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Project Briefing and Review Schedule

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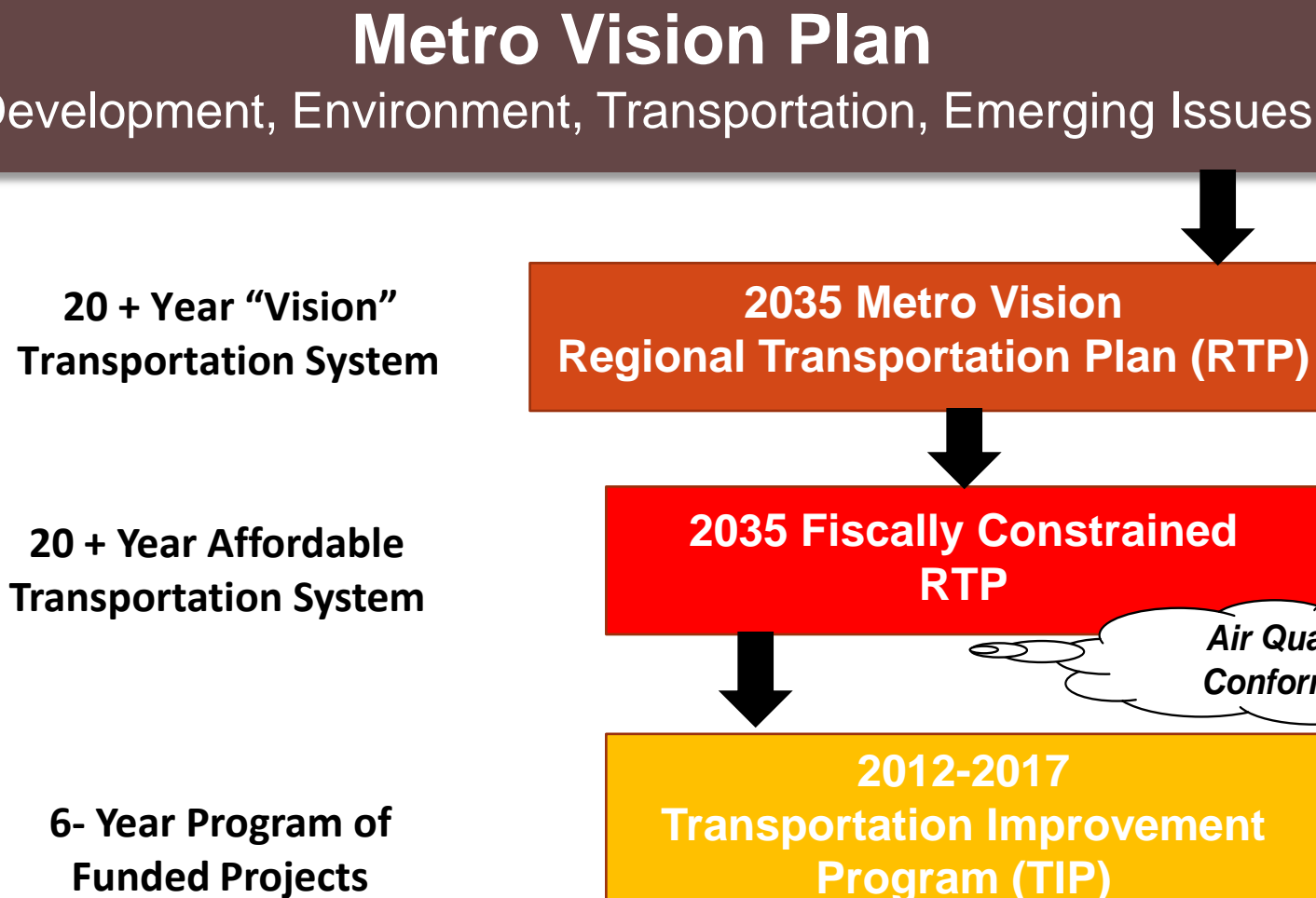
- ◆ By state statute, DRCOG is the **Region's Planning Commission**

"It is the duty of the Regional Planning Commission to make and adopt a regional plan for the physical development of the territory within the boundaries of the region" (Colorado Revised Statute 30-28-109)

- ◆ Designated by the Governor as the **Metropolitan Planning Organization** (MPO) for the region in 1977
- ◆ DRCOG has served as the **Area Agency on Aging** (AAA) for 40 years



