BOARD RECEIVES ROADX STRATEGIC INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

The Board received a strategic informational briefing from Peter Kozinski, RoadX program director for the Colorado Department of Transportation. Kozinski described how the RoadX program will employ a multi-pronged approach (including deployment, operations, innovation and technology) to reducing crashes, injuries and delays. The program will implement several efforts from 2016 to 2018, including a managed motorway pilot project along Interstate 25 and a pilot project along the Interstate 70 mountain corridor related to connected vehicles.

BOARD APPOINTS MEMBERS TO ITS FINANCE AND BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEES

DRCOG’s Board of Directors appointed members to its recently formed Finance and Budget and Performance and Engagement committees. All appointees were unanimously proposed by the nominating committee with the exception of Rita Dozal, who was nominated from the floor.

Appointed to the Finance and Budget Committee were:
Bob Fifer, Arvada (one-year term)
Doris Truhlar, Centennial (one-year term)
Jackie Millet, Lone Tree (one-year term)
Ashley Stolzmann, Louisville (one-year term)
Connie Sullivan, Lyons (one-year term)
John Diak, Parker (one-year term)
Rita Dozal, Superior (one-year term)
Bill Holen, Arapahoe County (two-year term)
Elise Jones, Boulder County (two-year term)
Crissy Fanganello, Denver (two-year term)
Roger Partridge, Douglas County (two-year term)
Don Rosier, Jefferson County (two-year term)
Joan Peck, Longmont (two-year term)

Appointed to the Performance and Engagement Committee were:
Bob Roth, Aurora (one-year term)
David Beacom, Broomfield (one-year term)
The Nominating Committee was comprised of Robin Kniech, Ron Rakowsky, Ashley Stolzmann, Colleen Whitlow, Jackie Millet and John Diak (committee chair).

BOARD DISCUSSES SCHEDULE FOR PERFORMANCE AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Board discussed a schedule for meetings of the Performance and Engagement Committee through next spring, including work related to planning the annual Board workshop, evaluating the Executive Director, and reviewing the preboarding and onboarding processes. At the suggestion of Chair Elise Jones, the Board requested the staff poll the committee regarding its preference and availability for suggested meeting times.

BOARD ESTABLISHES PROTOCOL FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN WORK SESSIONS

The Board voted to establish a policy for remote participation in work sessions. At the suggestion of its Structure and Governance group, the Board reviewed and discussed protocol for remote participation on an infrequent or occasional basis. Criteria suggested by DRCOG’s legal counsel included: emergencies related to illness or accident, vacations scheduled well in advance of a meeting, last-minute familial obligations, and weather conditions making travel to the meeting hazardous. The motion passed by the Board also included an amendment specifying that a Director’s duties of elected office would be among acceptable criteria for remote participation.

BOARD APPROVES PROJECT-SELECTION PROCESS FOR TWO PROGRAMS

After a brief presentation on the nature and scope of two programs (the Traffic Signal System Improvement Program and the Regional Intelligent Transportation System Deployment Program), the Board approved the proposed miscellaneous equipment project selection process for fiscal year 2016 and 2017 federal funds. The miscellaneous equipment allocations are used only for equipment purchases (design and installation are ineligible for funding). The process includes a combined call for project applications for both programs.
Funding requests for the Traffic Signal System Improvement and Regional Intelligent Transportation System Deployment programs will be ranked consistent with identified program priorities. Requests related to Multimodal Signal Operations Support will be ranked based on the project’s benefit-to-cost ratio.

**BOARD DIRECTS DRCOG STAFF ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

During the state and federal legislative sessions, the Board receives monthly updates from Rich Mauro, DRCOG legislative liaison. Mauro provided information about bills upon which the Board had previously been briefed, including SB16-1313 (Authority of Local Government Master Plans to Include Policies to Implement State Water Plan Goals), which the Board discussed at length at its March meeting and had directed DRCOG staff to oppose. Since then, the bill has been significantly amended to become more permissive, and the Board directed staff to monitor it. For more information, see the “2016 April Legislative Update.”

The Board also received information regarding 10 transportation-funding ballot measures recently filed with the Secretary of State, and three Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights-related fiscal proposals filed by Building a Better Colorado.

**BOARD ASKED TO REVIEW COMMITTEE GUIDELINES**

In light of recent updates to the Articles of Association and input from the Structure and Governance group, the Executive Committee recommended that committees review guidelines and suggest modifications for en masse consideration by the Board at a later date. Executive Director Jennifer Schaufele asked Board Directors serving on committees to offer suggestions during the first meeting of their committees (but no later than July 1, 2016).