

# BOARD UPDATE



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## **SAVE THE DATE: AWARDS CELEBRATION IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26**

The Denver Regional Council of Governments seeks sponsors for its annual awards event, Wednesday, April 26, at the Sheraton Denver Downtown. Tables are available for member governments, corporate sponsors and nonprofit sponsors. [Learn more.](#)

Registration for the awards celebration is now open. Celebrating the regional partnerships and community accomplishments that result in a vibrant, connected region, the event will feature emcee Amelia Earhart and the Penepain Jazz Trio. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., program and dinner begin at 7 p.m.

## **CASTLE PINES JOINS DRCOG**

At its Feb. 14 city council meeting, the City of Castle Pines unanimously approved joining DRCOG. Council member Tera Radloff will serve as the city's DRCOG Board director and council member Geoff Blue will serve as alternate.

## **BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS**

DRCOG's Board of Directors elected its officers for 2017-18, approving the slate of candidates put forth by the nominating committee. No nominations were received from the floor. For the year to come, the Board's officers are:

Chair: Bob Roth, Council Member, Aurora  
Vice Chair: Herb Atchison, Mayor, Westminster  
Secretary: Bob Fifer, Council Member, Arvada  
Treasurer: John Diak, Council Member, Parker  
Immediate Past Chair: Elise Jones, Boulder County

Candidates were unanimously proposed by the nominating committee, which comprises Robin Kniech, Denver; Roger Partridge, Douglas County; George Teal, Castle Rock; Ron Rakowsky, Greenwood Village; Shakti, Lakewood; and Jackie Millet, Lone Tree. Election of officers occurs annually at the February Board meeting.

## **BOARD APPROVES RULES OF CONDUCT**

Following the October Board in-service training on organizational safety and liability, directors tasked the Performance and Engagement committee to create and recommend a rules of conduct policy that formally establishes expectations of Board directors and alternates. The policy also addresses potential disciplinary steps in the event of a breach of the conduct rules.

At its February meeting, the Board approved the rules of conduct and amended the Articles of Association as proposed by the Performance and Engagement committee.

### **BOARD APPROVES UPDATE TO *TRANSPORTATION PLANNING IN THE DENVER REGION***

At its February meeting, the DRCOG Board approved an update to *Transportation Planning in the Denver Region* document which provides the framework for the regional transportation planning process in the Denver area. The document, which was developed collaboratively with RTD and CDOT, responds to adoption of the federal FAST Act and incorporates other updates since it was last approved in 2011.

### **BOARD ACCEPTS TIP WORK GROUP REPORT AND URGES DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT 2020-2023 TIP POLICY**

A work group comprised of DRCOG staff and Transportation Advisory Committee members has been meeting since October 2015 to prepare a 2016-2021 TIP review white paper (accepted by the Board) and was further charged in early 2016 to explore a regional/subregional dual project selection model among other recommendations.

Following its examination, the group recommended the Board commit to establishing a dual-model approach for the next two TIP call for project cycles. It also recommended Board allow the TIP review work group continue as the task force responsible for the development of the 2020-2023 TIP policy document that will recommend the final framework for the next call for projects, scheduled for 2018. Board directors accepted the work group's report and directed the TIP review work group to develop the draft 2020-2023 TIP policy document based on a regional/subregional dual model framework for Board consideration.

### **BOARD APPROVES AMENDMENT TO THE 2016-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Following Regional Transportation Committee recommendation for approval at its Feb. 14 meeting, the DRCOG Board approved an amendment related to a project for C-470 managed toll express lanes from Wadsworth Boulevard to Interstate 25. The amendment separates Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan funding from the state bond/loans funding category, and reflects a \$52.3 million increase in those funding sources. CDOT Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships funds will temporarily remain unchanged while CDOT and the C-470 Coalition collaborate on how to use excess project funds, however, another amendment may be necessary after TIFIA closes.

### **BOARD ADOPTS FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE POLICY STATEMENT**

Each year, the Board adopts a policy statement on a range of federal legislative issues. The policy statement provides the DRCOG Board, staff and lobbyists with policy direction on federal legislative issues. The Board received the draft policy statement at its January meeting. Staff received two suggestions for edits, which it incorporated into the revised document. Following discussion among the Board, it accepted an amended version of the *2017 Policy Statement on Federal Legislative Issues*.

## **BOARD TAKES POSITIONS ON STATE LEGISLATION**

Board members were updated on current state legislative issues and bills of regional concern or interest and gave direction to staff regarding DRCOG positions on specific bills. More information on the specific legislation and positions taken by the Board since the General Assembly convened is available in the "[2017 February Legislative Summary](#)."

## **BOARD RECEIVES REGIONAL MACROECONOMIC FORECAST PRESENTATION**

At its February meeting, the Board received a presentation from Dan Jerrett, DRCOG chief economist, on the regional macroeconomic forecast. DRCOG staff uses such to inform land use and transportation planning and modeling. DRCOG staff, in consultation with other regional economists, are presently developing a new set of 2040 regional control forecasts.