

# BOARD UPDATE



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## **BOARD RECEIVES PUBLIC COMMENT**

During the time allotted for public comment, Randle Loeb of Denver spoke on the topic of homelessness and suggested the Board conduct a reverse panel by inviting residents to discuss what it means to live in extreme poverty in the Denver region.

## **DIRECTORS APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

At its August meeting, the board approved a resolution amending the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program. The amendments revise funding and add new funding sources to accurately reflect the financing package for the C-470 managed toll express lanes from Interstate 25 to Wadsworth Boulevard; add a new project for study and pre-construction activities related to C-470 from Wadsworth Boulevard to Interstate 70; and add funding for National Environmental Policy Act planning and environment linkage activities along Interstate 25 from Monument to C-470.

## **BOARD APPROVES SET-ASIDES FOR 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

At its August meeting, directors approved \$49.4 million in off-the-top set-asides of federal funds for incorporation into the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program policy document, as recommended by DRCOG's TIP Policy Work Group. The set-asides include those from the 2016-2021 TIP policy document, but combine two previously separate categories (transportation demand management and Way to Go) and add a new category for human services transportation. The other set-asides are for community mobility planning and implementation, regional traffic operations and air quality improvement.

## **DIRECTORS RECEIVE INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING ON DENVER'S VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN**

Rachael Bronson of the City and County of Denver provided a briefing on the Vision Zero action plan, which seeks to reduce and ultimately eliminate fatal traffic crashes within Denver. The five-year endeavor will leverage infrastructure, policies, programs, partnerships and data to achieve the city and county's vision.

## **BOARD HEARS PRESENTATION ON LONG-RANGE TRANSIT PLANNING FOR COLORADO'S FRONT RANGE**

Pursuant to Colorado Senate Bill 17-153, the Southwest Chief Commission has been reconstituted as the Southwest Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission. In addition to continuing to oversee the preservation and expansion of Amtrak's Southwest Chief rail service in southeastern Colorado, the commission is charged with facilitating the development and operation of a Front Range passenger rail system along the I-25 corridor. At the August Board of Directors meeting, David Krutsinger, the Colorado Department of Transportation's deputy director of transit and rail, provided a presentation about the commission, its composition, and its charge to develop draft legislation by Dec. 1. The legislation would "facilitate the development of a front range passenger rail system that provides passenger rail service in and along the Interstate 25 corridor and that is a well-integrated component of a modern, efficient, and cost-effective multimodal transportation system."