

SUMMARY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
WEDNESDAY, November 17, 2021

Members/Alternates Present

Ashley Stolzmann, Chair	City of Louisville
Steve O’Dorisio	Adams County
Jeff Baker	Arapahoe County
Alison Coombs	City of Aurora
Larry Vittum	Town of Bennet
Aaron Brockett	City of Boulder
Matt Jones (Alternate)	Boulder County
William Lindstedt	City and County of Broomfield
Deborah Mulvey	City of Castle Pines
Tim Dietz (Alternate)	Town of Castle Rock
Tammy Mauer	City of Centennial
Randy Weil	City of Cherry Hills Village
Craig Hurst (Alternate)	City of Commerce City
Nicholas Williams	City and County of Denver
Kevin Flynn	City and County of Denver
George Teal	Douglas County
Steve Conklin	City of Edgewater
Linda Montoya	City of Federal Heights
Josie Cockrell	Town of Foxfield
Lynette Kelsey	Town of Georgetown
Jamie Jeffery (Alternate)	<b>Town of Lochbuie</b>
Jim Dale	City of Golden
Dave Kerber (Alternate)	City of Greenwood Village
Tracy Kraft-Tharp	Jefferson County
Stephanie Walton	City of Lafayette
Wynne Shaw	City of Lone Tree
Joan Peck	City of Longmont
Colleen Whitlow	Town of Mead
Julie Duran Mullica	City of Northglenn
John Diak	Town of Parker
Sally Daigle	City of Sheridan
Neal Shah	Town of Superior
Jessica Sandgren	City of Thornton
Sarah Nurmela	City of Westminster
Bud Starker	City of Wheat Ridge
Rebecca White	Colorado Department of Transportation
Sally Chafee	Governor’s Representative
Bill Van Meter	Regional Transportation District

Others Present: Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director, Melinda Stevens, Executive Assistant, DRCOG; Bryan Weimer, Arapahoe County; Janet Lundquist, Chris Chovan, Adams County; Mac Callison, Aurora; Cindy Copeland, Boulder County; Sarah Grant, Broomfield; Brent Soderlin, Commerce City; Art Griffith, Lauren Pulver, Douglas County; Kent Moorman, Thornton; Debra Baskett, Westminster; Danny Herrmann, Jan Rowe,

CDOT; Chris Rork, Citizen; and DRCOG staff.

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

The Chair noted new members and alternates: Sally Chafee, Colorado Department of Transportation, representing Governor Polis. There was a new member designated on November 15 for the City of Westminster: Sarah Nurmela, Council Member. DRCOG was not notified of this designation prior to the Board meeting, so there was a discussion and vote on allowing Director Nurmela to participate at this evening's meeting.

Director Dale **moved** to allow Sarah Nurmela to participate in the November 17 Board of Directors meeting. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

#### Move to approve agenda

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

#### Report of the Chair

Chair Stolzmann had nothing to report.

- Director Conklin reported the Performance and Engagement Committee met on November 3 and entered into an Executive Session to discuss Executive Director Doug Rex's performance and evaluation. Overall, it was a very positive review and Director Conklin thanked ED Rex for all of his hard work. The committee also received an informational briefing:
  - A discussion on returning to in-person meetings. Staff compiled a return to in-person meetings proposal for review by members. Members had suggested edits for staff to change on this document before it is submitted to the entire DRCOG board.
- Director Shaw reported the Finance and Budget Committee and Regional Response, Inc. (RRI) met prior to the Board meeting and the committees were briefed on the six-month RRI 2021 audit and the DRCOG six-month 2021 audit, due to the change in fiscal year. Additionally, the Finance and Budget Committee approved three resolutions authorizing the executive director to:
  - accept execute an amendment to the contract with Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company of Pittsburgh, extending the contract termination date to June 30, 2022, with no other changes to the existing contract.
  - negotiate and execute a contract with The Sanborn Map Company, Inc. (Sanborn) in an amount not to exceed \$730,000 and Nearmap in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 for 2022 and 2023 aerial imagery and related products and services and to collect payment from all participating parties for the products and services purchased.
  - amend the existing Complete Streets Toolkit consultant contract in a total authorization amount not to exceed \$160,000 to conduct initial implementation activities associated with DRCOG's Regional Complete Streets Toolkit.

