

AGENDA

**RTD Accountability Committee
Governance Subcommittee
Monday, December 7, 2020
4:00- 5:00 p.m.
VIDEO/WEB CONFERENCE
Denver, CO**

1. Call to Order
2. November 16, 2020 Meeting Summary
(Attachment A)
3. Community-based transportation planning briefing
(Attachment B)
4. Discussion of governance components for the RTD Accountability Committee Preliminary Report
(Attachment C)
5. Establishment of a staff workgroup
6. Next Steps

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

7. Member Comment/Other Matters
8. **Next meeting: December 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**
9. Adjournment

Additional Materials: In preparation for an upcoming presentation from RTD staff on “core” system development, please review the following Reimagine RTD slide presentation including information regarding *Draft System Optimization Plan Network Design Guiding Principles*:...click [here](#)

ATTACH A

SUMMARY

RTD Accountability Committee: Governance Subcommittee
Monday, November 16, 2020

Note: Meeting held virtually via GoToMeeting

Committee members present:

Julie Duran Mullica (Chair)

Elise Jones

Jackie Millet

Deyanira Zavala

Lynn Guissing

Rutt Bridges

Troy Whitmore

Others Present: Ron Papsdorf, Matthew Helfant, Melinda Stevens, Angie Rivera-Malpiede, Kate Williams, Barbara McManus, Debra Baskett, Miller Hudson, Natalie Shishido, Nicholas Williams, Bill Sirois, Nicole Carey, Kathleen Bracke, Luke Palmisano, Melanie Choquette, Jordan Sanchez, Mac Callison, Roger Sherman, Maux Sullivan.

Chair Mullica called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

November 2, 2020 Meeting Summary

Meeting summary was submitted. No revisions were requested.

DRCOG Regional/Subregional TIP Model Presentation

Ron Papsdorf provided a briefing on the background and components of the funding allocation model used to select projects for DRCOG's 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Questions/comments included:

- Jackie Millet: Did the DRCOG Board reject any of the subregional project recommendations? Ron Papsdorf replied that the Board did not. Ms. Millet said that speaks highly about the framework that was put in place adhering to the higher regional mission and goals established by the DRCOG Board.
- Chair Mullica: The new TIP model provided a great opportunity for the subregions to have funding conversations to ensure projects selected were for the betterment of the community.
- Elise Jones: The applicability of the TIP process to RTD is the differentiation between regional and local and the division of decision-making. Also, the metrics that were used to guide the process are transferable. Ms. Jones also queried if the established DRCOG subregional forums could be utilized for the decision-making instead of creating a new bureaucracy.
- Deya Zavala: Asked about the community involvement in the TIP process
 - Ron Papsdorf said that the public involvement process while coordinated at the regional level, asked local governments for a demonstration that projects were vetted as part of some local planning process (local plan, etc.). Mr. Papsdorf also mentioned that an online mapping tool was used for the first time to acquire public comment on specific projects.
 - Elise Jones said that the process did a very good job of representing local government interests, since the forum members were DRCOG reps, but

maybe not as well for other interest groups. The RTD model would likely have representative from the community, as well as elected representatives.

- Nicholas Williams: Expressed Denver's concern about how to deliver regional service without balkanization and breaking service connections...weighing regional service over local service.
 - Ron Papsdorf said that DRCOG's regional/subregional funding split was probably not the best mechanism for the RTD model. He also said that defining regional and local service will be very important.

Discussion on governance model concept

- Jackie Millet: Asked how would RTD's regional service "backbone" be defined? What is the first priority? How much would this regional backbone cost? Ms. Millet said these are all important conversations that will help address direction about other governance discussions.
- Lynn Guissinger: Said she talked to staff about the concept of how RTD would change decisions to be more locally driven.
- Ron Papsdorf said that components of the regional backbone could include: the regional rail system, ADA or other special regional services, regional express bus and bus rapid transit.
- Bill Sirois: Said that through the reimagine RTD process, the group was getting to the point before it suspended its work of identifying the "core" system and other tiers as part of the system optimization planning effort. Mr. Sirois said that approximately 60-70% of RTD service is core service and offered to share the information and data at a future meeting.
- Chair Mullica: what are the next steps and what information do we need beyond the reimagine RTD information?
 - Deya Zavala: said that understanding what CDOT's regional role in public transportation is important.
- Chair Mullica: Asked who would make up the membership of these subregional councils offering elected officials and users of the system as potential members.
- Chair Mullica: Asked about does this concept create additional bureaucracy?
 - Ron Papsdorf: it depends on what you are trying to accomplish and understanding that there are trade-offs.

Next Steps

- Follow up on additional information to flush out greater detail on the regional/subregional model
- Establish a technical staff conversation about the regional/subregional concept

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

ATTACH B

To: Members of the Governance Subcommittee

From: Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director
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SUBJECT

Briefing on community-based transportation planning

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A

ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

SUMMARY

Through its conversations about the regional/subregional governance concept, the subcommittee has reiterated the importance that each subregional council maintain adherence to regional policy initiatives so that there is consistency throughout the entire RTD service area.

One possible approach could be to require that each subregion conduct community-based transportation planning. The concept is an innovative approach to better understand and mitigate transportation deficiencies, especially in low-income communities through extensive involvement with residents and community-based organizations.

At the request of the Chair, staff will brief the subcommittee on the concept and present some examples of the work that is being done around the country.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

N/A

ATTACHMENT

N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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ATTACH C

RTD Accountability Committee – Preliminary Report – Outline

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 - b. Duties
5. Initial Activities
 - a. Operating Protocols
 - b. Equity
 - c. Subcommittees
 - d. Focus Areas
 - e. Consultant
6. Summary of Investigations/Issues
 - a. Governance Subcommittee
 - b. Operations Subcommittee
 - c. Finance Subcommittee
7. Initial Legislative Recommendations