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AGENDA
METRO VISION ISSUES COMMITTEE
Wednesday, November 5, 2014
4:00 p.m.
1290 Broadway
First Floor Boardroom



1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
The chair requests that there be no public comment on issues for which a prior public hearing has been held before the Board of Directors.
3. Summary of October 1, 2014 Meeting
(Attachment A)

ACTION ITEM

4. *Move to recommend to the Board of Directors amending the Policy on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Preparation: Procedures for preparing the 2016-2021 TIP to include second phase project selection
(Attachment B) Douglas W. Rex, Director, Transportation Planning & Operations

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. Data Portal update
(Attachment C) Ashley Summers, Information Systems Manager, Administration and Finance
6. Transportation Improvement Program Funding Pools and Programs
(Attachment D) Douglas W. Rex, Director, Transportation Planning & Operations

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

7. Other Matters
8. Next Meeting – December 3, 2014
9. Adjournment

***Motion Requested**

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METRO VISION ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
October 1, 2014

MVIC Members Present: Doug Tisdale – Cherry Hills Village; Eva Henry – Adams County; Bill Holen – Arapahoe County; Suzanne Jones – Boulder; Elise Jones – Boulder County; George Teal – Castle Rock; Cathy Noon – Centennial; Rick Teter – Commerce City; Robin Kniech, Anthony Graves – Denver; Jerry Presley – Greenwood Village; Shakti – Lakewood; Phil Cernanec – Littleton; Jackie Millet – Lone Tree; Ashley Stolzmann – Louisville; Joyce Downing – Northglenn; John Diak – Parker; Val Vigil – Thornton; Herb Atchison - Westminster.

Others present: Jeanne Shreve – Adams County; Bob Watts – Castle Rock; Eugene Howard – Douglas County; Kent Moorman – Thornton; Danny Herrmann – CDOT; Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director, Flo Raitano, Acting Senior Managing Director, and DRCOG staff.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:13 p.m.; a quorum was present.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Summary of September 3, 2014 Meeting

The summary was accepted as submitted.

Move to recommend to the Board of Directors the inclusion of first-last mile connections as part of the second phase project selection criteria for the development of the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Doug Rex provided background for members on the proposed first/last mile criteria. Members discussed including a first/last mile criteria for second phase project selection at length. It was requested that the definition provided by staff for first/last mile in the TIP second phase should be noted as such, so that there isn't confusion with other possible applications, such as Metro Vision. Members pointed out that first/last mile is addressed in the first phase of project selection, and points awarded are included in the final project score.

Elise Jones **moved** to include first/last mile criteria in second phase selection. The motion was **seconded**. There was discussion. The motion was **amended** to prioritize very small community and county funding equity as first tier criteria for second phase, with all other criteria as second tier. The second accepted the amendment.

The question was called.

The motion to stop debate **passed** unanimously.

The amended motion **passed** unanimously.

Phil Cernanec **moved** to recommend all seven criteria to the Board of Directors. The motion was **seconded**. There was discussion.

Staff noted that since this is an amendment to the adopted TIP Policy, it will be necessary to take the recommendation through both the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Regional Transportation Committee. It will move forward to the Board at their November meeting.

After discussion, the motion **passed** unanimously.

Update on the growth and development element of the *Metro Vision 2040 Plan*

Brad Calvert provided information on aspects of the growth and development element. A question was asked about whether the Plan will include constraints on development. Brad replied that the Plan will include challenges in the region. Members requested a refresher on scenario planning at a future meeting. A question was asked about whether or not modeling would include information related to the housing shortage. Brad noted that would be difficult to model.

