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Metro Vision 2040 Project Update

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Metro Vision – “The Umbrella”

Metro Vision Plan
Growth and Development, Environment, Transportation

**20 + Year “Vision”
Transportation System**

**2035 Metro Vision
Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**

**20 + Year Affordable
Transportation System**

**2035 Fiscally Constrained
RTP**

*Air Quality
Conformity*

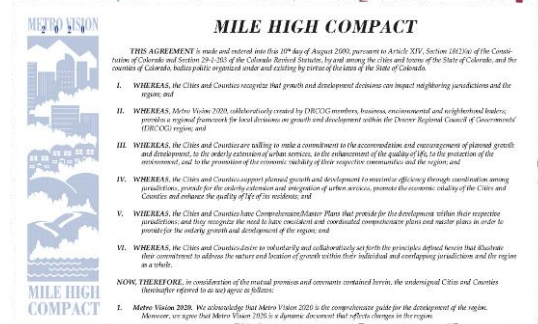
**6- Year Program of
Funded Projects**

**2012-2017
Transportation Improvement
Program (TIP)**



Evolution of Metro Vision

- ◆ 1992: Vision statement, principles, and policies
- ◆ 1995: Scenario analysis and urban growth boundary targets
- ◆ 1997: Adoption of first Metro Vision plan
- ◆ 2000: Mile High Compact
- ◆ Plan Updates: 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013-2014





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**



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Aging and Metro Vision 2040 Stakeholder Input



What we've been up to...

Stakeholder Engagement

- ◆ Interviews and focus groups
- ◆ Idea Exchanges
- ◆ MV 2040 Local Government Survey
- ◆ Online feedback
- ◆ Listening sessions
- ◆ Peer agency reviews
- ◆ Advisory Committees





Local Government Survey

Responses Related to Older Adults

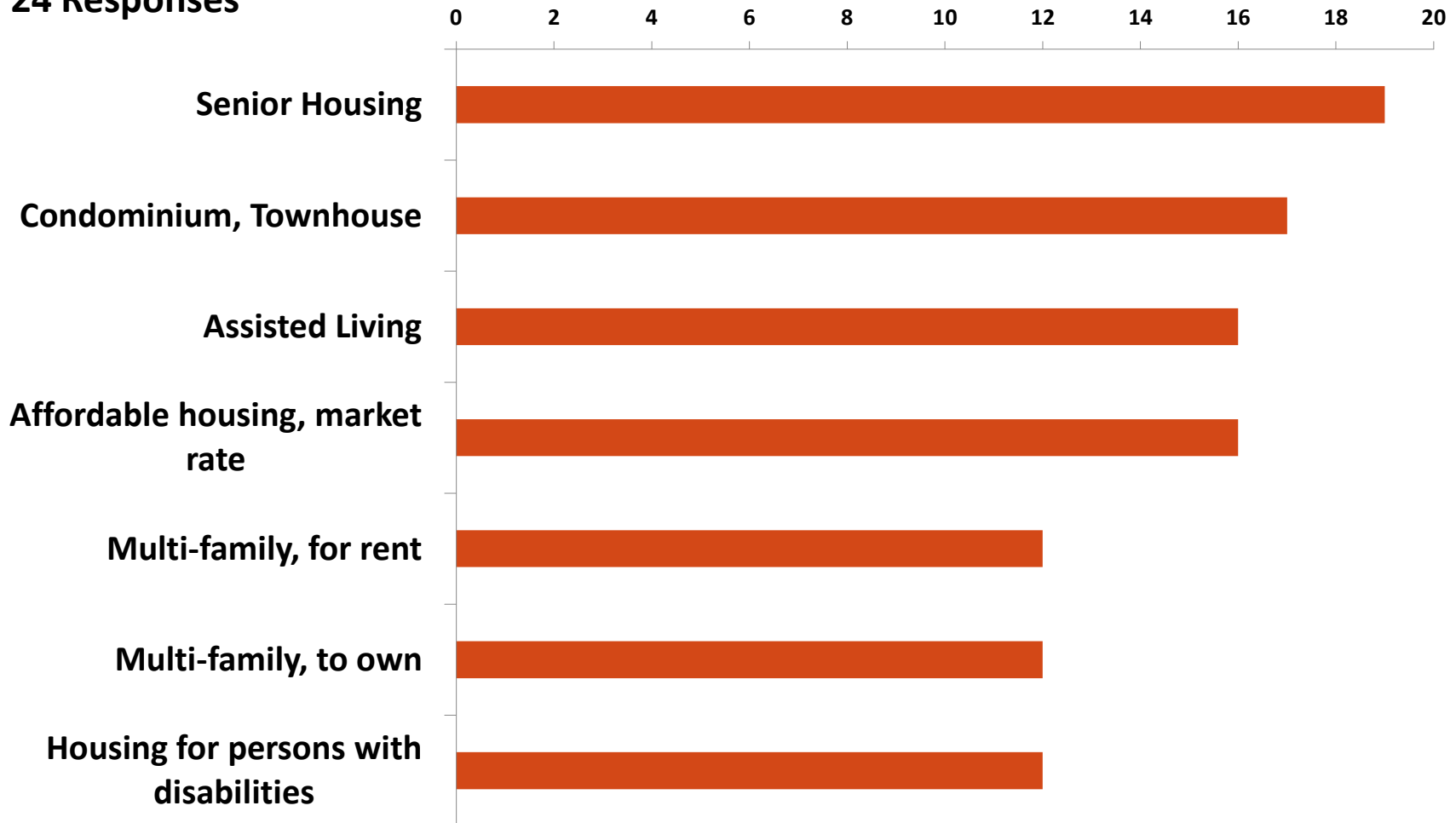
- ◆ **Aging of the population - #1 demographic change impacting communities (25/27)**
- ◆ **Transportation challenges - #2 older adult transportation (Bike/ped = #1)**
- ◆ **Top 4 increasing household types:**
 - Older adults living alone (22/27)
 - Empty-nest households (20/27)
 - Retiree households (20/27)
 - Multi-generational households (16/27)



