ies)	Affected County(ies)
Lone Tree	Douglas

Amounts in \$1,000s	Prior Funding	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20-21	Future Funding	Total Funding
Federal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Federal (5309S)		\$92,000	\$42,706	\$25,942	\$1,141	\$0		
State		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Local		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Local (RTD)		\$43,190	\$58,614	\$29,872	\$1,315	\$0		
Total	\$39,379	\$135,190	\$101,320	\$55,814	\$2,456	\$0	\$0	\$334,159

Revised

Amounts in \$1,000s	Prior Funding	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20-21	Future Funding	Total Funding
Federal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Federal (5309S)		\$92,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
State		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Local		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Local (RTD)		\$0	\$45,010	\$55,814	\$2,456	\$0		
Total	\$36,182	\$92,000	\$45,010	\$55,814	\$2,456	\$0	\$0	\$231,462

2016-003: Update project scope and increase project funds to be consistent with the STIP. The Bridge Enterprise (BE) funds represent funds included in the prior FY 12-17 STIP as well as the estimated construction expenditures associated with a long-term payment stream of BE revenues. Additional funding will be added to the TIP once funding sources have been secured.

Existing

Title: **I-70 East Reconstruction**Project Type: **Roadway Reconstruction**TIP-ID: **2016-003**

STIP-ID:

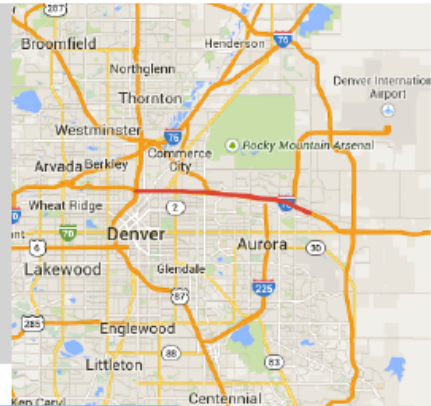
Open to Public:

Sponsor: **CDOT Region 1**

Project Scope

Project reconstructs portions of I-70 East in Denver.

Affected Municipality(ies)	Affected County(ies)
Denver	Denver



Amounts in \$1,000s	Prior Funding	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20-21	Future Funding	Total Funding
Federal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Federal (CMAQ)		\$0	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$16,000	\$0		
State		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
State (FASTER-B)		\$8,080	\$752,170	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Local		\$0	\$1,500	\$750	\$4,000	\$0		
Total	\$0	\$8,080	\$759,670	\$3,750	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$791,500

Revised

Title: **I-70 East Reconstruction**Project Type: **Roadway Reconstruction**TIP-ID: **2016-003**

STIP-ID:

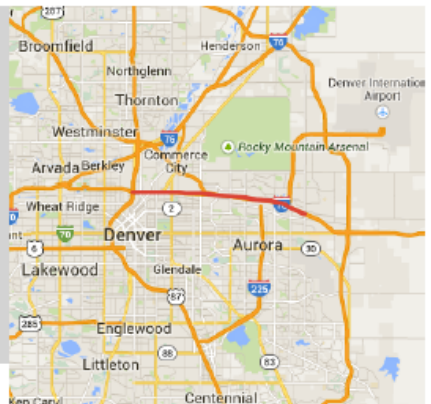
Open to Public:

Sponsor: **CDOT Region 1**

Project Scope

Replace the I-70 Viaduct, including the addition of one managed lane in each direction to the east termini to be determined in NEPA.

Affected Municipality(ies)	Affected County(ies)
Denver	Denver



Amounts in \$1,000s	Prior Funding	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20-21	Future Funding	Total Funding
Federal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Federal (CMAQ)		\$0	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$16,000	\$25,000		
State		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
State (FASTER-B)		\$175,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0		
Local		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Total	\$75,000	\$175,000	\$206,000	\$203,000	\$216,000	\$25,000	\$272,000	\$1,172,000

DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

STATE OF COLORADO

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION NO. _____, 2015

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2016-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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 2016-2021 was adopted by the Board of Directors on April 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2016-2021 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 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Denver Regional Council of Governments hereby determines that this amendment to the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program conforms to the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality.

RESOLVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2015 at Denver, Colorado.

Jackie Millet, Chair
Board of Directors
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director

ATTACH D

To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

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

Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
July 15, 2015	Action	11

SUBJECT

The *FY2016-FY2017 Unified Planning Work Program for the Denver Region* is the MPO's work program for the next two federal fiscal years.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

DRCOG staff recommends approval of the draft *FY2016-FY2017 Unified Planning Work Program for the Denver Region*

ACTION BY OTHERS

[June 22, 2015](#) – TAC recommended approval.
July 14, 2015 – RTC will act on a recommendation.

SUMMARY

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a federally-required document that outlines the planning tasks and activities to be conducted within the region with federal transportation planning funds. The document also lists other major planning activities performed by local governments and partner agencies.

The new *FY2016-FY2017 UPWP*, outlines activities to be conducted from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2017, and was prepared with input from CDOT, RTD, and local government staff.

Priorities over the next two years include:

- Complete a MAP-21 compliant Metropolitan Planning Agreement between DRCOG, CDOT and RTD
- Complete an update to the *Prospectus, Transportation Planning in the Denver Area*
- Prepare an update to the *Public Involvement in Regional Transportation Planning* document
- Prepare report on status and impacts of DRCOG transportation planning and programming with environmental justice
- Complete the *Metro Vision Update* (including the *2040 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan*); track progress on performance measures
- Conduct a regional freight movement study
- Develop a regional active transportation plan
- Urban Growth Boundary/Area (UGB/A) update
- Maintain the TIP and develop MAP-21 compliant reporting
- Maintain the transportation operations program
- Develop safety reports (traffic, as well as a pedestrian and bicycle report)
- Update the *Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan*
- Coordinate the *2016 Denver Regional Aerial Photography Project*
- Maintain and enhance land use and transportation forecasting models

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

Move to adopt the *FY2016-FY2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Denver Region*

LINK

[Draft FY2016-2017 Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\)](#)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you need additional information, please contact Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director at 303 480-6701 or jschaufele@drcog.org; or Todd Cottrell at 303 480-6737 or tcottrell@drcog.org.

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To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

From: Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director
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Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
July 15, 2015	Action	12

SUBJECT

Synchronizing the annual Work Program, Budget and Board Workshop.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

DRCOG staff recommends adopting the Annual Work Program and Annual Budget together and no later than November of each year. Staff further recommends shifting the Board's annual workshop from the winter to the fall to assure an opportunity for new suggested activities to be incorporated into the upcoming work program and budget.

ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

SUMMARY

DRCOG's Annual Work Program provides a summary of the various projects and policy initiatives proposed for a 12-month period. The Work Program also provides the Board of Directors an opportunity to review ongoing and potential new projects and provide input on projects, programs, and initiatives.

Historically, the Work Program is adopted by the Board in the June/July timeframe. The Annual Budget is adopted no later than November (per the Articles of Association) for the following calendar year. While the Annual Work Program and the Annual Budget are married, they're always out of synch and neither is presented for adoption with the other.

To familiarize you with these items, we have attached the current Work Program and Annual Budget. The two have been cross-matched as best possible while leaving the budget summary exactly as the Board adopted it.

Pluses:

By adopting the Work Program and Budget together, the synchronization issue is largely eliminated and more importantly, the Board is presented with a complete picture as to how much funding is allocated to existing and new projects, programs, and initiatives. Additionally, an updated format will eliminate the challenge of cross-matching and provide various ways to sort and analyze activities, e.g., by initiative, by division, etc. And finally, shifting the Board's annual workshop to the fall assures a complete and comprehensive Work Program aligned with the budget upon adoption.

Minuses:

Currently the Board Workshop is held in February, after the February Board meeting and the election of officers. Oftentimes the incoming Board Chair shares with workshop attendees their vision for the Board – as it relates to the Work Program - for the upcoming year. A new method for the Chair to share this information will need to be provided. An additional challenge concerns the timing and logistics of holding a second

workshop this calendar year (the Board held a workshop in February 2015). Staff will provide recommendations for the latter at the July Board meeting.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

Move to recommend synchronizing DRCOG's Annual Work Program with the Annual Budget and adopting them together no later than November beginning in 2015 and, moving the Board's annual workshop to the fall/early winter timeframe of each calendar year.

