

Board UPDATE



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The Board Update is a capsule report of action taken at the monthly meeting of the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Board of Directors and includes other DRCOG news and events of interest. The Update is prepared especially for members of county commissions, city councils and town boards. More detailed information may be obtained from your jurisdiction's DRCOG representative or DRCOG staff at 303-455-1000.

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BOARD APPROVES 2016-2021 TIP WAITING LIST AND PROTOCOL

DRCOG's Board of Directors approved protocol and a waiting list for selecting future projects under the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). With nearly \$300 million of project requests eligible for the waiting list, the protocol and ranked waiting list was created to provide official guidance for programming additional funds, should they become available. DRCOG's Transportation Advisory Committee and Metro Vision Issues Committee had drafted the waiting list and protocol. Projects on the waiting list were ranked based on their TIP score.

BOARD APPROVES NORTH CAPITOL HILL/COLFAX URBAN CENTER STUDY

Under its Station Area Master Plan/Urban Center Studies 2016-2021 TIP set-aside, DRCOG's Board of Directors approved the North Capitol Hill/Colfax Urban Center study to receive \$50,000 of previously unallocated federal funds in the 2017 fiscal year.

The City and County of Denver, which submitted the study, had originally requested \$200,000 in federal funds, but agreed to complete the original scope of the study by allocating \$150,000 in local funds. Chair Jackie Millet expressed appreciation to Denver for its willingness to make up the difference through local funding.

The Board previously approved funding seven studies totaling \$1,150,000 in federal funds for the fiscal years 2016-2017.

BOARD APPROVES MODIFICATIONS TO EXECUTIVE POLICIES

For clarity, consistency and in order to more closely align policy language with the Balanced Scorecard strategy framework, DRCOG's Board approved minor changes to the Executive Policies. Executive Policies establish Board expectations for DRCOG's executive director by stating conditions that must exist when the Executive Director and staff work to achieve Board outcomes. The approved change on the "Treatment of Citizens, Taxpayers, Staff and Volunteers" policy added interns as a separate category. A financial policy was amended to set reserve levels at three months of operating capital as recommended by the independent auditor. The "Fiscal Management and Controls" policy was amended to reflect the strategy framework terminology. The policy on "Immediate Succession" was updated to reflect accurate position titles. The "Protection of Assets" policy concerning intellectual property was amended to refer to existing policy within the DRCOG Employee Handbook.

BOARD APPROVES TRANSITIONING THE METRO VISION ISSUES COMMITTEE TO A WORK SESSION

Beginning in March 2016, the Board approved replacing the Metro Vision Issues Committee (MVIC) with a work session. The intent of the work sessions will be to inform, educate and prepare Board members to make decisions; to provide work direction to staff; and to minimize the repetition of in-depth discussions. Decision-making on policy will not occur at work sessions. The Metro Vision Issues Committee, which currently meets the first Wednesday of every month, will be replaced by a work session of the entire Board which will meet at dates and times to be determined via a poll of members. Staff will also explore ways to make remote participation possible by Board members and alternates in the unusual circumstance that they are unable to travel to DRCOG's offices in-person. The transition from a committee to a work session was recommended by the Board's Structure and Governance group.

BOARD APPROVES REVISIONS TO ON-BOARDING FOR MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES

At the recommendation of its Structure and Governance group, the Board approved revisions to its on-boarding program for new Board members and alternates. New components emphasize capacity-building, and include a pre-boarding process; a welcome reception; travel to sites of DRCOG involvement in regional communities; expanded short courses and chair training; a mentoring program; sub-regional meetings; enhanced Web-based interaction among staff and Board members; formalized feedback opportunities and de-boarding. Several other on-boarding processes were modified. The Board tabled action on a proposed "Statement of Understanding by Members of the Board of Directors."

BOARD BRIEFED ON UPDATED VISUAL IDENTITY

The Board received a brief presentation by Steve Erickson, director of DRCOG's Communications and Marketing Division, on a refreshed visual identity for the organization. Encompassing an updated mark, logo and palette, the refreshed identity brings DRCOG's brand into alignment with current practices for typography, scalability and color space. The organization's previous logo had not been significantly modified since 2001 and used the now-outdated typography and semiotics of that era. The new visual identity brings each of DRCOG's divisions as well as its Denver Regional Visual Resources and Way to Go programs into aesthetic alignment.