

# BOARD UPDATE



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## **BOARD RECEIVES PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chris Brown, director of policy and research for Common Sense Policy Roundtable, provided comments on a proposed initiative (Ballot Proposal 66: Limit on Local Housing Growth) that would restrict residential housing growth to 1 percent in the city and counties of Broomfield and Denver, and in the counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Douglas, El Paso, Jefferson, Larimer and Weld. "My research indicates this runs counter to DRCOG's values as expressed in Metro Vision," Brown said, and suggested DRCOG deploy its planning and technical capabilities to inform the issue. "For local jurisdictions, capping growth at the county level would have significant implications."

## **BOARD APPROVES TIP AMENDMENTS**

At its December meeting, the DRCOG Board approved amendments to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to add funding for the following projects:

- FasTracks North Metro corridor for Denver Union Station to Eastlake and 124th Avenue
- Colorado Department of Transportation Region 1 Bridge On-System Pool

The amendments also include adding funding and pool projects for the CDOT Region 1 Surface Treatment Pool and adding funding and separating out a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act award for CDOT's Central 70 project.

## **BOARD APPROVES 2040 METRO VISION REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN NETWORKS FOR AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY MODELING**

At its December meeting, the DRCOG Board of Directors approved the fiscally constrained roadway capacity and rapid transit networks for air quality conformity modeling within the 2040 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan. The networks to be modeled include proposed amendments DRCOG received in response to a call issued in October. The Board adopted the 2040 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan in 2017, and will have the opportunity to act on the amended plan in early 2018.

## **BOARD DISCUSSES POLICY AND FUNDING ALLOCATION OF THE 2020-2023 TIP REGIONAL SHARE**

At the December meeting, Douglas W. Rex, DRCOG executive director, provided information on components of a Transportation Improvement Program proposal by the TIP policy work group that would allocate funds via a dual model (regional and subregional). Under the proposal, the Board would allocate regional funds for larger, regional projects and the subregional share

would be proportionally allocated for eligible projects recommended to the Board by county-based forums. Discussion by Board members followed, largely concerning the level of funding allocation between the regional and subregional shares. At Board direction, the proposed regional share framework and funding allocation will be on the January Board of Directors agenda as an action item.