ATTACHMENT

Synchronized 2015 Budget and 2015 Work Program

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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2015 SUMMARY OF GENERAL OPERATING FUND BY PROJECT

Extracted from the approved 2015 DRCOG Agency Budget - https://drcog.org/sites/drcog/files/resources/2015%20DRCOG%20Budget_0.pdf

PROJECT	FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL/OTHER FUNDS	IN-KIND SERVICES	SERVICE INCOME	MEMBER DUES MATCH/DRCOG FUNDED	TOTAL	Narrative Page Number
General Fund								
Board Workshop and Activities						\$ 556,902	\$ 556,902	10
Sister Cities						\$ 10,105	\$ 10,105	10
National Association of Regional Councils *						\$ 69,033	\$ 69,033	See Footnote
Legislative Activities						\$ 236,036	\$ 236,036	10
Member Liaison						\$ 71,107	\$ 71,107	11
Annual Awards Banquet			\$ 41,051			\$ 40,000	\$ 81,051	11
Transportation Planning and Operations								
STAC/State Rural Planning Assistance	\$ 9,500						\$ 9,500	5
Traffic Signal Operations	\$ 1,541,346						\$ 1,541,346	3
UPWP	\$ 2,648,286			\$ 275,453		\$ 275,453	\$ 3,199,192	2
FasTracks Financial Plan*			\$ 125,000				\$ 125,000	See Footnote
Regional Planning and Operations								
UPWP	\$ 3,552,090			\$ 369,458		\$ 369,458	\$ 4,291,006	2
Sustainable Communities Initiative	\$ 272,673						\$ 272,673	4
Firefighter Intraregional Recruitment and Employment (FIRE)			\$ 42,731		\$ 16,000		\$ 58,731	6
Commercial Vehicle Survey	\$ 844,804		\$ 25,206				\$ 870,010	2
Workshops*					\$ 6,949		\$ 6,949	See Footnote
Metro Vision 2040 Implementation Related Activities**			\$ 290,000				\$ 290,000	See Footnote
Area Agency on Aging								
Area Agency on Aging: Ombudsman, Program Administration, Contractual Services, Refugee, Case Management	\$ 1,747,110	\$ 1,657,721		\$ 15,000		\$ 378,795	\$ 3,798,626	7
Community-based Care Transitions Program	\$ 246,018						\$ 246,018	7
Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)/Adult Resource for Care and Help (ARCH)		\$ 25,000					\$ 25,000	7
Communications and Marketing								
Regional TDM Program	\$ 1,835,410			\$ 35,743		\$ 6,859	\$ 1,878,012	8
Bike to Work Day			\$ 30,500				\$ 30,500	8
Regional Vanpool			\$ 753,024				\$ 753,024	8
Guaranteed Ride Home					\$ 374,295		\$ 374,295	8
Administration and Finance								
Denver Regional Aerial Photography Project (DRAPP)			\$ 486,122				\$ 486,122	9
Interest Income***					\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000	See Footnote
TOTAL PROGRAM AREA SUMMARY	\$ 12,697,237	\$ 1,682,721	\$ 1,793,634	\$ 695,654	\$ 427,244	\$ 2,013,748	\$ 19,310,238	

* These initiatives were budgeted in 2015 but not pursued.

** This initiative was accomplished with UPWP funds instead of with Local/Other funds.

*** Interest income is generated through financial investment opportunities, however it is not a component of the DRCOG Work Plan.

Initiative - UPWP	UPWP TPO Budget:	\$3,199,192
	UPWP RPO Budget:	\$4,291,006
Project #s - 352009,503014, 504014	Commercial Vehicle Survey Budget:	\$870,010
535008, 546011	Total Budget 2015:	\$8,360,208

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	<u>Task - Completion & Maintenance of the 2016-2021 TIP:</u> Allocation of approximately \$267 million for FY 2016-2019. Adopted by the DRCOG Board of Director on April 15, 2015 and incorporated into the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) approved by the Transportation Commission on May 21, 2015. Maintenance is ongoing.	\$620,171
Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)	<u>Task - Completion and Maintenance of 2040 RTP:</u> In compliance with federal law, DRCOG Board approved an update to the region's fiscally-constrained transportation plan on February 18, 2015. The RTP may be amended twice a year.	\$840,086
Metro Vision	<u>Task - Plan Development:</u> Metro Vision serves as the shared vision for how DRCOG communities will safeguard the region's quality of life and help address future challenges. The update is expected to be completed later this year.	\$909,390
	<u>Task - Implementation:</u> Identify key barriers to implementation and investigate potential solutions.	
	<u>Task - Research & Information Dissemination:</u> Convene stakeholders to exchange ideas and experiences on various implementation activities (e.g. Metro Vision Idea Exchanges). Participation in agency-wide efforts to gather and disseminate data and data products (e.g. Regional Snapshots, <i>Who is TOD?</i> and plan performance measurement).	
	<u>Task - Local Planning & Support :</u> Develop eligibility and evaluation criteria for Urban Center/Station Area Master Plan TIP set-aside. Evaluate project proposals. Coordination with RTD on program execution. Serve on study advisory and technical committees - including providing needed regional data. Metro Vision Toolkits for Local Action.	
Urban Growth Boundary (UGB/A)	<u>Task - Analysis and Planning :</u> Coordinate with member governments on UGB/A maintenance activities. Creating foundation for upcoming regional allocation process. Execution of regional allocation process (post-Metro Vision adoption).	
Geographical Information System (GIS)	<u>Task - GIS Activities :</u> Data development and information dissemination for transportation and planning support.	\$972,280
Modeling	<u>Task - System Maintenance:</u> Refine and calibrate of the DRCOG's transportation and land use models.	\$1,961,018
	UPWP Total:	\$5,302,946
	<u>Task - Commercial Vehicle Survey (CVS) Data Assessments:</u>	\$50,869
	<u>Task - CVS Plan:</u> Determine appropriate data collection and survey methodologies and develop a sampling plan for each type of survey; identify an appropriate sampling frame(s) for the survey effort.	\$97,047
	<u>Task - CVS Implementation :</u> Develop the survey instrument(s) to secure actionable information from fleet managers, shipping and receiving managers, and truck drivers. Test all the survey instruments, materials, and recruiting plan and conduct the field survey to collect the data.	\$539,749
	<u>Task -CVS Data Coding, Quality Check, & Processing:</u> Code, correct, validate, and provide an overall QA/QC of all data collected. Weight and develop expansion factors by truck type and industry sector and process commercial vehicular travel data to make them available for the travel model.	\$161,088
	<u>Task - CVS Management & Administration:</u> All activities associated with administering and managing the Commercial Vehicle Survey in the Finance and Contracting department as well as travel model team including evaluation of the work of the consultant and managing their invoices.	\$21,258
	CVS Total:	\$870,010

Grand Total:	\$6,172,956
*Variance to Budget - UPWP funds carry over to FY16	\$2,187,252

Initiative -Traffic Signal Operations			
Project #'s - 541012 & 541014		Traffic Signal Ops Budget 2015:	\$1,541,346
Traffic Signal Operations	<u>Task - System Design & Studies:</u> Provide engineering design and study service for regional partners. Project priorities align with the federal allocations in the Traffic Signal System Improvement Program (TSSIP). [Consultant services utilized]		\$400,000
	<u>Task - Coordination & Retiming:</u> DRCOG provides timing and coordination plan development services for regional partners. Project priorities align with the federal allocations in the TSSIP. [Consultant services utilized]		\$950,000
	<u>Task - Program Support & Coordination:</u> DRCOG provides technical traffic signal assistance and support to operating agencies to help them operate their traffic signals more efficiently.		\$150,000
	<u>Task - ITS Integration:</u> DRCOG provides coordination between agencies and initiatives, integrating regional transportation operations project development and implementation.		\$41,346
Grand Total:			\$1,541,346

Initiative - Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI)			
Project #'s - 270012		SCI Budget 2015:	\$272,673
Sustainable Communities Initiative	<u>Task - Management & Coordination:</u> Includes project management, coordination of governance including support of the SCI Executive Committee (development of the Sustainable Communities Regional Principles), final Consortium meetings.		\$68,168
	<u>Task - Regional Planning:</u> Work related to the regional housing and economic strategies, Boomer Bond, and the Regional Equity Atlas.		\$54,535
	<u>Task - Corridor Implementation:</u> Work with Corridor Working Groups to finalize projects and blueprints; additional work in the North Metro Corridor		\$54,535
	<u>Tasks - Catalytic Projects:</u> Primary work completed in 2014; some additional work with remaining funds.		\$27,267
	<u>Task - Stakeholder Engagement:</u> Primary work completed in 2014; remaining work and additional work on stakeholder engagement tools.		\$13,634
	<u>Task - Outcomes Assessment & Knowledge Sharing (OAKS):</u> Completion of OAKS, peer exchanges.		\$54,534
Grand Total:			\$272,673

Initiative - State Transportation
Advisory Committee
(STAC)/State Rural Planning
Project #'s - 525014

STAC/Rural Planning Budget 2015:
\$9,500

STAC	Task - <u>Committee Meetings</u> : Attend monthly meetings; Assist DRCOG Board member serving on STAC; Provide information to CDOT and other STAC members.		\$5,500
State Rural Planning	Task - <u>Transportation Planning Outside of MPO</u> : For Gilpin and Clear Creek Counties, and the eastern portion of Adams and Arapahoe Counties, Administer RTP amendments, monitor and report on STIP amendments, maintain communication on projects, issues, etc.		\$4,000

Grand Total:

