

# BOARD UPDATE



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## **DENVER RESIDENT OFFERS PUBLIC COMMENT**

During the public comment period at the July 19 Board of Directors meeting, Randall Lowe of Denver spoke about the need for disaster relief services, housing for older adults and access to medical and trauma care.

## **BOARD AMENDS COMMITTEE POLICY, GUIDELINES AND DESCRIPTIONS**

The Board of Directors approved amendments to its Committee Policy, Guidelines and Descriptions to remove references to the Fire Personnel Recruitment advisory committee and the Baghdad-Denver Regional Partnership steering committee. The Firefighter Intraregional Recruitment and Employment program ended in late 2016. Although the Baghdad-Denver Regional Partnership remains active and hosts activities in partnership with other groups, its steering committee has been inactive.

## **BOARD DESIGNATES U.S. ROUTE 85/VASQUEZ BOULEVARD AS CRITICAL URBAN FREIGHT CORRIDOR**

The Board of Directors designated a critical urban freight corridor at the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT's) request along U.S. 85/Vasquez Boulevard from mileposts 291.6 to 293.8 (approximately 52nd to 64th avenues). The designation of the corridor allows CDOT to include U.S. 85/Vasquez Boulevard among its long-term freight investment strategy and project priorities for future funding through the National Highway Freight Program. Other CDOT-selected projects in the DRCOG region do not require the critical urban freight corridor designation because they are either already on the National Highway Freight Network or are outside of the Denver-Aurora urbanized area.

## **BOARD APPROVES AMENDMENTS TO 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

The board adopted a resolution approving amendments to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program related to adding funding to the CDOT Region 4 hazard elimination pool; replacing all federal Surface Transportation Program-Metro funding with Colorado Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships program funding as part of the CDOT defederalization pilot program for a City of Boulder DRCOG-selected TIP project; adjusting and adding funding to CDOT Region 1 Americans With Disabilities Act projects; and DRCOG's July 2008 "second commitment in principle" to 11 FasTracks corridors, which included transferring funds from the FasTracks pool to the base project scope of the Southeast Corridor, as agreed upon by all of the Corridor Partners. Additional amendments were required to add newly

created National Highway Freight Program funding to projects, including U.S. 85 from Cook Ranch Road to Meadows Parkway; I-25 Central PEL; and operational improvements along U.S. 85/Vasquez Boulevard from I-270/East 56th Avenue to East 62nd Avenue. The remaining two amendments removed pool and project funding for the CDOT Region 1 Design Program and Region 1 Regional Priority Program to reflect transfers to individual projects within the National Highway Freight Program.

### **DIRECTORS APPROVE PROJECT FUNDING SELECTIONS FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Directors approved the 24 project funding selections recommended for the Regional Transportation Operations Improvement Program, as recommended by the program's working group. The program allocates federal funds identified in the Transportation Improvement Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019, recent projects savings from the Traffic Signal System Improvement Program and the Intelligent Transportation Systems Deployment Program, and projected funds for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 that assume funding levels remain unchanged. The funded projects represent communities and partners throughout the region, including Aurora, Adams County, Arvada, Broomfield, the Colorado Department of Transportation, Denver, Littleton, Louisville, Superior and Thornton. Projects align with program goals to employ consistent incident management processes; expand transportation operators' situational awareness; coordinate regional, multimodal traveler information; employ good interjurisdictional transportation operations coordination and cooperation for all modes; coordinate management of freeway and arterial operations; and provide multimodal traveler support.

### **BOARD ADOPTS UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018-2019**

The DRCOG Board of Directors adopted the organization's Unified Planning Work Program, a federally required document that outlines the planning tasks and activities to be conducted within the region with federal transportation planning funds. The document also lists other major planning activities performed by local governments and partner agencies. The adopted program outlines activities to be conducted from Oct. 1 of 2017 through Sept. 30, 2019, and was prepared with input from CDOT, the Regional Transportation District, and local government staff.

### **BOARD RECEIVES INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING ON BIKE TO WORK DAY**

W. Celeste Davis Stragand, DRCOG's regional transportation demand management program and marketing manager, briefed the Board of Directors on Bike to Work Day. DRCOG's Way to Go program coordinates Bike to Work Day (this year, July 28) for the entire region. Stragand reported that the goal is to encourage first-time bike commuting in a safe and supportive environment, and that the team raised \$46,000 in sponsorships. Of this year's estimated 34,000 participants, 21,000 registered their participation at [biketoworkday.us](http://biketoworkday.us).