

BOARD UPDATE



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BOARD RECEIVES PUBLIC COMMENT

During time allocated for public comment, Randle Loeb of Denver offered comments on shared housing arrangements and municipal codes, and urged the Board to consider issues of unhoused people. “We need to be careful not to push out citizens at risk by virtue of their age, circumstances or citizenship,” Loeb said.

BOARD RECEIVES STRATEGIC INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING ON MOBILITY CHOICE BLUEPRINT

At its April meeting, DRCOG’s Board of Directors received a strategic informational briefing from Christopher Primus and Kaia Nesbitt of HDR, lead consultant for the Mobility Choice Blueprint, a planning and funding partnership comprising DRCOG, CDOT, RTD and the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce.

During the first regular briefing to the DRCOG board, Primus provided an overview of the project scope, process and schedule. Work is organized around the question: “As a unified metropolitan region, how might we enable more accessible and effective transportation mobility choices to enhance the quality of our social, cultural, and economic life now and in the future?”

Following input and testing stages, the partnership anticipates releasing draft recommendations related to policies, programs and pilot projects in the areas of technology transformation, mobility and livable communities late this year

BOARD APPOINTS FINANCE AND BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

DRCOG’s Board of Directors appointed members to its Finance and Budget, and Performance and Engagement committees. In addition to the appointees unanimously proposed by the nominating committee, Larry Vittum of Bennett was nominated from the floor.

Finance and Budget Committee

Jeff Baker, Arapahoe County
Elise Jones, Boulder County

Kevin Flynn, City and County of Denver
Roger Partridge, Douglas County
Libby Szabo, Jefferson County
Bob Fifer, Arvada
Jacob Lofgren, Lochbuie
Joan Peck, Longmont
Rita Dozal, Superior
Jessica Sandgren, Thornton
Larry Vittum, Bennett

Performance and Engagement Committee

Eva Henry, Adams County
Crissy Fanganello, City and County of Denver
George Teal, Castle Rock
Steve Conklin, Edgewater
Ron Rakowsky, Greenwood Village
Dana Gutwein, Lakewood

The nominating committee was comprised of Bob Roth, Kevin Flynn, Roger Partridge, Steve Conklin, Ron Rakowsky and Rita Dozal.

BOARD APPOINTS MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES TO THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DRCOG's Board of Directors appointed members to the Regional Transportation Committee, which includes representatives of DRCOG, the RTD and CDOT. DRCOG's executive director (Douglas W. Rex), Board chair (Herb Atchison) and Board vice chair (Bob Fifer) are automatic designees. The board selected as members Ron Rakowsky and David Beacom, and as alternates George Teal, Steve O'Dorisio, Laura Christman, Jim Dale and Wynne Shaw.

DIRECTORS AMEND METRO VISION PLAN

In April, the Board approved staff-recommended amendments to Metro Vision, the region's long-range plan, which was adopted in January 2017. Guided by the principle that the plan is dynamic and flexible, DRCOG issued a call for amendment proposals in October 2017 and received several requests related to urban centers designated in the plan. DRCOG staff also proposed updates to the name and calculations for a performance measure. The Board conducted a public comment period, culminating in a public hearing on the proposed amendments March 21.

BOARD AMENDS 2040 METRO VISION REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND ASSOCIATED AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DOCUMENTS

At its April meeting, the DRCOG Board of Directors adopted amendments to the 2040 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan. The Board first adopted the 2040 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan in April 2017. It issued a call for proposed

amendments in October 2017 which garnered several project amendment requests, and DRCOG staff also proposed updates. The Board conducted a public comment period, culminating in a public hearing on the proposed amendments March 21.

Per federal transportation planning requirements, DRCOG demonstrated that the amended 2040 Fiscally Constrained Regional Transportation Plan (included in the 2040 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan) will not violate federal air quality conformity standards.

In addition to the proposed amendments prepared during the public hearing period, DRCOG staff proposed a post-public-hearing revision related to a court case involving the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's authority to revoke the 1997 ozone standard. The proposed revision, approved by the Regional Transportation Committee, notes that the 2040 Fiscally Constrained Regional Transportation Plan meets the motor vehicle emission budgets for both the current 2008 ozone standard and the 1997 ozone standard.

BOARD APPROVES TIP AMENDMENTS

At its April meeting, the DRCOG Board of Directors approved the following amendments to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

- adding a new project related to Interstate 25 capacity improvements from Castle Rock to the El Paso County line
- adjusting funding years and decreasing funding for the Central 70 project.

In addition, a series of four amendments allowed the Colorado Department of Transportation Region 1 to move Transportation Commission-assigned Regional Design Program funds to the Interstate 25 South planning and environmental linkages project, which will be able to spend the funds sooner. The four amendments included:

- removing funding from the Region 1 Regional Priority Projects Pool
- removing funding and projects from the Region 1 Design Program
- adjusting the funding source and years, while maintaining overall funding for an operational improvements project along U.S. Route 85 / Vasquez Boulevard from Interstate 270 and East 56th Avenue to East 62nd Avenue
- adding funding to the I-25 South planning and environmental linkages project from Monument to Colorado 470.

BOARD APPROVES REGIONAL SHARE EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR THE 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

At the April Board meeting, the Board approved regional share evaluation criteria for the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program policy document. Evaluation criteria comprises three parts: 1) base information; 2) evaluation criteria, questions and scoring

and 3) project data – calculations and estimates. The regional significance of a proposed project accounts for 40 percent of its weight; alignment with Board-approved Metro Vision TIP focus areas accounts for 30 percent; consistency and contributions to transportation-focused Metro Vision objectives accounts for 20 percent and its ability to leverage non-Regional Share funds accounts for 10 percent.

BOARD APPROVES REGIONAL SHARE PROJECT RECOMMENDATION PROCESS FOR THE 2020-2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

At its April meeting, the Board approved the method for scoring, recommending and approving TIP Regional Share project applications for inclusion the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program policy document.

BOARD APPROVES DELAY AND NON-SINGLE-OCCUPANT VEHICLE TRAVEL TARGETS

At its April meeting, DRCOG's Board of Directors approved targets related to travel delay and non-single-occupant vehicle travel

State departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations (such as DRCOG) are required by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act to set performance-based targets for safety, infrastructure (pavement and bridge condition), system performance and transit asset management. The act requires DRCOG, in conjunction with the Colorado Department of Transportation, to set targets for measures of peak hour excessive delay per capita and non-single-occupant vehicle travel.

For peak hour excessive delay, the Board established a two-year (2020) target of 52 hours, and a four-year (2022) target of 54 hours. For non-single-occupant vehicle travel, directors established a two-year target of 24 percent (consistent with current trends) and a four-year target of 25 percent.

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. As the legislative session was coming to close with bills related to transportation funding still under consideration, the Board directed the lobbying team, Executive Committee members, and the executive director to advocate DRCOG's position on two transportation bills around the principles of no bonding without new revenue, must contain a substantial local share, a substantial multimodal share, for all six years and no restrictions on managed lanes. More information on the specific legislation and positions taken by the Board since the General Assembly convened is available in the [2018 April Legislative Summary](#).