PLANNED ACTIVITIES, BUDGET FOR 2016 PRESENTED

Following last month’s approval of a motion to synchronize the timing of the adoption of DRCOG’s annual Work Program and the Annual Budget, the Board was presented with a draft list of planned activities and associated costs for the coming year. Notable year-to-year differences prompted by grants ending and others starting were highlighted. After time for questions and answers between members of the Board and key staff, staff was asked to make changes that would easily indicate which activities are mandated and which are not. As part of the transition to the new process, the Board’s September meeting will include a discussion of potential new and enhanced activities, as well as a review of revenues. Adoption of the 2016 Work Program and Budget is anticipated for November.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROCESS DISCUSSED

DRCOG Transportation Planning and Operations Director Doug Rex led a discussion of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and how the process can be improved. Staff recommends developing a white paper on key issues to inform future Board members as they begin developing the next TIP. After the Board approved the 2016-2021 TIP in April, an open forum for technical staff was held to discuss TIP policy development and adoption, project eligibility, evaluation criteria, the selection process, and other topics, and the Board was provided with a summary of comments from that forum. The Board passed a motion to convene an ad hoc committee made up of staff and Transportation Advisory Committee members.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGING MEMBERS SOUGHT

The Advisory Committee on Aging is seeking three Board members to fill vacancies in its membership. This committee meets at noon the third Friday of each month to guide the Area Agency on Aging in its work serving the needs of our region’s rapidly expanding aging population. Board members interested in serving should contact Connie Garcia at 303-480-6701 or cgarcia@drcog.org.