Other Matters

Robin Kniech reported she recently attended the RailVolution Conference. She noted there were many MPO staff in attendance, and it might be beneficial for DRCOG members to attend a future conference. Phil Cernanec noted perhaps Robin could provide additional information at the next meeting. It was reported that Denver will be hosting the RailVolution Conference in 2016 or 2017.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **November 5, 2014**.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

ATTACH B

To: Chair and Members of the Metro Vision Issues Committee

From: Flo Raitano, Acting Senior Managing Director
303-480-6789 or fraitano@drco.org

Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
November 5, 2014	Action	4

SUBJECT

Amendment to the *Policy on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Preparation: Procedures for preparing the 2016-2021 TIP* to reflect recommended second phase selection criteria by MVIC.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

Consider recommendations of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) for amendments to MVIC's second phase project selection criteria of the 2016-2021 TIP Policy document. Also provide direction on the process for preparing second phase funding scenarios.

ACTION BY OTHERS

MVIC – October 1, 2014
TAC – October 27, 2014

SUMMARY

Background

TIP projects selected as part of the 2016-2021 call for projects will be selected in two phases. In the first phase, projects are selected directly from the score-ranked lists of funding requests by project type. A maximum of 75 percent of available funds will be programmed in first phase. The remaining 25 percent of funds are programmed in second phase and will consider other criteria in addition to project score.

Second Phase Criteria

Since August, MVIC has been actively engaged with developing proposed criteria that will ultimately be used to guide second phase project selection. At its October meeting, MVIC formalized its recommendation to include the second phase criteria shown below. **TAC met on October 27 and recommended modifications as shown in red italic font:**

MVIC Recommended Second Phase Criteria (Oct. 1, 2014)

Tier 1	
Very Small Communities	Projects submitted by communities with less than \$10 million in annual net sales tax value (based on the most recent data from the CO Dept. of Revenue).
County Funding Equity Status and Ratio	A calculation comparing the amount of dollars programmed within a county to the percent contribution from each county. A county's financial equity shall be considered "even" if its estimated percentage of programmed expenditures is within 10 percentage points of its computed percentage of contributions.

Contribution Variables: Population, employment, vehicle miles traveled, and disbursements from the state Highway Users Trust Fund (HUTF) (all weighted equally).
 Expenditure Variables: DRCOG programmed funds (2003-2019) only.

Tier 2	
TIP Score Points	Total project points from first phase selection.
Multi-Jurisdictional Projects	Projects that cross the geographic boundary of two or more DRCOG jurisdictions. <i>Note if jurisdictions were <u>funding partners</u>.</i>
Projects Not Eligible in First Phase	Projects types (Studies and Other Enhancement) only eligible in second phase.
Number of Sponsor Projects Selected in First Phase	The number of sponsor projects selected in first phase will be noted. <i>The amount of <u>funds awarded in first phase and the total number of projects submitted by the sponsor will also be noted.</u></i>
First-Last Mile Connection	Projects that expand the quality of access to transit [rail or BRT stations, park-N-ride lots, transit terminals (all currently open on or before 2025), and existing bus stops]. The path/service must be safe, intuitive and universally accessible. Projects must provide a connection to a destination (residential development, school, office, shopping, dining, park, recreational facility) or fill a gap connecting to a destination within a one mile buffer from a transit property. <u>Eligible project types include:</u> Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects Project physically touches transit or eliminates a barrier that impedes patrons from accessing transit. Roadway Capacity, Roadway Operational Improvement, and Roadway Reconstruction projects Project must include bike (e.g. bike path, multi-use path) and/or pedestrian facilities that physically touch transit or eliminate a barrier that impedes patrons from accessing transit. Transit Services Projects Shuttle/Circulator projects that services transit

Process for Preparation of Second Phase Project Funding Scenarios

In previous TIP cycles, staff have prepared for MVIC's consideration, second phase project funding scenarios. If MVIC desires to have these optional scenarios once again, TAC has requested to assist staff in their development. Such scenarios will then be provided to MVIC at its January 2015 meeting. At that time, MVIC will recommend projects to be funded in the second phase selection for 2016-2021 TIP.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS
N/A

PROPOSED MOTIONS

- Move to recommend to the Board of Directors amending the *Policy on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Preparation: Procedures for preparing the 2016-2021 TIP* to include second phase project selection.
- Move to direct staff to work with TAC on the development of second phase project funding scenarios.