Local Government Survey:

Identified Housing Gaps (At least half respondents identified)

24 Responses





Stakeholder Feedback

Responses Related to Older Adults

- ◆ **Aging of the population is a primary challenge in non-urban areas of the region – some choose to stay, others looking for other housing options**
 - Key challenge: access to health care / emergency services
- ◆ **Making some areas that would be attractive to older adults (e.g. historic small towns) accessible is very difficult**
 - New residential products in these areas have attracted an older adult demographic



Stakeholder Feedback

Responses Related to Older Adults

- ◆ **Some urban centers are looking to increase senior housing, but this is not common**
- ◆ **There is a need for additional senior recreational programs at the local level**
 - May need to have separate recreational areas for older adults and children
- ◆ **Boomer Bond has been a successful tool in working to improve the region's well-being**



Stakeholder Feedback

Responses Related to Older Adults (**Housing Stakeholders**)

- ◆ **Need to increase senior housing was universal**
- ◆ **DRCOG should collaborate with non-profits to help expand regional capacity to house low-income households, seniors, and persons with disabilities**
- ◆ **Seniors wanting to downsize cannot find housing that is appropriate for their needs and located near transit**
- ◆ **Some communities worry that seniors get more attention at the expense of other households**



Stakeholder Feedback

Responses Related to Older Adults (**Housing Stakeholders**)

- ◆ **Staff in some affluent suburban jurisdictions expressed a need for more housing for older adults who want to downsize and age in place**
 - These communities do not receive enough federal dollars to incentivize developers to build less expensive, diverse housing product types
 - Nor do they have local requirements
- ◆ **We need to find efficient ways to reach older adults living in suburban and rural areas in the region as they age**



Stakeholder Feedback

Responses Related to Older Adults (**Economic Development Stakeholders**)

- ◆ **Do local governments have the tools and resources needed to meet growing needs?**
- ◆ **Smaller communities are concerned they won't have resources to handle the growth in older adult population**
- ◆ **Important to attract/retain Millennials as Boomers age out of workforce**
- ◆ **Lack of data, information, and understanding of the needs of Boomers**



Key Findings

Regional Housing Strategy

- ◆ **Poverty rate for older adults is nearly 10%**
- ◆ **33% of residents 65 and older have a disability**
 - Longer life expectancies could increase the incidence of disability as more residents reach age 85 and older
- ◆ **There will be a large need to expand community-based support programs and networks to accommodate older adult growth**
- ◆ **Communities around the region will be impacted and will need to consider a wide array of programs**



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Initial Plan Framework



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Working Plan Framework

5 Overarching Themes:

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



New Policy Areas for MV 2040

Suggested by Stakeholders

◆ Community Health and Wellness

- Issue Paper (Distributed to Board in April)
- MVIC Issue Update (June 2014)
- Currently drafting proposed plan element

◆ Housing

- Regional Housing Strategy
- Board to form ad hoc group to explore issue and potential integration into Metro Vision 2040

◆ Economic Vitality

- Regional Economic Strategy
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Metro Vision 2040 – Key Challenges

DRAFT Plan Intro (Excerpt)

◆ **Changing demographics and lifestyles**

- Increasingly diverse population and growth in older adult population
- Demand for new and expanded housing options

◆ **Access to opportunity**

- Increasing options and removing barriers to services and opportunities
- Accessible workforce and affordable housing

◆ **Infrastructure and connectivity**

- First and last mile connections to work and other destinations



Community Health and Wellness

Key Challenges (Excerpt)

◆ Access to Care

- Affordability of care, insurance, location/number of providers, transportation

◆ Divide in Health Knowledge and Awareness

- Planners, health professionals, and others not always coordinated on health and wellness issues

◆ Changing Health Care Delivery System

- Facility and land use needs
- Transportation needs*
- Economic impacts



* 1/3rd of health-related establishments within 1 mile of existing/planned light rail stations



DRAFT Plan Outcomes

Healthy, Inclusive and Livable Communities

- ◆ **A built and natural environment that promotes healthy and active lifestyle choices leading to a healthy and well population**
- ◆ **Residents of all ages, abilities, and financial means have expanded connections to care within the region**
- ◆ **TBD Housing Outcome**





Healthy, Inclusive and Livable Communities

DRAFT Plan Objectives

- ◆ **Increase mobility for all ages and abilities**
- ◆ **Increase access to safe and healthy food**
- ◆ **Maximize opportunities for recreation and access to the natural environment**
- ◆ **Improve connections to major health care centers and service providers**
- ◆ **Increase knowledge and awareness of community health and wellness issues and support networks**



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Next Steps



Next Steps

◆ Continue drafting revised plan elements based on stakeholder input

- MVPAC input through the end of 2014
- “Setting the stage” for Board review in 2015

◆ Housing and Economic Vitality

- Seeking Board member/alternate volunteers for ad hoc groups (Deadline to volunteer – Aug. 4th)
- Groups to meet September – November
- Prepare policy recommendations for Board consideration



MVIC and Board Input/Action

- ◆ **MVIC: Updates throughout remainder of 2014**
 - Specific issues (e.g. Urban Centers)
 - Bundles of issues (e.g. Environment)
- ◆ **Board: Preview of Deliberation and Adoption (Dec. 2014)**
- ◆ **MVIC & Board: Plan element review (Jan. – Mar. 2015)**
 - Public Hearing draft complete (April 2015)
- ◆ **MVIC & Board: Final Action and Adoption (June 2015)**



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