

BOARD UPDATE



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BOARD ADOPTS METRO VISION UPDATE

The DRCOG Board of Directors unanimously adopted the updated Metro Vision plan, superseding the update approved in February 2011 and its subsequent amendments. The vote followed discussion and approval of an amendment addressing how the plan relates to project and funding criteria. The adoption represents the culmination of nearly five years' work by the Board and DRCOG staff to engage the public, stakeholders, and local government staff to prepare the Metro Vision update, which was released for public review and comment in September.

BOARD APPROVES RELEASE OF DRAFT 2040 METRO VISION REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

DRCOG's Board unanimously approved the release of the draft 2040 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan for public review and comment. The long-range transportation plan incorporates Metro Vision and many other components, including the 2040 Fiscally Constrained Regional Transportation Plan, which the Board adopted in February 2015. By incorporating the transportation theme of Metro Vision, the 2040 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan presents a complete picture of the region's envisioned and cost-feasible multimodal transportation system through its 2040 horizon date. Following Board action to release the draft for public review and comment, Chair Elise Jones scheduled a public hearing on the draft plan, the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, and the air quality conformity determinations associated with both documents, for 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 15.

BOARD APPROVES FIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2016-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The DRCOG Board approved five amendments to the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program. All amendments conform with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality. The amendments are the result of a statewide Colorado Department of Transportation defederalization pilot program that replaces federal funds with state funds in an attempt to reduce the burden to local agencies in constructing projects. As part of the pilot, four DRCOG-allocated federally funded projects were amended to replace Surface Transportation Program-Metro and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds with state Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships funding from the I-25 managed lanes project. In turn, the I-25 managed lanes project will receive DRCOG-allocated federal funds. The four amended projects include Westerly Creek Trail to Toll Gate Creek Trail Connector; Ralston Road reconstruction from Yukon to Upham streets; Washington Avenue Complete Streets; RidgeGate Parkway widening from Havana Street to Lone Tree city limits. The board postponed action on an amendment concerning the C-470 Managed Toll Express Lanes.

BOARD APPROVES STAFF-SUGGESTED ACTIONS ON 2016-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT DELAYS

The DRCOG Board unanimously approved staff-suggested and sponsor-proposed actions of 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program projects delayed as of Sept. 30, 2016. At the end of fiscal year 2016, DRCOG staff reviewed the implementation status of DRCOG-selected projects and phases with CDOT and RTD. DRCOG staff discussed with the sponsors the reason(s) for the delays and heard action plans demonstrating the sponsor's commitment to timely initiation of the delayed phase(s). The review process allows the Board to ensure that delays do not tie up scarce federal funds that can be programmed to ready projects or phases.

BOARD APPROVES REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

At its January meeting, the DRCOG Board unanimously approved the project selection process for the 2018-2023 Regional Transportation Operations Improvement Program. The Regional Transportation Operations Improvement Program will fund traffic signal system capital improvements, traffic signal timing improvements and other advanced technology projects through Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality funds (\$4.2 million annually for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 and expected to remain at a similar level through 2023).

BOARD RECEIVES LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Board members were updated on current state legislative issues and bills of regional 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 January Legislative Summary](#)."