### Report of the Executive Director

- ED Rex asked directors to please take time to review two of the informational items listed on the agenda in full:
  - Preview of 2021 state legislative session
  - Denver Region Data Brief, “The COVID-19 pandemic’s effect on construction”
- DRCOG’s Annual Awards Celebration: the event will be taking place on April 27, 2022 at Empower Field. Award nominations are now open and can be submitted until January 7, 2022.
- DOLA Affordable Housing Grants: The Department of Local Affairs is accepting applications on several new affordable housing grant programs. If any community is interested in that program, the next round of “letters of intent” are due on December 6.

### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### Move to approve consent agenda

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

Items on the consent agenda included:

- Summary of the October 20, 2021 meeting

### Select representative to the Nominating Committee

Executive Director Rex presented this item to the directors. The Nominating Committee consists of member representatives from the Performance & Engagement Committee, the Finance & Budget Committee, the Board, a member selected by the Board Chair, the Immediate Past Chair of the Board, and a Board member representing the City and County of Denver. At the January meeting each year, the Nominating Committee shall present to the Board nominations for Executive Committee members to be elected at the February meeting.

Director Starker **moved** to select Sally Daigle and Julie Duran Mullica of the Board of Directors to the Nominating Committee. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

### Discussion on the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Todd Cottrell provided an overview of the amendment to the directors. This is a reconsideration of a proposed TIP amendment that came before the Board on September 15, 2021. The Town of Castle Rock expressed concerns about the location of the mobility hub and the Board postponed action on approving this amendment. The Board asked staff from the various partners to meet and develop a recommendation for further consideration by the Board. Staff met on October 14 to discuss how to move

forward. CDOT proposed a process to work with Castle Rock and other stakeholders to finalize a mobility hub area plan.

Both the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Regional Transportation Committee previously recommended the project. The proposed amendment to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program has been found to conform with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality:

- **2020-100 - Region 1 Mobility Hub Pool**
  - Add one new pool project and increase cost by \$300,000 in Legislative-Transit funds. This project was previously considered by the Board but action was delayed pending further coordination between CDOT and the Town of Castle Rock.

Director Peck **moved** to adopt the attached amendment to the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion was **seconded** and **passed** with 34 in favor and one abstention from Director Teal.

#### Discussion of draft DRCOG Board comments on the revised proposed greenhouse gas (GHG) transportation planning rulemaking

Ron Papsdorf provided an update regarding the rulemaking to the board. Based on the Board's November 3 discussion, staff developed a set of [draft comments on the revised proposed GHG Rule](#), which the directors discussed in detail. The draft comments take into account feedback from the Board and restate some of the previous comments that were not addressed in the revised Rule and new comments triggered by new concepts in the revised proposal. CDOT extended the public comment period until noon on November 18, 2021, and the Transportation Commission is now scheduled to consider the revised proposed rule at its December 16 meeting.

Director O'Dorisio **moved** to approve the DRCOG Board comments, as written, to the Transportation Commission on the revised proposed greenhouse gas reduction transportation planning requirements and direct the Chair to send the comment letter on the Board's behalf. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

#### Committee Reports

**State Transportation Advisory Committee** – Chair Stolzmann reported that the committee met and received a presentation on the 2023 Draft Budget. They also discussed the 10-year plan update with fiscal constraints. The committee received an update on the Greenhouse Gas Rulemaking and discussed the MMOF.

**Metro Mayors Caucus** – Director Starker stated there was no report.

**Metro Area County Commissioners** – Director Baker stated that there was no report because the MACC was preparing for their Fall Retreat on December 3.

**Advisory Committee on Aging** – There was no report.

**Regional Air Quality Council** – Doug Rex stated that RAQC met on November 5 and had a discussion on the Draft 2022 Budget Work Program, which will be voted on at the December meeting. They received a presentation on the results of this year's public awareness campaign: Simple Steps, Better Air. The council received a presentation on

the 2020 Annual Congestion Report and had a conversation about wildfire smoke and the impacts on air quality.

**E-470 Authority** – Director Diak reported that the Board unanimously approved a three-year Toll Rate Policy, which decreases toll rates starting January 1 of 2022.

**Report from CDOT** – Director White stated that the passage of the Infrastructure Bill was a huge accomplishment for transportation funding.

**Report on FasTracks** – Director Van Meter provided an update on the Northwest Rail Line Peak Service Study. RTD received technical proposals from consultant teams to support RTD and the local jurisdictions in this study. In October, the RTD Board of Directors granted the GM/CEO the authority to negotiate and execute all documents and funding transfers necessary for the design, construction, and maintenance of the new facility at 1<sup>st</sup> & Main in Longmont.

Next meeting – **December 15, 2021**

Other matters by members

There were no matters by members

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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

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Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director