

SUMMARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, September 15, 2021

Members/Alternates Present

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| Ashley Stolzmann, Chair | City of Louisville |
| Steve O'Dorisio | Adams County |
| Claire Levy | Boulder County |
| George Teal | Douglas County |
| Mike Coffman (Alternate) | City of Aurora |
| Larry Vittum | Town of Bennet |
| Aaron Brockett | City of Boulder |
| Adam Cushing | City of Brighton |
| William Lindstedt | City and County of Broomfield |
| Deborah Mulvey | City of Castle Pines |
| Jason Gray | Town of Castle Rock |
| Tammy Mauer | City of Centennial |
| Randy Weil | City of Cherry Hills Village |
| Nicole Frank | City of Commerce City |
| Nicholas Williams | City and County of Denver |
| Kevin Flynn | City and County of Denver |
| Steve Conklin | City of Edgewater |
| Linda Olson | City of Englewood |
| Linda Montoya | City of Federal Heights |
| Josie Cockrell | Town of Foxfield |
| Lynette Kelsey | Town of Georgetown |
| Jim Dale | City of Golden |
| George Lantz | City of Greenwood Village |
| Tracy Kraft-Tharp | Jefferson County |
| Stephanie Walton | City of Lafayette |
| Jacob LaBure | City of Lakewood |
| Wynne Shaw | City of Lone Tree |
| Joan Peck | City of Longmont |
| Colleen Whitlow | Town of Mead |
| John Diak | Town of Parker |
| Neal Shah | Town of Superior |
| Jessica Sandgren | City of Thornton |
| Anita Seitz | City of Westminster |
| Bud Starker | City of Wheat Ridge |
| Rebecca White | Colorado Department of Transportation |
| Bill Van Meter | Regional Transportation District |

Others Present: Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director, Melinda Stevens, Executive Assistant, DRCOG; Lynn Baca, Janet Lundquist, Chris Chovan, Adams County; Mac Callison, Aurora; Cindy Copeland, Boulder County; Sarah Grant, Broomfield; Tim Dietz, Castle Rock; Brent Soderlin, Commerce City; Art Griffith, Lauren Pulver, Douglas County; Cheryl Wink, Englewood; Kent Moorman, Julia Marvin, Thornton; Debra Baskett, Westminster; Jordan Rudel, Jan Rowe, Michael Timlin, CDOT; Lynn Guissinger, Shelly Cook, RTD; Nathan Batchelder, Randle Loeb, Joanna Rosa-Saenz, Matt Frommer, Paul

Culnan, Travis Madsen, Brent Goodlet, Citizen; and DRCOG staff.

Chair Ashley Stolzmann called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

Move to approve agenda

Director Teal **moved** to approve the agenda. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Report of the Chair

- Director Conklin reported the Performance and Engagement Committee met on September 1 and received two informational briefings:
 - A discussion on the 2021 Board Workshop, which the committee brought up agenda items as possible topics for upcoming Board meetings.
 - A follow-up and further discussion on DRCOG's executive director annual performance evaluation process.
- Director Shaw reported the Finance and Budget Committee met and approved two resolutions authorizing the executive director to:
 - accept funds of \$80,000 from the City of Aurora to support transportation services for its older adult residents.
 - distribute approximately \$580,000 in 2022 NSIP funds to contracted nutrition providers.

Report of the Executive Director

- ED Rex thanked the Board for participating in the Collaboration Assessment.
- DRCOG's WayToGo staff will begin working on the annual GoTober event after the Bike To Work Day event concludes.
- DOLA Grants: There is a current grant opportunity through the department of local affairs to assist local governments in development of innovative solutions to promote the development of affordable housing across the state. The deadline for applications is September 20th.
- Front Range Passenger Rail: ED Rex encouraged directors to read the informational item regarding the process for the selection of DRCOG representatives to the FRPR District Board.
- Bike to Work day is scheduled for September 22nd of this year.

Public Comment

Randle Loeb reported that he is working on a new program with Jefferson County to take care of the gaps that exist in housing.

Travis Madsen urged the Board to support the transportation planning pollution standard that is currently under consideration at the Transportation Commission.

Joanna Rosa-Saenz requested DRCOG embrace the proposed rules and make the provisions for reducing driving and pollution even stronger.

Brent Goodlet wanted to reiterate to the Board that the greenhouse gas reduction levels listed in the draft rules, specifically tables one and two, are not sufficient to meet the state's greenhouse gas reduction roadmap, as stipulated by HB19 1261.