\$9,500

DRCOG FIRE Testing Program	Task - DRCOG FIRE Test : DRCOG currently contracts with an outside vendor to prepare, administer, grade and send scores from the semiannual FIRE test to DRCOG for inclusion in the FIRE database.		\$35,500
	Task - Partnership & Training: DRCOG works with member Fire Departments to host a workshop (developed and delivered by fire chiefs) on how to interview for a position with a fire department. DRCOG also supports the periodic meetings of the member Fire Chiefs pertaining to the FIRE Program.		\$500
	Task - Advertising & Promotion: DRCOG advertises registration for the semiannual FIRE Test through various media channels and on the DRCOG website.		\$2,000
	Task - Management & Administration: All activities associated with administering and managing FIRE Testing Program. Includes cost of providing facilitates for semiannual tests and an interview tips workshop.		\$20,731

Initiative - Area Agency on Aging Project #'s - 550015, 625015, 577013, 639013	AAA Program Budget:	\$3,798,626
	CCTP Budget:	\$246,018
	ADRC Budget:	\$25,000
	Total Budget 2015:	\$4,069,644

Management & Administration	Task - AAA Management & Administration: DRCOG implements and administers the requirements of the Older America's Act including: information and assistance, contract management for \$11,388,352 pass through dollars, regional planning and coordination, volunteer support and recognition, community education and training, and all activities associated with administering and managing the Aging Division. This includes salaries and fringe benefits, travel, training, legal, advocacy, furniture/equipment and sponsorships. This is also inclusive of special initiatives such as Boomer Bond, Faith Based Partnerships, and Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults.		\$1,953,215
	Task - Contractual Services: Contractual services are critical towards the operation of the Aging Division. Such services include translation, development of the 2015-2019 Plan on Aging, and support of AAA computerized systems: the Reimbursement System and the Network of Care Website.		\$111,500
Senior Community Programs	Task - Ombudsman: The Ombudsman Program serves more than 17,000 residents living in more than 400 facilities across the region. Services include visiting facilities, providing education and training, investigating complaints, advocating for residents and their families, and working on regulatory and legislative issues that affect residents living in long-term care facilities across the region.		\$1,340,411
	Task - Elder Refugee Program: The Elder Refugee program is coordinated through partnerships with the Colorado African Organization, the Aurora Center for Active Adults (ACAA) and the Colorado State Refugee Program. The goal of the program is to build a supportive community around the older adult refugees, enabling them to understand and access services.		\$59,500
	Task - Case Management: AAA case managers provide intensive, short-term case management services to people 60 and older who need assistance identifying and making life transitions. The Case Management program is designed to help older adults remain active and independent in the community for as long as possible.		\$334,000
	Program Budget Total:		\$3,798,626
Hospital Transition	Task - Community-based Care Transition Program: DRCOG AAA partnered with seven local hospitals and more than fifty community service providers as part of the CCTP program for the Denver metro region. An early pilot project led to funding from CMS to implement this innovative program. AAA staff coached patients and caregivers to engage actively in self-management skill development as they made the transition from the hospital to their homes.		\$246,018
Resource Center	Task - ADRC Program: The Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) provides information and assistance and options counseling to those in the eight county region, helping clients understand and navigate long-term care resources.		\$25,000

Grand Total:	\$4,069,644
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Initiative - Way To Go Project #s - 320014, 321014, 877015, 873015, 847015	Regional TDM Program Budget:	\$1,878,012
	Bike to Work Day Sponsor Budget:	\$30,500
	Regional Vanpool Budget:	\$753,024
	Guaranteed Ride Home Budget:	\$374,295
	Total Way to Go Budget 2015:	\$3,035,831

Regional TDM Program	Task - <u>Ridematching Services</u> : Assist the public to plan bike commute routes, transit routes, form or join carpools for work or school, and form or join vanpools. Includes operation of the MyWayToGo.org commute trip planning website, operation of the Schoolpool program, and management of the contract with vRide.		\$374,999
	Task - <u>Advertising & Promotions</u> : Encourage commuters to use non-SOV travel modes. It includes sub-initiatives such as specific advertising campaigns, promotions and incentives. Managing the guaranteed ride home program, managing the vanpool subsidy agreement with RTD, and managing the advertising agency are part of this task. Most Bike to Work Day activities and costs are included here.		\$894,766
	Task - <u>Employer Outreach</u> : Encourage employers to take actions that will motivate and enable their employees to use non-SOV travel modes. It includes all sales activities targeting employers, and costs related to travel, salaries, CRM software, printing and postage.		\$238,473
	Task - <u>Partnerships & Training</u> : Support DRCOG's partnership with eight transportation management associations (TMAs) , collaboration with other public agencies, and staff training. It includes any activities that support the TMAs and Way to Go's work with other agencies and the costs related to those activities. Training includes conferences and outside professional training.		\$212,424
	Task - <u>Management & Administration</u> : Administer and evaluate the Way to Go program, and related activities. Includes conducting surveys and other data collection efforts, preparing performance reports, managing vendor contracts, and managing budgets.		\$157,350
	Regional TDM Program Total:		\$1,878,012
Bike to Work Day Sponsorships	Task - <u>Participation Incentives</u> : Provide incentives for commuters to register for Bike to Work Day and participate. Private sponsors provide all the funding for this initiative. No public funds are used.		\$30,500
Regional Vanpool	Task - <u>Vanpool Fare Subsidies</u> : Undertaken in cooperation with RTD, this program is designed to expand the number of active vanpools and vanpool riders by subsidizing rider fares. DRCOG subsidizes the cost of vanpooling for riders within RTD boundaries. RTD funds the cost of the subsidies. No other funds are used.		\$753,024
Guaranteed Ride Home	Task - <u>Emergency Transportation</u> : Designed to remove a major barrier to using non-SOV commute modes: the fear of being stranded at work in an emergency or due to unexpected overtime. The GRH is offered through RTD's EcoPass program, to participants in DRCOG's vanpool program, and through non-EcoPass companies that purchase GRH coverage for their employees. The program is entirely funded through fees charged to employers who purchase the EcoPass for their employees. No public funds are used for this Program. This task includes customer service as well as auditing/monitoring usage.		\$374,295

Grand Total:	\$3,035,831
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Initiative - Denver Regional Aerial Photography Project			
Project #s - 520015, 820015		Total DRAPP Budget 2015:	\$486,122
DRAPP Delivery	<u>Task - Vendor Management:</u> DRCOG facilitates the selection and management of vendors for data acquisition and purchase by releasing RFPs, convening the selection committee, evaluating vendors.		\$23,775
	<u>Task - Project Facilitation:</u> DRCOG manages the data acquisition and purchase of orthoimagery for 7,000 square miles of the greater Denver metro area. Kucera is contracted to create planimetric data (roofprints, edge of pavement, parking, ramps, sidewalks, etc) . Staff ensures that the correct products are purchased on behalf of members and partners. DRCOG also manages all transactions.		\$442,347
	<u>Task - Data Analysis & Delivery:</u> DRCOG analyzes purchased data to ensure that it is useful to our partners and for DRCOG applications (e.g. land use and travel model).		\$20,000
Grand Total:			\$486,122

General Fund Initiatives & Programs	Board Workshop & Activities Budget:	\$556,902
	Sister Cities Budget:	\$10,105
	Legislative Activities Budget:	\$236,036
	Member Liaison Budget:	\$71,107
	Annual Awards Banquet Budget:	\$81,051
Project #s - 111015, 140015, 150015, 160015, 933015	Total General Fund Program Budget 2015:	\$955,201

Board Workshop & Activities	Task - Board Activities & Administration: This task covers the Board, MVIC monthly meetings, Administrative Committee meetings, and organizational development activities. Included are the costs of printing and mailing agendas, providing food to Admin. Committee members (due to the start of that meeting), the purchase of publications and training, and Executive Office staff time.		\$329,378
	Task - Board Workshop Meeting: Every February DRCOG holds a Board workshop whereby Board members and alternates get together, usually offsite, to discuss topics of priority and interest to the Board. Costs include the rental of the conference facility, food, printing, supplies and staff time.		\$169,599
	Task - Dues & Sponsorships: DRCOG is approached, from time to time, by various agencies to serve as a monetary sponsor. These sponsorships dovetail with the work that DRCOG is doing in the community.		\$57,925
	Board Workshop & Activities Total:		\$556,902
Sister City Partnership	Task - Sister City Partnership: To fulfill the Board's desire of continued participation for the Baghdad/Denver Region Partnership. This partnership is known as the Baghdad-Denver Region Partnership for Peace which was established in 2004. This partnership is a regional program where DRCOG (organization of 56 county and municipal governments) is paired with the Province of Baghdad, (which is composed of more than 100 local governments), to promote the exchange of ideas and understanding between government officials, citizens, college faculty and students, businesses and nonprofit organizations of the two regions.		\$5,105
	Task - Conferences: Attendance at annual conference for interested Board members to represent the Baghdad/Denver Partnership. The Sister Cities International conference is a nonprofit citizen diplomacy network that creates and strengthens partnerships between the US and international communities.		\$5,000
	Sister City Partnership:		\$10,105
Legislative Activities	Task - Strategic Action Planning Group on the Area Agency on Aging: Working with coalition partners and Governor's Office to establish the group and begin its operation, including advising on appointment and assisting with organizing first meetings and hiring staff.		\$47,207
	Task - Committee Monitoring: Monitor Transportation Legislation Review Committee and Water Resources Review Committee and assist with DRCOG presentation before TLRC.		\$23,604
	Task - Future Legislative Activities: Identify legislative issues and possible legislation for the 2016 session, including meetings with legislators and state administration and advocacy partners.		\$94,414
	Task - Reauthorization of Older Americans Act: Work with DRCOG Executive Director, federal lobbyist and Aging Division staff to promote DRCOG and Colorado interests in Older Americans Act (OAA) reauthorization.		\$23,604
	Task - Member Outreach: Work with DRCOG Executive Director and Division Directors to promote DRCOG and member interests in regional and statewide discussions about transportation and aging funding proposals.		\$47,207
	Legislative Activities Total:		\$236,036