ATTACHMENTS

1. TIP Policy with amended second phase selection language
2. [MVIC Meetings: August-October](#)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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F. First Phase Selection

In the first of the two phases, new projects are selected directly from the ranked lists of funding requests, to a maximum of 75 percent of not-yet-programmed funding. **Funding targets** per project type are established below to implement the objectives in the RTP. These funding targets are used to establish the maximum selection in the first phase for each project type. Project types not listed (Other Enhancements projects and Studies) are not scored and will be considered in the second phase selection process only.

Funding Targets for First Phase Selection by Project Type (75% of not-yet-programmed funding)	
Roadway Capacity	38%
Roadway Operational Improvements	22%
Roadway Reconstruction	15%
Transit Service	6%
Transit Passenger Facilities	3%
Bicycle/Pedestrian	16%
Total	100%

The number of projects awarded between \$100,000 and \$300,000 in federal funding will be capped at 10, with the remaining placed on the waiting list.

G. Second Phase Selection

The remaining 25 percent of the not-yet-programmed funding will be programmed in the second phase selection. It will use the following criteria to guide project selection. Additional emphasis will be given to Tier 1 criteria (Very Small Communities; County Funding Equity Status and Ratio) during second phase deliberations.

Project Selection Criteria for Second Phase Selection (25% of not-yet-programmed funding)	
Tier 1	
Very Small Communities	Projects submitted by communities with less than \$10 million in annual net sales tax value (based on the most recent data from the CO Dept. of Revenue). See Appendix H.
County Funding Equity	A calculation comparing the amount of dollars programmed within a county to the percent contribution from each county. A county's financial equity shall be considered "even" if its estimated percentage of programmed expenditures is within 10 percentage points of its computed percentage of contributions.
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APPENDIX H

2012 NET SALES TAX VALUE

Place	2012 Net Sales Tax	Very Small Community
Denver (City & County)	\$ 346,264,184	
Arapahoe County	\$ 245,564,916	
Jefferson County	\$ 188,359,789	
Adams County	\$ 168,479,021	
Boulder County	\$ 120,067,945	
Douglas County	\$ 114,684,592	
Aurora	\$ 109,137,306	
Lakewood	\$ 65,784,549	
Boulder	\$ 60,079,473	
Centennial	\$ 46,476,855	
Westminster	\$ 42,599,358	
Littleton	\$ 38,001,330	
Lone Tree	\$ 35,778,407	
Thornton	\$ 34,550,838	
Englewood	\$ 32,837,929	
Broomfield (City & County)	\$ 29,651,024	
Longmont	\$ 27,688,436	
Arvada	\$ 27,407,995	
Weld County (SW Only)	\$ 20,000,000	
Parker	\$ 19,156,478	
Golden	\$ 18,326,653	
Castle Rock	\$ 17,880,370	
Greenwood Village	\$ 17,456,769	
Commerce City	\$ 17,080,052	
Brighton	\$ 15,430,418	
Wheat Ridge	\$ 15,255,651	
Northglenn	\$ 11,324,861	
Louisville	\$ 10,556,600	
Glendale	\$ 10,251,518	
Sheridan	\$ 6,100,771	X
Lafayette	\$ 6,051,714	X
Superior	\$ 5,074,044	X
Frederick	\$ 4,839,399	X
Federal Heights	\$ 3,677,031	X
Firestone	\$ 3,209,490	X
Fort Lupton	\$ 2,368,342	X
Edgewater	\$ 1,762,477	X
Erie	\$ 1,611,414	X
Dacono	\$ 1,303,983	X
Mead	\$ 1,116,797	X
Castle Pines North	\$ 1,096,406	X
Bennett	\$ 707,469	X
Nederland	\$ 666,422	X
Cherry Hills Village	\$ 617,776	X
Morrison	\$ 596,163	X
Hudson	\$ 444,464	X
Lyons	\$ 424,808	X
Foxfield	\$ 232,850	X
Lochbuie	\$ 227,886	X
Larkspur	\$ 151,678	X
Columbine Valley	\$ 121,466	X
Lakeside	\$ 106,656	X
Deer Trail	\$ 33,794	X
Ward	\$ 9,491	X
Bow Mar		X
Jamestown		X
Mountain View		X
Source:	FY12 CO Dept. of Rev	