Move to approve consent agenda

Chair Stolzmann **moved** to approve the consent agenda as amended (The removal of Consent Agenda Item 7-iv: FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments). The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Items on the consent agenda included:

- Summary of the August 18, 2021 meeting
- FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Supplemental Wait List Call for Projects waiting list additions
- Project Funding Recommendation for the FY 2022-2023 Community Mobility Planning and Implementation (CMPI) set-aside

FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

Josh Schwenk provided a brief overview of the amendments to the Board. DRCOG's transportation planning process allows for Board-approved amendments to the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on an as-needed basis. These amendments involve the addition or deletion of projects, or adjustments to existing projects and do not impact funding for other projects in the TIP. The TIP projects to be amended are shown as follows:

- New Project Design Pool: CDOT Region 1 Misc/Design
- New Project Region 4 Mobility Hub Pool
- New Project SH-7/95th St. Intersection Improvements
- 2012-121 Region 4 Non-Regionally Significant RPP Pool
- 2020-098 I-70 Noise Walls
- 2020-100 Region 1 Mobility Hub Pool

The proposed amendments to the [FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program](#) have been found to conform with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality.

Director Teal recused himself from the discussion.

Director Gray opposed Project 2020-100 Region 1 Mobility Hub Pool because there would no access to it from Castle Rock and they think the money should not be invested in this project. Chair Stolzmann clarified that the opposition was for one component of the proposed TIP amendment (removal of the Castle Rock Mobility Hub), which Director Gray confirmed.

Chair Stolzmann asked if this was a time sensitive vote on approval the projects as a package. Director White said that if the board needed more time for discussion on these projects, that it could be brought back to the Board in October for a vote.

Ron Papsdorf explained that because the motion has been modified, this item would have to go back to the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) for the TIP amendments to move forward.

Director Gray **moved** to adopt the attached amendments to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), with the amendment that CDOT and DRCOG do their due diligence to come to the most satisfactory conclusion with all the jurisdictions and then bring Project 2020-100 Region 1 Mobility Hub Pool back to Board. The motion was **seconded** by and **passed** unanimously.

DRCOG's Title VI Implementation Plan, Limited English Proficiency Plan, and Americans with Disabilities Act Program Access Plan.

Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, provided an overview of the plans to the board. DRCOG is a recipient of federal financial assistance and all agencies that receive federal funds are required to comply with various nondiscrimination laws and regulations. DRCOG adheres to other federal nondiscrimination statutes that afford legal protection. DRCOG is also committed to engaging and involving all residents of the Denver region. Every three years, DRCOG prepares the Title VI Implementation Plan, Limited English Proficiency Plan and Americans with Disabilities Act Program Access Plan to document the ongoing Title VI-related activities pursued by DRCOG over the previous period. The drafts of the three nondiscrimination plans were the subject of a public review and comment period July 1-July 31.

Director Flynn **moved** to adopt Resolution No. 10, 2021, adopting the Title VI Implementation Plan and the associated Limited English Proficiency Plan and Americans with Disabilities Act Program Access Plan. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Update on the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) transportation planning rulemaking

Ron Papsdorf provided an overview of the rulemaking to the board. HB19-1261 concerns the reduction of greenhouse gas pollution and establishing statewide greenhouse gas pollution reduction goals. On January 14, 2021, Colorado released its Greenhouse Gas Pollution Reduction Roadmap, which establishes a pathway to meet the state's HB19-1261 climate targets and shows Colorado's largest sources of GHG emissions. SB21-260 includes new requirements for CDOT guidelines and procedures for the Department and the state's MPOs related to transportation planning and projects. CDOT is embarking on a rulemaking process to develop a new pollution reduction planning framework for the transportation sector. On July 15, 2021 the Colorado Transportation Commission adopted a resolution authorizing CDOT to commence the rulemaking process to establish a greenhouse gas (GHG) pollution-reduction standard, including compliance and enforcement requirements. CDOT filed the formal notice for the rulemaking on August 13 and released the [draft rulemaking schedule](#). At the August 4, 2021 Board Work Session, staff provided background and information related to CDOT's rulemaking and schedule and at the August 18, 2021 Board Meeting, staff provided an overview of the proposed GHG Transportation Planning Rule that was introduced. At the September 1, 2021 Board Work Session, the Board continued its discussion of the proposed rule, through the compliance section.

Staff presented [additional analysis](#) of the proposed rule and asked Board members for feedback on issues and options aimed at improving the rule. Directors voiced all questions and concerns to DRCOG staff and had a very robust, in-depth discussion on this topic. Directors were informed that there would be a special Board meeting on October 6th, where members will be asked to vote on DRCOG's formal comments related to the rulemaking.

Update on the FY 2024-2027 TIP Policy.

Chair Stolzmann **moved** to have agenda item #13: Update on the FY 2024-2027 TIP Policy moved to the October Board meeting. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously

Committee Reports

To ensure that there was adequate time for the topics on this agenda, committee reports were postponed until the October meeting.

Next meeting – **October 6, 2021**

Other matters by members

There were no other matters by members.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Ashley Stolzmann, Chair
Board of Directors
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director