General Fund Initiatives and Programs
Continued

Member Liaison	Task - Community Outreach: Assess member community needs and identify and recommend strategies to address those needs. Provide focused outreach to smaller member communities.		\$5,000
	Task - Strategic Business Initiatives: Develop and implement at various strategic business initiatives of interest to members (i.e. FIRE Program, Broadband for small communities, Focus, Boomer Bonds). Seeks out opportunities for new revenue generation for services valuable to member communities.		\$5,000
	Task - Partnerships: Establish relationships with relevant partners in private sector and identify potential business opportunities.		\$5,000
	Task - Innovation: Identify and research projects, programs and collaboration of similar organizations and make recommendations to Senior Management Staff and Executive Director on new opportunities for DRCOG.		\$5,000
	Task - Management & Administration: All activities associated with administering and managing the Membership Liaison.		\$51,107
	Member Liaison Total:		\$71,107
Annual Awards Dinner	Task - Local Government & Individual Awards: Recognize local governments and individuals for work and accomplishments that help to achieve the vision and goals of DRCOG. It helps to strengthen the DRCOG brand and encourages others to promote regionalism. Approximately \$42,000 in sponsorship dollars were raised to offset a majority of these costs.		\$64,841
	Task - Way to Go Awards: The Way to Go awards recognize organizations and individuals for taking action to reduce single occupant vehicle travel. The awards raise awareness of Way to Go and encourage others to make choices that reduce single occupant vehicle travel.		\$16,210
	Award Dinner Total:		\$81,051
Grand Total:			\$955,201

New Initiatives and Programs in 2015	SHRP2:	\$91,600
	Veterans Directed:	\$262,500
	ADRC Options & Transitions Counseling:	\$34,787
	AAA Program Expansion:	\$25,000
	Total for FY15:	\$413,887

SHRP2 (Deploying Visualization and Analysis Tools to Support Local Visioning, Informed Infrastructure Priorities, and Performance Measures)	<u>Task - Analyze Current Performance:</u> Better understand the individual and collective performance of designated urban centers around the region.	\$45,600
	<u>Task - Future Planning:</u> Envision and explore various land use and transportation scenarios for planned and evolving urban centers.	\$46,000
Veterans Directed	<u>Task - Program Execution & Administration:</u> Provide options counseling for veterans and contract with a Fiscal Management Service (FMS) provider to equip eligible veterans who want to remain living at home to direct their own care.	\$262,500
ADRC Options & Transitions Counseling	<u>Task - Program Execution and Administration:</u> Provide options counseling for people living in skilled nursing facilities who have expressed an interest in learning more about the possibility of moving back into the community. DRCOG-ADRC will also create a Regional Transition Committee to improve coordination between clients and service providers involved in the transition process.	\$34,787
AAA Program Expansion	<u>Task - Exploration and Discovery:</u> Due to the possibility of reduced aging funding in the future, and at the urging of State officials, the DRCOG AAA is exploring entering new markets (such as "Fee for Service" programs) to meet the needs of the growing aging population in the community.	\$25,000

Grand Total:	\$413,887
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To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

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

Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
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SUBJECT

Review of DRCOG Strategic Planning Model terms and framework.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A

ACTION BY OTHERS

The Strategic Planning Model terms and framework were reviewed with MVIC members during the July 1 meeting.

SUMMARY

The DRCOG Strategic Planning Model provides the framework for aligning and operationalizing established Metro Vision outcomes to the actions and activities needed to further desired outcomes. The Strategic Planning Model/framework will serve as the basis for monitoring, measuring and reporting on progress toward Metro Vision outcomes.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

N/A

ATTACHMENT

Strategic Planning Model

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 jistigall@drcog.org.

DRCOG Strategic Planning Model

Strategic 'altitude'

30,000 ft

**Communities/
Residents needs** →

Mission

What is our purpose?

Vision

What is our 'view' of the future?

Strategic Perspectives

What performance *lenses* should we use to evaluate results?

25,000

Overarching Themes and Outcomes

What are our main focus areas? (Pillars of Excellence) What outcomes do we want for our communities & residents?

Objectives

What continuous improvement activities will support our outcomes?

Strategy Map

How do we create and improve value for our communities/residents?

Performance Measures and Targets

How will we know if we are achieving the results we want?

Ground level

Strategic Projects/Action Strategies

What projects/actions will best contribute to our outcomes?

ATTACH G

To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

From: Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director
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Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
July 15, 2015	Informational Briefing	14

SUBJECT

The Communications and Marketing team has developed a Board Portal as part of the DRCOG website. It's intended to be a one-stop shop, containing numerous resources that will help you be well-informed about all things related to serving on the DRCOG Board.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

No action proposed. This item is for information only.

ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

SUMMARY

Steve Erickson will give a quick tour of the site and answer any questions you may have. Among the resources now available in this central location:

- A series of videos that introduce key board topics ranging from primary areas of focus, such as Metro Vision, to an overview of policy development, committees and partners.
- A Board calendar to keep track of all key events
- A Q&A section where members can review answers to frequently asked questions and submit new queries to staff
- Links to key resources such as the Board Handbook, Articles of Association and our "At a Glance Materials" which provide a quick reference to projects and their timelines.

An email will be sent to all members with temporary login credentials on Thursday, July 16. Please don't hesitate to provide feedback, including suggestions.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

ATTACH H

METRO VISION ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

July 1, 2015

MVIC Members Present: Bob Roth – Aurora; Eva Henry – Adams County; Bill Holen – Arapahoe County; Sue Horn – Bennett; Tim Plass – Boulder; Elise Jones – Boulder County; George Teal – Castle Rock; Cathy Noon – Centennial; Tim Mauck – Clear Creek County; Robin Kniech, Crissy Fanganello – Denver; Roger Partridge – Douglas County; Daniel Dick – Federal Heights; Ron Rakowsky – Greenwood Village; Don Rosier – Jefferson County; Tom Quinn – Lakewood; Phil Cernanec – Littleton; Jackie Millet – Lone Tree; Ashley Stolzmann – Louisville; John Diak – Parker; Val Vigil – Thornton; Herb Atchison – Westminster.

Others present: Jeanne Shreve – Adams County; Kent Moorman – Thornton; Cate Townley – Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment; Ted Heyd – Bicycle Colorado; Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director, and DRCOG staff.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.; a quorum was present.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Summary of June 3, 2015 Meeting

The summary was accepted as submitted.

Presentation on A Safe and Resilient Built and Natural Environment element of the Metro Vision Plan

Brad Calvert, DRCOG staff, provided information on the element. This was formerly the “environment” element of Metro Vision, and primarily focuses on air, land and water. The element also focuses on working agricultural lands and community resiliency. Some members expressed concerns with water-related language; others thought the element would interfere with local control and individual property rights.

Next steps on Metro Vision Issues Committee’s review of draft Metro Vision Plan

Jerry Stigall, DRCOG staff, provided information on applying the Metro Vision Plan to DRCOG’s Strategic Planning and Management framework to illustrate how the Metro Vision components fit together. He distributed a sample of the framework (*a part of and filed with the official summary of this meeting*). Jerry noted that all of the overarching Metro Vision themes will be put into this format for presentation to the committee in August.

Other Matters

No other matters were discussed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **August 5, 2015**.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

ATTACH I

MINUTES
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Present:

Elise Jones, Chair
Eva Henry
Bill Holen
Roger Partridge
Don Rosier
Bob Roth
Sue Horn
George Teal
Crissy Fanganello
Chris Nevitt
Ron Rakowsky
Shakti
Phil Cernanec
Jackie Millet
Ashley Stolzmann
Val Vigil

Lone Tree
Adams County
Arapahoe County
Douglas County
Jefferson County
Aurora
Bennett
Castle Rock
Denver
Denver
Greenwood Village
Lakewood
Littleton
Lone Tree
Louisville
Thornton

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

Chair Elise Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Move to Adopt the Consent Agenda

Phil Cernanec **moved** to adopt the consent agenda. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Items on the consent agenda included:

- Minutes of April 15, 2015

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute contracts for consulting and other professional services for amounts not exceeding \$75,000

Jenny Dock, DRCOG staff, briefly outlined the request.