ATTACH C

To: Chair and Members of the Metro Vision Issues Committee

From: Flo Raitano, Acting Senior Managing Director
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Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
November 5, 2014	Informational	5

SUBJECT

The DRCOG Information Systems Team turns data into information to support decision-making. This presentation will focus on recently developed products and upcoming projects that take an innovative approach to the components of this process.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A

ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

SUMMARY

DRCOG provides information to decision-makers and action takers in the region that help them maintain and continually improve our world-class natural and built environment. To do this effectively takes a multi-faceted approach to data and information management.

Data must first be collected from our experts at the local level and transformed into a standardized regional asset. This takes collaboration, coordination, and organization. To make this process easier on local government staff, DRCOG created the Data Portal - an online site for data exchange. A brief demonstration of the site will be included.

After the creation of regional data assets, the next step is to develop and distribute information to our decision-makers. At minimum, the goal is to make the information available and relevant. We strive to go further by making the information engaging, interactive, responsive, and dynamic. A brief introduction to one of our developing projects - Data, Information, Visualizations, and Analysis (DIVA) - will illustrate our progress towards these goals.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

N/A

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N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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To: Chair and Members of the Metro Vision Issues Committee

From: Flo Raitano, Acting Senior Managing Director
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Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
November 5, 2014	Information	6

SUBJECT

Upcoming project schedule for off-the-top TIP funding set-asides and programs

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A

ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

SUMMARY

The DRCOG Board established several off-the-top programs as part of the *Policy on Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Preparation for the 2016-2021 TIP*. Projects are selected for funding through these programs more frequently and at a different time than the overall TIP. The project solicitation and selection process for some of the programs will start early in 2015, following the adoption of the 2016-2021 TIP.

The anticipated schedules for the individual programs are described below. Sponsors are encouraged to begin thinking about possible projects they may submit.

1) Regional TDM Program Set-Aside (\$1.6 million per year; FY 2016-17 project selection process by DRCOG)

- Winter 2015 Confirm dedicated funding amount to Regional Travel Demand Management (TDM) Program partner transportation management associations (7 TMAs), as part of the Way to Go program (currently \$560,000/year). Remaining “pool” funds will be allocated to other TDM marketing, outreach and transit pass projects, and multimodal supportive infrastructure solicited through a separate Call for Projects.

Work with stakeholders, CDOT (the contract administrator for these federal funds), FHWA, and the DRCOG Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) to define project eligibility rules and evaluation criteria.
- March 2015 MVIC approval of rules and evaluation criteria. Call for Projects opens.
- April 2015 Project applications due.
- June/July 2015 Final project selection.

2) Station Area Master Plan & Urban Center Studies (\$600,000 per year, FY 2016-17 project selection process by DRCOG)

- Winter 2015 Determine regional priorities, project and sponsor eligibility, and evaluation criteria.
- Spring 2015 Call for Projects and project evaluation.
- Summer 2015 Select projects.

3) Air Quality Improvements Program (\$1.8 million per year)

The Regional Air Quality Council will lead the effort, working with DRCOG to allocate funds to three types of projects—vehicle fleet technology, Ozone Aware Outreach Program, and local government/transportation agency air quality projects. A work program for the selection process will be developed with DRCOG and CDOT in summer 2015.

4) Miscellaneous Equipment Purchase Program (\$781,000 available for FY 2015)

Under the Traffic Signal System Improvement Program (TSSIP), contingency funds remaining after all capital improvements are fully funded become available to purchase traffic signal equipment for local governments or CDOT. A Call for Projects is expected this fall with project selection and confirmation to follow in spring 2015.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

N/A

ATTACHMENT

[Policy on Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\) Preparation for the 2016-2021 TIP.](#)
(see pages 14-15)

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