

# BOARD UPDATE



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## **SMALL COMMUNITIES, HOT TOPICS**

DRCOG will host a Small Communities, Hot Topics forum Thursday, Sept. 15. Join elected officials and key staff from smaller jurisdictions among the Denver Regional Council of Governments to share insight about common challenges and opportunities. The morning session will explore the issues in more detail to provide insights into the specific needs that the population of smaller communities within the DRCOG region is experiencing. The afternoon will provide a series of breakout sessions with panelists. A \$15 fee covers lunch and materials. Priority [registration](#) is open through Aug. 29 for Board directors, mayors, town managers, county managers and other elected officials and staff representing various small communities within the region. If capacity is not reached by Aug. 30, representatives from all DRCOG member governments will be invited to attend.

## **DIRECTORS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REDETERMINATION**

At the beginning of its August 2016 Board meeting, the Denver Regional Council of Governments held a public hearing on redetermination of air quality conformity for the 2015 Cycle 2 2040 Fiscally Constrained Regional Transportation Plan (2040 RTP) and associated air quality conformity documents. There were no public comments. The public was also given the opportunity to submit comments by mail and online, none were received.

## **BOARD APPROVES CONTINGENT PARTICIPATION IN MOBILITY CHOICE BLUEPRINT**

At its July meeting, the DRCOG Board received an informational briefing on the Mobility Choice Blueprint, an effort of the Mobility Choice nonprofit, which was founded by the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce. Serving on the board for the Mobility Choice nonprofit are representatives from DRCOG, the Colorado Department of Transportation and the Regional Transportation District, as well as Board alumni Jack Hilbert and Will Toor. The Mobility Choice Blueprint is a study that will assess current and future mobility needs, and how to harness technology to fill gaps. At its August meeting, the Regional Transportation Committee had recommended participation, including \$500,000 in funding, by DRCOG. The DRCOG Board unanimously approved participation and funding toward the Mobility Choice Blueprint, contingent on the structure and governance of the organization and the scope of the study that is mutually acceptable to CDOT, RTD and DRCOG.

## **DIRECTORS APPROVE MISCELLANEOUS SIGNAL AND INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT PROJECTS**

The Board unanimously approved proposed miscellaneous equipment projects for fiscal year 2016 and 2017 federal funds identified in the Traffic Signal System Improvement Program and the Regional Intelligent Transportation System Deployment Program. Receiving project funding are: Arvada (communications on 64th Avenue), Brighton (traffic signal controllers citywide), the Colorado Department of Transportation (travel time monitoring equipment), Centennial (communications on Arapahoe Road), Commerce City (cabinets and controllers along Quebec Street and State Highway 2), and Superior and Louisville (signal control along McCaslin Boulevard).

## **BOARD RECEIVES INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING ON BOOMER BOND INITIATIVE**

Brad Calvert, director of regional planning and development, provided Board directors with an overview of the Boomer Bond initiative, which was recently recognized by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging with an Aging Innovations Award, the highest award the organization presents to its member agencies. Calvert's presentation addressed the unprecedented nature of growth among older adults in the region, and the intent of elders to remain in their communities and homes for as long as possible.