Members expressed objection with increasing the contract threshold to \$75,000. Some members felt this was a doubling of contracting authority in just 3 years. A member expressed that there would be no limit to the number of \$75,000 contracts that the Executive Director could approve, therefore no limit to the amount of money that DRCOG could be committed to without the committee's knowledge. A question was asked about the percentage of contracts above \$60,000 but less than \$75,000 in a given year. Ms. Dock replied that in 2015 about 15 percent of the contracts would not have needed

Administrative Committee approval; around 18-20. Some members noted that their communities allow a certain level of contracts not to come to them, a contracting office handles and vets, increasing efficiencies. Some members noted that perhaps a list of contracts over \$50,000 to \$75,000 approved by the Executive Director could be included in the agenda packet. Some expressed that they didn't have an issue as long as the contracts being executed are for items included within the larger adopted budget.

Sue Horn **moved** to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute contracts for consulting and other professional services for amounts not exceeding \$75,000, with the caveat that contracts over \$50,000 should be included in the agenda packet as an informational item. The motion was **seconded**. There was discussion.

Members discussed not affixing a specific dollar amount to what contracts the Executive Director could approve, rather establishing some other policy. A member expressed that the Executive Director should be able to bring any contract to the committee if it may be considered controversial or contentious, regardless of dollar level. The Executive Director expressed that she would never enter into a contract without checking in with the members if it might be controversial.

After discussion, the motion was **withdrawn**.

Staff was directed to bring back to the committee a couple alternatives that may address the committee's concerns.

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to continue to contract with Colorado Department of Human Services for the DRCOG Area Agency on Aging and to contract with service providers

Jayla Sanchez-Warren and Hendrik Kopperl presented information to the members regarding the proposed contracts. Bill Holen noted that since First Transit is not receiving funding through the Area Agency on Aging, this may limit transportation options to citizens in Arapahoe County.

Phil Cernanec **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 12, 2015, authorizing the Executive Director to continue to contract with Colorado Department of Human Services for the DRCOG Area Agency on Aging and to contract with service providers. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** with 13 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstaining.

Information on SHRP 2 Grant Awarded to DRCOG

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed. Don Rosier stated he has two pages of questions on the grant. The chair and others asked to have those questions ahead of the next meeting. Commissioner Rosier stated he would provide the comments.

Report of the Chair

No report was provided.

Report of the Executive Director

No report was provided.

Other Matters by Members

No other matters were discussed.

Next Meeting

Due to a conflict with the Colorado Municipal League annual conference, the next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2015

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Elise Jones, Chair
Administrative Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director

From: [Dan Wienecke](#)
To: [Rice, Joe](#); [Joe Rice](#); [Connie Garcia](#); [Sharpe, Allison N](#)
Cc: [Peter Kenney](#); [Karen de Bartolomé](#); [Gergana Kostadinova](#)
Subject: great feedback from February meeting at DRCOG!
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 9:23:27 AM

Dear friends and supporters at DRCOG,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing to let you know that I just received a report from one of the U.S. State Department liaisons who, in February, accompanied the [International Visitors Leadership Program](#) group from Iraq titled, "Promoting Good Governance and Transparency."

The report had GREAT things to say about you, so I hope you don't mind me sharing. Likewise, please feel free to share this news with your colleagues who helped make this exchange a success!

The meeting at the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) exceeded the visitors' expectations. The group discussed the Baghdad-Denver region partnership, a "citizen diplomacy program whose purpose is to facilitate cultural, professional, and educational understanding between people and groups in the Denver Region and people and groups in the Province of Baghdad." The delegation and council members thoroughly discussed and compared the work of DRCOG and the work of similar local councils in Iraq. In addition to the work of DRCOG, the council members discussed how they battle corruption amongst other challenges in their work. The group expressed to me that the meeting was very fruitful and that establishing a direct relationship with their counterparts was essential for them to collaborate on future projects and improve the work of the partnership.

Thank you again for all you have done and continue to do for our international delegations and visitors!

Dan

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Video: [The International Visitor Leadership Program: 75th Anniversary](#)

Denver's Bike to Work Wednesdays

May 18, 2015

By: Staff

The Cherry Creek News

Bike to Work Wednesdays launched its bicycle commuting efforts last Wednesday with over 425 people registering for the program and 200+ riders logging their trips according to Molly North, Executive Director of BikeDenver, Denver's bicycle advocacy group.

The 2nd year program, which will continue this Wednesday, is sponsored by AAA Colorado and Noodles & Company in partnership with BikeDenver, the Downtown Denver Partnership and the **Denver Regional Council of Governments** (DRCOG).

Bike to Work Wednesdays was designed to encourage more regular bicycle commuting and the program will continue for five additional Wednesdays. The campaign ends on June 24, which is also Bike to Work Day.

"Denver has rapidly become one of the nation's leading cities for bicycle commuting and we believe we can empower even more people to choose the bicycle as a convenient and safe form of transportation," said North. On Wednesday May 20th, BikeDenver will host a breakfast station for all riders commuting to work at the corner of 16th and Marion Streets from 7 – 9 am.

AAA Colorado is a sponsor of this program and will offer free bicycle roadside assistance to anyone who has registered for Bike to Work Wednesdays on each of the seven Bike to Work Wednesdays. "AAA has been promoting sharing the road and bike safety for many years," said Tony DeNovellis, CEO and President of AAA Colorado. "With our new bicycle roadside assistance we can give our members the security and peace of mind they've come to expect from AAA Colorado no matter what 'vehicle' they're using."

Participants are encouraged to visit BiketoWorkWednesdays.org to learn more and register their trips using DRCOG's trip-tracking tool, My Way to Go.

Any bike commuter who registers their trips will earn free rewards from Noodles & Company including one free bowl for riding three Wednesdays and two free bowls for riding six Wednesdays. Additionally, all participants will be eligible for weekly prize drawings.

To support the program, Denver B-cycle will offer a \$2 discount for 24-hour memberships on each of the seven Bike to Work Wednesdays so anyone can participate even if they do not own a bicycle.

For more information on the program go to BiketoWorkWednesdays.org or contact BikeDenver at info@bikedenver.org. 1536 Wynkoop Street, Suite 102

The Denver Post Fitness Calendar

5/26/15

May 26, 2015
By: Vickie Heath
The Denver Post

RACE ROSTER

Beer Relay

May 30: Adventure Fit and Oskar Blues present a six-hour endurance trail running and beer drinking (drink beer for two minutes off your lap times on the run) event in Lyons. \$200 per team, \$65 per person until May 29. adventurefit.com

AXS Adventure Race & Duathlon

May 30: Mountain biking, a trail run, kayaking, ropes challenges and more on a 25- or 50-mile course, in Buena Vista. axsracing.com

Evergreen Trail Racing Series

June 13-Oct. 3: The Evergreen Trail Racing Series includes the Evergreen Mountain 15K June 13, Elk Meadow 5K & 10K July 11, Mount Falcon 15K Aug. 1, Bergen Peak Half-Marathon Aug. 29 and Fall EverGold 10-Miler Oct. 3. Races are \$35 in advance, \$40 on race day, or \$140 for the entire series. Register on the website. Evergreen, bit.ly/trailraces

BENEFITS

Cancer Survivors Celebration — Leaves of Hope Run/Walk

June 7: The Cancer Centers of Colorado at Lutheran and the Lutheran Medical Center Foundation present the eighth annual Leaves of Hope Run/Walk and Cancer Survivors Celebration with a Health and Safety Expo, 7:30 a.m.-noon. A survivor's breakfast, 5K and 10K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Family Fun Walk and Kids' Dash is included along with exhibits, booths and live music with Chris Daniels and the Kings (Daniels is a cancer survivor and member of the Colorado Music Hall of Fame). Race fees are \$25-\$40, free for ages 11 and under. Dogs and strollers welcome. Lutheran Medical Center, 8300 W. 38th Ave., Wheat Ridge, leavesofhope.org

Jodi's Race for Awareness

June 6: Cancer Treatment Centers of America present the annual 5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk to promote the awareness and early detection of ovarian cancer. Start time is 8:30 a.m. A Survivor

Breakfast, Expo Area, Family Fun Zone, music, awards, food and refreshments are included. Fees are \$35, \$25 survivors, children 12 and under and seniors 65+, \$100 Family 4-Pak, \$5 Furry Friend (includes a doggy goody bag), \$30 Ova Sleep for Awareness. Prices increase \$5 on race day, \$10 for Family 4-Pak. Proceeds benefit Colorado Ovarian Cancer Alliance (COCA). Pavilion at City Park, jodisrace.org

Parkinson Association of the Rockies

June 7: Presents the 13th annual Vitality Walk offered in Denver's Washington Park and Longmont's Sandstone Ranch. 8 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. walks begin, 10 a.m. resource fair. \$30, \$10 ages 5-14, free age 4 and under. A "Choose to Snooze" option is also available. 303-830-1839, e-mail kbuchanan@parkinsonrockies.org, parkinsonrockies.org

