



# HELP US SHAPE THE METRO VISION REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

## CIVIC ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting Summary: Dec. 10, 2019

### Attendees:

Areli Alcazar  
Arthur Antoine  
Barbara Smith  
Bob Epstein  
Brandon Figliolino  
Carol Buchanan  
Charlotte Burnod  
Connie Martin

Deya Zavala  
Erik Penn  
Jordan Pryczynski  
LaChelle Coffey  
Megan Blinov  
Nadeen Ibrahim  
Rachael Lehman  
Randle Loeb

Rey H. Sosa  
Roberto Rey  
Tiffany O'Connell  
Lisa Houde, DRCOG  
Matthew Helfant, DRCOG  
Jacob Riger, DRCOG  
Ron Papsdorf, DRCOG

### Welcome & introductions

- Group members introduced themselves and their interest in participating in the group.

### Civic Advisory Group role.

- Lisa Houde, public engagement specialist, described the role of the newly formed group, expectations, how the input will be used, and logistics for future meetings.

### Transportation vision activity

- Group members worked together in small groups to write vision statements addressing the prompt, "How do you envision that people will get around our region in the year 2050?" and then presented them to the group.

### What is DRCOG?

- Matthew Helfant, senior transportation planner, introduced participants to DRCOG's primary work functions, organization, and Metro Vision objectives. He also described some economic and travel trends impacting the region. Lisa Houde described some other transportation-related work of DRCOG and presented the introductory video for the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan.

### Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan intro

- Jacob Riger, long range transportation planning manager, introduced participants to the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan process, current performance measures, and upcoming scenario planning work.

### Transportation survey and results

- Group members reviewed survey results from DRCOG's in-person outreach and online survey this past summer and fall and took an interactive poll on transportation vision and priorities topics.

### Priorities discussion

- Lisa Houde categorized the vision statements from the earlier exercise into six topics: environment, equity, alternative transportation, technology, public transit, and housing location. Group members were asked to prioritize these topics to address the following prompts: "What should transportation in our region look like in 2050? What do we need to prioritize to get there?"
- Through discussion, the group determined that **equity** and **environment** are top priorities that are separate from the other options as they are values that all tools should strive to meet. The group also determined that **public transit** was the most important tool to prioritize, followed by **alternative transportation**, then **technology**. Group members decided that **housing location** fit best between the two categories and should also encapsulate more general land use planning concepts.

### Wrap up/next steps

- The next meeting of the Civic Advisory Group will be held in February.