

# BOARD UPDATE



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## **JUNE 22 IS BIKE TO WORK DAY**

Board Directors and their communities are encouraged to participate in Bike to Work Day, the second-largest event of its kind nationwide. Organizers are planning for an even larger turnout than last year, and expect 34,000 riders to commute to work on June 22. Board Directors can get involved by registering at the [Bike to Work Day website](#), visiting breakfast, water or bike-party stations in their communities. Board Directors can make sure their jurisdiction has a team and encourage local businesses to sign up (as company teams, sponsors or station organizers).

## **BOARD WORKSHOP IS AUG. 5 AND 6**

This year's Board Workshop is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 5, and Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Doubletree by Hilton in Breckenridge. Hotel registration is now open. Board Directors are asked to contact Connie Garcia ([cgarcia@drcog.org](mailto:cgarcia@drcog.org) or 303-480-6701) to register for the workshop and for information about the hotel group rate.

## **BOARD RECEIVES UPDATE ON SMART CITY CHALLENGE**

The City and County of Denver one of seven finalists for a Smart City Challenge grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The winner will receive \$40 million to innovatively address emerging transportation challenges, \$10 million from the Vulcan Foundation and up to \$20 million from other partners. Applications included four primary elements: creating a comprehensive data platform, using data to provide users with better mobility options, expanding deployment of electric vehicles, and encouraging intelligent, connected and automated vehicles.

The Board of Directors received a strategic informational briefing from Evan Dreyer, deputy chief of staff for the Mayor of Denver, regarding the application process and the content of Denver's application. Other finalists include Kansas City, Portland, San Francisco, Austin, Columbus and Pittsburgh. DRCOG Executive Director Jennifer Schaufele indicated that DRCOG had sent a letter of support to commend Denver's

original application and intends to submit another letter of support, addressed to U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, to support Denver's inclusion among finalists. The winning city will be announced in June.

## **BOARD TAKES ACTION ON FIRE COMMITTEE, ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

As part of its consent agenda, the Board of Directors approved the conclusion of the Firefighter Intraregional Recruitment and Employment program by Dec. 31, 2016, and directed staff to effect an orderly transition. Also as part of the consent agenda, the Board approved amendments to the DRCOG Articles of Incorporation regarding updating references to the Executive Committee, the purpose of which has changed since the Articles of Incorporation were originally adopted.

## **BOARD APPROVES METRO VISION 2040 REGIONAL OBJECTIVES AND NARRATIVES**

The Board unanimously moved to approve the Metro Vision 2040 plan draft's regional objectives, regional objective narratives and supporting objectives. As a result, DRCOG staff will update the draft plan to reflect Board actions to date, including the previously approved overarching themes and outcomes. At its June Board Work Session, Directors will receive from staff an overview of a performance management approach and a list of candidate measures for review.

## **BOARD DISCUSSES BALLOT INITIATIVE**

Rich Mauro, DRCOG's legislative liaison, provided the Board of Directors with an informational briefing on proposed ballot initiatives. Although the the Colorado Contractors Association, Associated General Contractors of Colorado, the Colorado Construction Industry Coalition and Move Colorado had put forth 10 versions of a proposed initiative to increase the state sales tax and allocate revenues to the Highway Users' Tax Fund, the organizations decided to wait until 2018 to move forward.

Another ballot measure, related to Colorado's Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, would allow the state to retain and spend all revenues collected for the next ten years, after which it would sunset. Jake Martin, campaign manager for Colorado Priorities, indicated that at least 35 percent of revenue would go to transportation, 35 percent to education, and the remaining funds used to improve access to mental health and senior services.

After discussion, the Board decided to refrain from taking a position on the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights ballot initiative until its June meeting.

## **BOARD HEARS ABOUT FASTRACKS**

Bill Van Meter, RTD assistant general manager for planning, presented RTD's FasTracks Annual Status Report for the Board's information. The report consists of the FasTracks Progress Fact Sheet, which provides a status on each project, as well as a map with expected project completion dates, and estimated capital costs through the first quarter of 2016.