Pedaling 4 Parkinson's Bike Ride

June 13: The sixth annual ride features a new location this year with three new routes for the century ride (100 miles), metric century (62 miles) and 10-mile ride. An Expo offering live music, food, booths, a beer garden and family-friendly activities is included. Activities are 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Registration fees are \$85/century, \$65/metric century and \$35 for the 10-mile ride. Each cyclist pledges to raise a donation of \$150 or more to benefit The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. The fundraiser also features The Tandem Bike Project, an opportunity for those with Parkinson's Disease to participate in the Metric Century ride as "stokers" on the back of a tandem bike with a "captain" in front. Tandem cyclists can choose to ride all or part of the Metric route. Registration is free for people with Parkinson's Disease who participate. Details at pedaling4parkinsons.org/tandem-bike-project-2/. The Tandem Bike Project is presented by da Vinci Designs of Denver, Eyecycle Colorado and The Natural Way Racing Team. Sweetwater Park, Lone Tree, pedalingforparkinsons.org

Run Into the Wild Running Festival

June 6-7: Two days of events offer activities for all ages and levels including a 5K Family Fun Walk/Run/Bike, 5K, 10K, Half Marathon, Full Marathon and Ultra 100K Marathon along with entertainment, vendors, face painting, food, awards and more. Start times and registration fees vary. Proceeds benefit The Wild Animal Sanctuary, the nonprofit that rescues, rehabilitates and provides long term care for rescued exotic animals. The Wild Animal Sanctuary, 1946 County Road 53, Keenesburg, 303-536-0118, e-mail information@wildlife-sanctuary.org, wildanimalsanctuary.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

BikeDenver

Wednesdays through June 24: The second year of "Bike to Work Wednesdays" continues with the Downtown Denver Partnership and the **Denver Regional Council of Governments**. Participants are encouraged to visit the website and register their trips using DRCOG's trip-tracking tool, My Way to Go. Registered commuters will earn rewards and be eligible for prize drawings. Denver B-cycle is offering a \$2 discount for 24-hour memberships on each of the Bike

to Work Wednesdays so even those who do not own a bike may participate. The program was designed to encourage bicycle commuting and sponsor AAA Colorado will offer free bicycle roadside assistance to all registered participants. E-mail info@bikedenver.org, biketoworkwednesdays.org

BikeLove

June 27: Denver Arts & Venues and Peteybird Ice Cream Sandwiches presents this "community bike festival" hosted by the Denver Theatre District, noon-5 p.m. Entertainment, artists, music, food and more for all ages is included. Free. Sculpture Park at the Denver Performing Arts Complex, 1275 Champa St., bikelovedenver.com

Boulder's Walk and Bike Month

June 1-30: The 39th annual fitness celebration for all ages offers rides, hikes, walks, workshops and events. Bike to Work Day is June 24. Visit the website for the schedule. Boulder, walkandbikemonth.org

Heart Healthy Party

May 30: An all-ages "community celebration of all things healthy" with workouts, Zumba, dental and medical screenings, games and more, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. City Health Center, 3800 York St., 720-833-5088

"I Have Dream" Foundation's Golf Tournament

June 5: Proceeds from the 13th annual tournament provide tutoring, mentoring and college and career preparation programs for 350 at-risk and low-income children in Boulder County. The golf package includes breakfast, green fees, contests, refreshments, a gift bag and an awards luncheon, 6:45 a.m.-2 p.m. \$225 individual, \$900 foursome. Indian Peaks Golf Course, 2300 Indian Peaks Trail, Lafayette, ihadboulder.org

Roxborough State Park Moonlight Hike

June 1: Friends of Roxborough State Park present a family-friendly Moonlight Hike, 7 p.m. \$7.50 each or \$24 family rate (two adults and two children up to age 12). Reservations required. 4751 E. Roxborough Drive, Roxborough, 303-973-3959

Share the Trail Safety Program

May 30: South Suburban Parks and Recreation, the City of Littleton and Hudson Gardens present a program on trail etiquette with trail maps, accessories including bike bells and lights, bicycle services, giveaways, entertainment, dog treats and more, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Hudson Gardens and Event Center, 6115 S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, ssprd.org/News-And-Events/Post/9858/utm_source/email/utm_medium/pr/utm_campaign/share%20the%20trail%202015

Yoga for Tight Guys

June 3-July 1 and June 4-July 2: Offered in connection with Men's Health Month, the five-week yoga intensive for men is offered in Aurora June 3-July 1 and in Centennial June 4-July 2. Fees vary. Call or visit the website for details. 720-295-2127, soulblissyoga.com

Yoga Rocks the Park

May 31: The seventh season begins May 31 and this year with free admission. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. and an all-level yoga class with live music and vendors follows 9-11:30 a.m. Donations are accepted for the Food Bank of the Rockies. The series features a different DJ or live music every session. Radiant Beginnings Yoga offers Camp YRP for ages 3-9 and MFG Yoga for ages 11-17, the cost is \$10 in advance. Dates include May 31, June 28, July 26, Aug. 23 and Sept. 6. Details on the website. Sunken Gardens Park, 11th Avenue and Speer Boulevard, yogarocksthepark.com

Bike Detection Installed at 7 Denver Intersections

June 8, 2015

By: Allison Sylte

KUSA-9News

Seven intersections will be part of a pilot program aimed at gauging how well bike detection technology helps with traffic flow.

The **Denver Regional Council of Governments** funded the \$100,000 for the equipment which is designed to detect the presence of a bicyclist without the rider having to dismount to push the pedestrian button or rely on a car to trigger traffic lights.

"One of the things that is a big benefit is that the bicyclist does not have to get off their bike and push the pedestrian button to cross. They can stay on their bikes in their lane of traffic and cross the street more easily," said Denver Public Works Spokeswoman Nancy Kuhn. "I think it's just going to make cycling more convenient, easier, more comfortable for cyclists."

To trigger the sensors, riders stop their bikes on the green detection symbol and wait for the light to turn green. A camera across the intersection will detect the cyclist.

The intersections where the technology will be tested are:

1. W 35th Ave. and Federal Blvd.
2. W 17th Ave. and Federal Blvd.
3. E 17th Ave. and City Park Esplanade
4. Colorado Blvd. and Montview St.
5. York St. and E 23rd Ave.
6. Evans Ave. and Oneida St.
7. E 1st Ave. and Gilpin St.

Proponents of the sensors say they will also help with traffic flow, since lights won't turn until a car, bicyclist or pedestrian want to cross main streets.

The system will not speed up the time it takes for the lights to turn green, but will give cyclists more time to cross the street.

Sue Prant: Walking, Biking and Right-sizing

June 12, 2015

By: Sue Prant

Daily Camera



A protected bike lane on University Avenue is one of the Living Laboratory treatments the city is trying out. (Cliff Grassmick / *Daily Camera*)

As the summer begins, Boulder launches into one of its biggest displays of the culture of biking and walking with Boulder's Walk and Bike Month. Throughout June, more than 60 events are held for people of all ages who walk and ride bicycles. It's an exciting time as we at Community Cycles work hard to show Boulderites that sometimes a bike, transit or simply walking is a viable and thoroughly enjoyable alternative.

While we are excited to showcase everything that is bike- and walk-friendly in town, Walk and Bike Month is also part of the ongoing effort to examine how the transportation needs of a broader range of people evolve over time. As part of that evolution, in May the city's Living Labs program hosted several conversations with the community to gather input on reconfiguring the layout of several streets to better serve the city. These conversations surrounded "right-sizing" four corridors this summer: 55th Street (Arapahoe Avenue to Pearl Parkway); 63rd Street (Gunbarrel Avenue/Nautilus Drive to Lookout Road); Folsom Street (Arapahoe to Valmont avenues); and Iris Avenue (Broadway to Folsom Street). These streets were engineered decades ago with different transportation expectations.

Today, right-sizing may be appropriate for those roads.

Right-sizing is a process of re-allocating a street's space to improve safety and access. The goals of right-sizing are encouraging walking, biking or bus usage, supporting businesses and fostering community livability. Right-sizing encompasses a broad range of measures that will be the subject for community input, but one of the most exciting tools used in right-sizing projects is protected bike lanes.

Boulder has a wonderful Greenways multi-use path system, but the paths can't and don't go everywhere, leaving many people to use city streets that they simply do not feel safe in. Protected bike lanes are an exciting transportation improvement that can augment the multi-use path system and allow less confident riders — among them children, parents hauling kids, seniors — to travel safely to any destination. Studies show that the addition of protected bike lanes improves safety for all users (over 50 percent reduction of injuries) and increases the number of people who bike because now more people feel comfortable. Multiple studies show adding protected bike lanes increases biking on a street by 75-100 percent. And that's good news even if you never get on a bike. Every bicyclist is one less car contributing to congestion.

Community Cycles strongly supports these right-sizing projects and all of the efforts in the current Transportation Master Plan that work to reduce motorized vehicle traffic while accommodating more people safely. Places as diverse as Cincinnati, Memphis, Austin and over 100 other U.S. cities have added protected bike lanes. We are thrilled to be adding Boulder to this list and are confident that Boulder, as it does most things bike, will do it better!