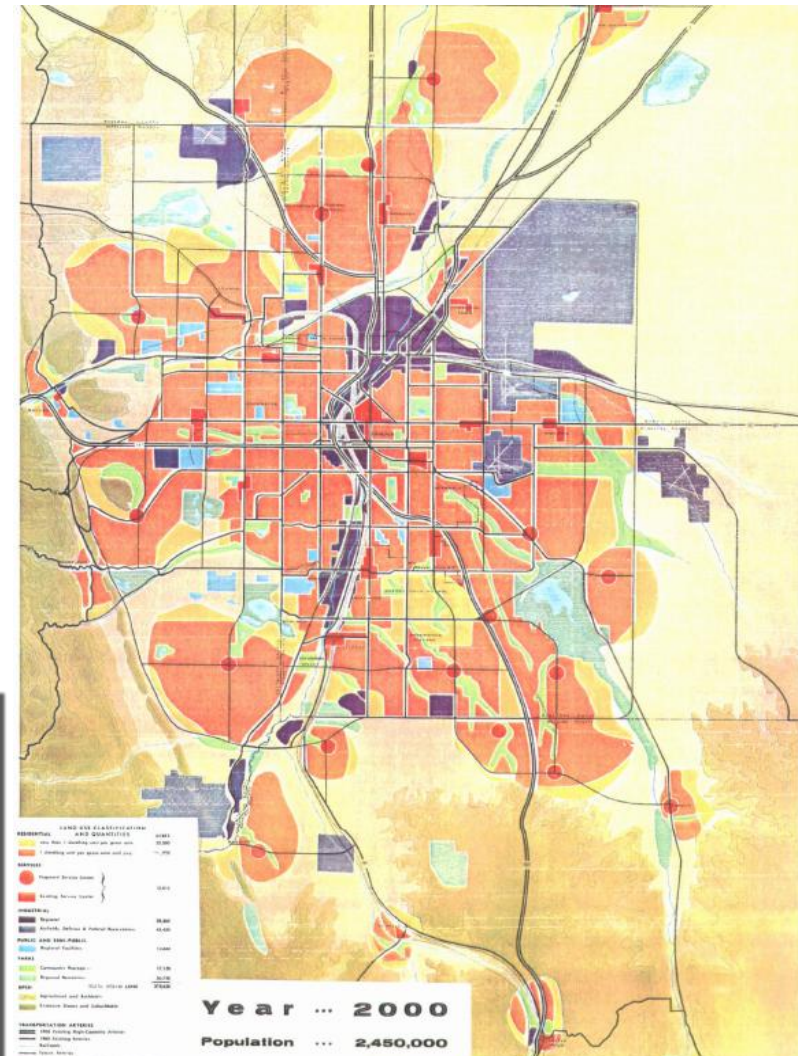
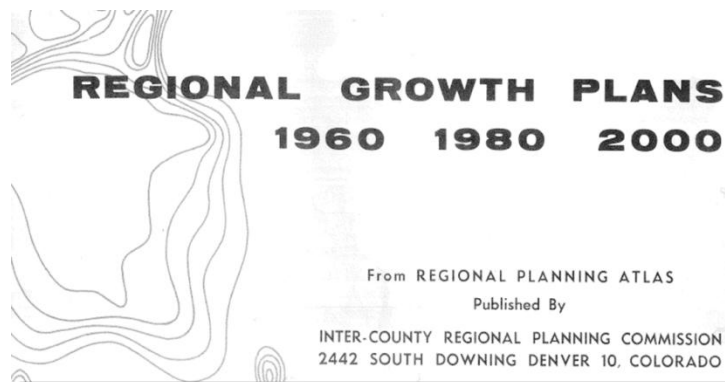
Metro Vision – “The Umbrella”





Evolution of Metro Vision

First Regional Plan 1960

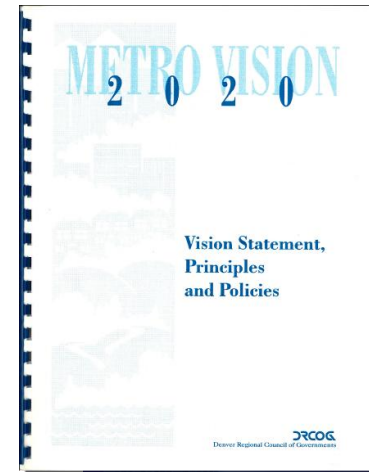




Evolution of Metro Vision

A Long-Standing Framework

- ◆ **1992:** Vision statement, principles, and policies
- ◆ **1995:** Scenario analysis and urban growth boundary targets
- ◆ **1997:** First **Metro Vision Plan** was adopted, finalize UGB mapping, and adoption of final Metro Vision plan
- ◆ **2000:** Mile High Compact
- ◆ **Plan Updates:** 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, **2011-2015 (MV 2040)**





Purpose of the 2040 Update

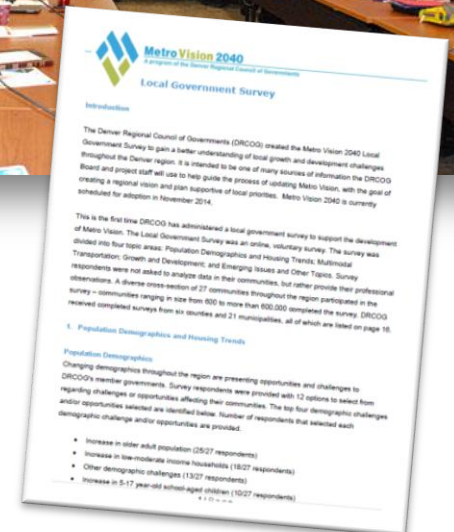
Project Framework – Adopted by DRCOG Board (May 2011)

- ◆ **Identify common values and regional priorities**
- ◆ **Increase understanding of challenges and opportunities**
- ◆ **Point the region in a direction**
- ◆ **Serve as a call to action**
- ◆ **Guide decisions**
- ◆ **Support collaboration and efficient use of resources**



What we've been up to...