A commitment to sustainable transportation and healthy choices not only makes us one of the most desirable places to live; it is also great for business. Studies show large economic benefits derive from building multi-use paths, that customers on bike spend more and visit local retail more frequently than those in private automobiles, and that streets with protected bike lanes have 44 percent fewer retail vacancies than other business corridors in the same city. In short, bike facilities contribute greatly to economic success.

We can't wait to see these new complete streets enriching the fabric of our neighborhoods. If you missed the public meetings, you can still comment on the Living Labs Right-sizing projects at InspireBoulder.com (search for "Living Labs").

In the meantime, check out www.walkandbikemonth.org to see an impressive range of fun and free hiking, walking, biking, and social events being held in June. Once again, our business community has stepped up to sponsor and host these events. Please let them know we appreciate their support. And don't forget to register for Bike to Work Day on Wednesday, June 24. We expect almost 7,000 participants.

If you plan to ride, we encourage you to register. Last year, the **Denver Regional Council of Governments** estimated registrants collectively covered an impressive distance of 559,232 miles on this one day. Survey data also suggests a majority of riders would have driven alone had they not biked to work. As a result, we helped reduce vehicle carbon emissions by a quarter of a million pounds in a single day. Please join us! Biking is fun, healthy, good for the local economy, and friendly to the environment.

Bike to Work Day: Pedal for a More Bikeable Region

June 17, 2015

By: Nate Currey

Business Wire – Press Release

On June 24, 2015, tens of thousands of commuters from across the region will choose two wheels over four to get to work. Hundreds of businesses will host company teams and encourage employees to leave their cars at home. And volunteers from across nine counties in the metro Denver region will operate nearly 250 bike stations.

Bike to Work Day (BTWD) has grown into the second-largest event of its kind in the nation. This year, organizers at the **Denver Regional Council of Government**'s (DRCOG) Way to Go program expect more than 30,000 participants and organizers are emphasizing the importance of registration.

“We are seeing more emphasis than ever on active transportation, with more bike and pedestrian projects a part of the mix,” says DRCOG Director of Marketing and Communications Steve Erickson. “Bike to Work Day registration numbers support bike advocacy and, as a result, bike infrastructure that impacts the entire region.”

Two significant regional bike projects include the US 36 Bikeway and the Arapahoe Street Protected Bike Lane. The first phase of the US 36 Bikeway opens in conjunction with Bike to Work Day, on June 24, and includes an 11-mile portion from Westminster to Broomfield, when completed it will be an 18-mile bicycle path between Boulder and Westminster. The Arapahoe Street Protected Bike Lane is part of a larger plan to create a network of safe, dedicated bike lanes throughout the downtown area of Denver.

More than 29,000 people participated in last year's event, along with about 950 companies and hundreds of volunteers at more than 200 stations. The event has grown, along with Colorado's bicycling population. Consider the following:

- Denver ranks as the 4th most bikeable city in the United States Source (*Source: Walk Score 2015.*)
- Denver metro area ranked as the 5th fastest growing bike-commuting region in the country between 2000 and 2011 (*Source: bikeleague.org/reports.*)
- More than 35 percent of participants were motivated to continue to bike to work after the event (*Source: Corona Insights 2014 BTWD: Survey Report.*)

“In the future, we'd like to be known for our smart commuting population,” continues Erickson. “It's easy to do, and if more people use biking as a means of commuting - even once a month - they can make a substantial, positive impact on their health and the environment.”

For Colorado's greater Denver metro region, this impact starts with registering for Bike to Work Day.

About Bike to Work Day 2015:

Bike to Work Day is celebrated in many communities across Colorado, but the metro Denver area's event is the largest in the state and second largest in the country.

Hundreds of Breakfast Stations will open from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. around the region. At these stations, riders can enjoy free refreshments, giveaways and camaraderie on their way to work. Bike Home Stations will open from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the trip home. There are also water stations open in the afternoon and bike parties in the evening.

For a comprehensive listing and map of Breakfast and Bike Home Stations, water stations, bike parties and group rides, please visit BikeToWorkDay.us.

Sheridan Seeking Public Input, Ideas To Fix Crumbling Streets

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By: Joe Rubino

The Denver Post



A car passes over the crumbling roadway at the corner of West Milan Avenue and Federal Boulevard in Sheridan on June 11. Sheridan City Council is considering a bond ballot measure for the November 3 ballot to help pay to repair the roads, most of which are in a state of disrepair. (Seth McConnell, YourHub)

When a giant sinkhole opened up on West Oxford Avenue earlier this month and swallowed a Sheridan police SUV, it was national news.

The sinkhole, spurred by heavy rains and a burst Englewood storm sewer, according to Sheridan Public Works superintendent Randy Mourning, was certainly scary, but city leaders are now dedicating their attention to a much more widespread problem with Sheridan streets: their generally wretched condition after years of deferred maintenance.

The city's June newsletter highlighted the problem and invited people to be part of community outreach process dedicated to finding a solution.

A potential fix being eyed by the City Council is placing a bond issue on this year's ballot that would raise the estimated \$31 million needed for extensive street, curb, gutter and sidewalk work over the next 7 to 8 years. It would add \$9.95 per month in property taxes for every \$100,000 of a home's market value, close to \$240 per year for a \$200,000 home.

"I don't think it's a secret anywhere that Sheridan's streets are bad. Now it's just how are we going to fix it?" said Mayor Dallas Hall. "I know every time you turn around it seems the government has its hand out, but I just don't know what else you can do."

A recently completed street improvement plan from engineering firm RG & Associates determined that more than half of Sheridan's 20.5 miles of center-line pavement — 10.33 miles to be exact — requires complete replacement down to the road base. Another 4.67 miles require overlay maintenance and 5.5 miles are behind on routine maintenance.

Just 25 percent of the city streets are in good condition, according to that plan. Cracked and deteriorating sidewalks are contributing by allowing rain and snowmelt to seep through under the road surfaces, as is poor drainage from curbs and gutters, according to the city.

City Manager Devin Granbery said the city typically has a street maintenance budget of around \$300,000 per year — paid for with a fraction of a percent of the sales tax from the city's River Point at Sheridan commercial center. Most of the taxes generated at River Point go toward repaying the bonds used to finance its construction

Each year that the city waits on the road work adds about \$1 million to the price tag, Granbery said.

Still, it is not certain the city will pursue a bond issue this year, if at all. The public engagement process is just beginning and all ideas are welcome, he said.

"Here is the need. Here is our revenue. What would you have us do and what should it look like?" Granbery said.

A Sheridan resident for nearly 40 years, Harold Rife said he would vote no on a bond issue if it comes up in November, questioning what the city had been doing with its tax revenue the last four decades.

"I don't think they've been using their money right," he said as he looked out on a battered portion of South King Street. "I'm not sure what it is they're using it for."

Denver Regional Council of Governments spokesman Nate Currey said many communities across the U.S. are facing similar problems when it comes to keeping up on infrastructure needs without the tax base to fund them. With lots of competition for outside funding, there are few options, he said.

"It's not uncommon," said Currey of the situation. "There is a whole generation growing up thinking roads are free, but there is always a cost associated with driving."

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Denver-area Organizers of Bike to Work Day 2015 Expect Thousands of Cyclists

June 23, 2015

By: Caryl Buckstein

Denver Going Green Examiner



A public service announcement on 9 News in Denver shows the benefit of Bike to Work Day 2015. The event is sponsored by Denver Regional Council of Governments.

DRCOG/YouTube

Organizers expect one of the largest Bike to Work Days in the country June 24, 2015 in the Denver metro area, despite warnings of high water along some routes, and possible unhealthy ozone concentrations in certain areas. By late Tuesday, the tally of Bike to Work Day 2015 registrations on the event website had reached nearly 20,000 participants.



Bike Denver

The Front Range has enjoyed the second largest Bike to Work Day in the United States, the Denver Post reported. The tradition in metro communities dates back to 1995, following its inception by the city of Boulder more than 25 years ago. The **Denver Regional Council of Governments** sponsors the event.

The commuting bicyclists share in free food and goodies along the route. Breakfast stations open at 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. An interactive site allows users to find breakfast stations, bike home stations and parties.

It was created to raise awareness of bicycle commuting, DRCOG writes on its website. Future federal funding is secured for future Bike to Work Days when registrations support reporting that 25,000 or more vehicles were taken off the roads. Registrants are eligible to win prizes. Most other states celebrate Bike to Work Day in May, but Colorado waits for June due to the state's mountain communities and unpredictable weather, reports Way to Go, a DRCOG division. League of American Bicyclists encourages bicycle commuting as a way of saving money, staying fit, reducing a carbon footprint and avoiding traffic delays. The fun of Bike to Work Day often encourages first-timers to commute by bicycle other days of the year.

Way to Go posts trail closures and detours on its web site. Denver Parks and Recreation also warns that low-lying trail segments along Cherry Creek and the South Platte may have water on them on Wednesday and later in the week.

An ozone action day alert was issued Tuesday by the Colorado Department of Health and the Regional Air Quality Council, from El Paso County to the south of Denver to Larimer, Weld and Boulder counties to the north. Sunshine, favorable winds and limited thunderstorm activity create ozone concentrations in some areas that might be unhealthy for some people who are sensitive. Bicyclists who might be affected by the unhealthy ozone are encouraged to take their commute slow and easy, and to stay hydrated.

Tolling to Begin July 22 on U.S. 36 From Federal Boulevard to Louisville

June 23, 2015

By: Monte Whaley

Enterprise – Broomfield News

Incentives to Carpool

36 Commuting Solutions is sharpening its social marketing campaign to focus on new carpools and vanpools as part of its U.S. 36 Congestion Mitigation Program, aimed easing traffic congestion on the corridor by reducing the number of solo drivers.

The social marketing campaign offers incentives to those who form new carpools, vanpools and take the bus. Those who apply for the carpool option will receive a \$15 rebate on the Switchable High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) pass needed to travel for free in the U.S. 36 Express Lanes. Currently two people are required to be in a vehicle to count as HOV, and no later than January the requirement will increase to three people in the vehicle. 36 Commuting Solutions is teaming up with the **Denver Regional Council of Governments** to offer free HOV Passes to new Way to Go vanpools on the corridor.

Learn more at 36commutingsolutions.org/about-us/us-36-congestion-mitigation-program/.

Tolling of portions of the newly minted U.S. 36 between Boulder and Denver will begin July 22 to allow crews time to ensure the highway's equipment and technology is ready for the transition. The tolling date was announced Monday as part of the official unveiling of the first phase of the U.S. 36 Express Lanes Project, which stretches 11 miles from Federal Boulevard to 88th Street in Louisville.

The revamped highway was unofficially opened for motorists in early May to begin testing of its new hardware. Local, state and federal officials were on hand Monday to boast about the roadway's unique stature with a HOV and toll lane, enhanced bus service and bicycle path.

Construction on the first phase of the \$317 million project began in summer 2012 with Ames Joint Venture — the construction contractor — rebuilding the highway in phases to allow it to remain open during peak travel times. A tolled express lane was added in each direction for an enhanced bus system — Bus Rapid Transit — as well as High Occupancy Vehicles and vehicles that want to pay tolls.

Toll rates were set in May. Those with an electronic pass will be charged \$7.60 from Interlocken to Federal Avenue during morning peak-travel times — between 7:15 and 8:15 a.m. Those without a pass will be charged \$13.68.

A specially constructed Regional Transportation District bus — the Flatiron Flyer — will be introduced on the corridor when the second phase of U.S. 36 construction is done in early 2016. The second phase is eight miles from Louisville to Table Mesa Drive in Boulder.

Bike to Work on Wednesday for Fun, Freebies

June 24, 2015

By: Janet Oravetz and Amanda Kesting

KUSA – 9News

KUSA - Pump up the tires and fill up your water bottle because Wednesday is Bike To Work day. Most of the country celebrates it in May, but due to our mountain communities and unpredictable weather, the state legislature declared June as Colorado Bike Month. The fourth Wednesday of the month is Bike to Work Day.

The federally-funded event was founded to help promote the benefits of commuting by bicycle. A built-in workout, less time in traffic jams, all while helping the environment? Seems like an easy cause to get behind.



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Registration

Obviously, the easiest way to participate is by simply biking to work. However, there is an official registration so organizers can keep track of how many people are joining in and so you can win prizes.

Visit the Bike To Work Day website to register

USER ACCOUNT

SIGN UP FOR BIKE TO WORK DAY!

To get started, choose to register with Facebook or your email address

Early registration is open for Employer Coordinators and Station Organizers April 1st. Participants

FIRST TIME VISITING US IN 2015?

Create a new account: we started the year with a clean slate!



CONNECT USING
FACEBOOK

REGISTER WITH
EMAIL ADDRESS

You can sign up using either your email address or Facebook account.

You'll then be asked to enter basic information about yourself and your commute. Finally, simply join a team or sign up to participate as an individual and you are set to go! You must be in the Denver region to register.

Plan your Route

If you don't know the best way to get to work on your bike, there are a few website that can help you plan a great route.

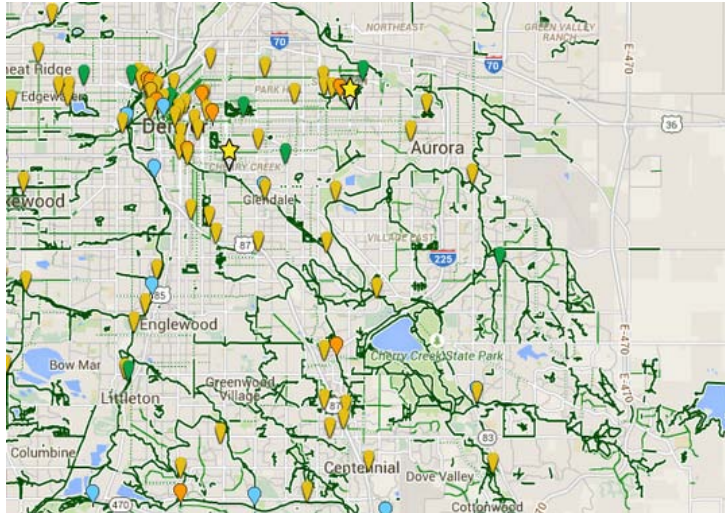
- My Way to Go lets you put in a starting and destination address and then maps a route for you. Click on the bike to see the suggested routes, including both a map and turn-by-turn directions.
- Ride the City will also give you directions based on addresses entered into the program. You can choose between a direct, safe or safer route. It also specifies which parts of the ride will be on bike paths and which will be on shared roads.



Freebies

You definitely don't want to miss out on all the great freebies associated with Bike to Work day. Throughout Denver and surrounding communities, there will be booths set up offering breakfast, snacks, water and more throughout the day.

Use this handy map to see which ones are on your way in to work (and make sure to stop by the 9NEWS booth along the Cherry Creek Trail from 6:30 - 9:00 a.m.)!



Map of stations for Bike to Work day
You can also see the full list of stations online.

Socialize

One of the best parts of Bike to Work Day is that you'll be joined by thousands of others participating as well. If your commute takes you along one of the more popular bike paths around the city you'll likely have quite a bit of company already, but if you'd like to make your ride an even more social experience think about joining a group ride.

Several routes have already been planned - just meet up with the group at the specified time and place.

Other Resources

- If you don't ride your bike to work often, make sure to read over these safe riding tips and tips for new riders before heading out on Wednesday.
- Make sure you know the Colorado Bicycle Laws
- If you happen to get a flat while biking to work, AAA Colorado can help. The agency is offering free roadside assistance for all cyclists taking part in Bike to Work Day. All you have to do is get to a trail head or normally-traveled road. To get assistance just call 1-800-AAA-HELP.
- For more information on the program, contact the **Denver Regional Council of Governments**
- Information and statistics about accidents involving bicycles.

Longmont Bicyclists Hit the Streets for Bike to Work Day

June 24, 2015

By: John Bear

Longmont Times-Call





Water Aid Stations in Longmont from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

300 Suns Brewing, 335 First Ave. Unit C

Blue Skies Massage and Wellness, 2919 17th Ave. Suite 16

St. Vrain Valley Schools Worksite Wellness, 395 S. Pratt Pkwy.

The smell of bicycle grease mingled with pancakes and sausage at the Longmont Civic Center this morning, as a gaggle of Spandex- and helmet-clad bicyclists stopped in for a bite before heading off to work.

Bike to Work Day is happening throughout the Denver metro area today, but Colleen Miller, marketing manager for *the Denver Regional Council of Governments*, said Longmont operates without any outside guidance.

"Longmont has the third most stations behind Boulder and Denver," Miller said.

Dani Wanner, a manager at Ziggi's Coffee, 400 Main St., said about 80 people had lent their names to a sign-up sheet set up outside the store as of 8:30 a.m. today, but she was sure more people stopped in for a bite and coffee.

"This is our second year doing this," Wanner said. "It's a great way to get the community out here. We try to do as much as we can for the community."

Maya Stuart works in document control at nSpire Health, 1830 Lefthand Circle, and stopped by the Longmont Civic Center to grab breakfast and get the chain on her bicycle lubricated.

"I don't ride in the winter at all, but I ride to work about once or twice a week," she said. "I also ride mountain bikes."

Stuart said she got up early today so she could hit a couple of the breakfast stations before heading off to work. She planned to hit up one of the bicycle parties scheduled for later today, possibly stopping at Lefthand Brewery for a beer.

Ren Morton works for Small Planet E Bikes, 724 Main St., a store that sells bicycles outfitted with electric motors. He said he bikes to work every day and feels the Longmont event is a good way to promote the activity to the public.

"It's a cool vibe," he said. "Maybe it will help people see that it's an option. If you start doing it two or three days a week, you'll get hooked."