- ◆ Board Ad Hoc Committees
- ◆ Advisory Committees
- ◆ Idea Exchanges
- ◆ Surveys (Local Gov't / Urban Center)
- ◆ Online feedback
- ◆ Listening sessions
- ◆ Issue reports and strategies





What We've Heard...

“Big picture” plan improvements

- ◆ **Opportunity for DRCOG to “catch up” on local, regional and national trends and best practices**
- ◆ **Individual topics are important, but critical to highlight linkages across issues**
- ◆ **DRCOG’s role—direct or indirect—should be examined with respect to each topic**
- ◆ **Make “connecting” to the plan easier**



Building on a Strong Foundation

Carrying forward Metro Vision 2035

- ◆ **Metro Vision Guiding Vision (1992)**
- ◆ **3 focus areas: Growth and development, transportation and the environment**
 - Each reviewed and updated to reflect current circumstances
 - New areas added – more to come...
- ◆ **Outcome focused – including “foundational” plan measures (i.e. travel to work %)**
 - Emphasis and plan measures broadened and deepened



A Plan for a Sustainable Future

What's in the working draft...

5 Primary Plan Elements:

- ◆ **An Efficient and Predictable Development Pattern**
- ◆ **A Connected Multimodal Region**
- ◆ **A Safe, Healthy Built and Natural Environment**
- ◆ **Healthy, Inclusive, and Livable Communities**
- ◆ **A Vibrant Regional Economy**

Metro Vision 2040 Key Terms:

Outcome

Aspiration the region collectively works toward



Objective

Direction or path to achieve desired outcome

Plan includes **strategies** and **actions** that work toward each objective



Measure

Quantitative way to track progress toward objective over time



Target

Specific future level of measure to reach (“foundational measures”)





New Policy Areas for MV 2040

Suggested by Board and Stakeholders

◆ Housing

- Regional Housing Strategy was the starting point of the conversation
- Ad Hoc Board Committee worked with staff to develop policy framework

◆ Economic Vitality

- Built on Board guidance to work closely with economic development partners and followed-through on key MV 2035 implementation strategy
- Regional Economic Strategy was the starting point of the conversation
- Ad Hoc Board Committee worked with staff to develop policy framework



“New” Policy Areas for MV 2040

Suggested by Board and Stakeholders

◆ **Community Health and Wellness**

- Metro Vision Idea Exchange (February 2014)
- Issue Paper (Distributed to Board in April 2014)
- MVIC Issue Update (June 2014)
- Overall: Significant engagement with health stakeholders

◆ **Community Resiliency**

- Advance Board initiated Metro Vision 2035 Plan Amendment (“wildfire policy”)
- Community resiliency, hazard mitigation and disaster recovery a consistent theme among numerous stakeholders
- Policy focus (as drafted): limit conflicts, integrated planning, coordination and strategic open space planning



MVIC and Board Input/Action

◆ Plan Review and Deliberation

- Working draft distributed to all Board members and alternates in January 2015
- MVIC and Board deliberation: February – April 2015
- Entire plan or manageable amount of content each month?
- Working draft to “evolve” throughout early 2015 – i.e. incorporate MVIC and Board feedback along the way

◆ May 2015: Public Hearing

◆ June 2015: MVIC and Board action



Things to keep in mind...

- ◆ **Metro Vision represents regional aspirations**
“Each goal represents a region-wide aspiration that local governments in the Denver metropolitan area will collectively work toward , each contributing in a manner appropriate to local circumstances and objectives.”
- ◆ **Metro Vision is the primary policy statement of the DRCOG Board of Directors AND a shared set of goals for our partners to consider**
- ◆ **Metro Vision is not the DRCOG work program – implementation success is dependant on many partners**



MV 2040 – Recent/Next Steps

- ◆ **Final committee input: TAC – Dec. 29th**
 - CAC final meeting on Dec. 9th
 - MVPAC final meeting Dec. 17th
- ◆ **Economic Vitality Ad Hoc Committee:
Meeting with Econ. Dev. professionals (1/20)**
- ◆ **Initial copy edit by DRCOG Communications
& Marketing team**
- ◆ **Final working draft transmitted to Board**



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