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## **BOARD APPROVES SAFETY TARGETS FOR TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA**

At the January Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved safety targets for 2018. State departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations (such as DRCOG) are required by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act to set annual performance-based safety targets related to the number of fatalities, rate of fatalities, number of serious injuries, rate of serious injuries and number of combined non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.

By approving the safety targets, the Board fulfilled DRCOG's obligation to set and report its targets by February. The targets will be reported to the Colorado Department of Transportation which, in turn, will report them to the Federal Highway Administration.

Jacob Riger of Transportation Planning and Operations reported that other performance-based targets (including pavement and bridge condition, travel time and freight reliability and congestion) will come before the Board in future months.

## **BOARD APPROVES ACTIONS ON 2016-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT DELAYS**

The DRCOG Board approved staff-suggested and sponsor-proposed actions of 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects delayed as of Sept. 30, 2017. At the end of fiscal year 2017, 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 TIP REGIONAL SHARE FRAMEWORK AND SUBREGIONAL/REGIONAL SHARE FUNDING ALLOCATION**

At its January meeting, the Board of Directors approved the regional share eligibility rules and the funding allocation between the regional and subregional shares for the upcoming 2020-2023 TIP call for projects. Under the proposed dual model, the Board will allocate for planning purposes, a 20 percent share of funds for larger, regional projects/programs and 80 percent to the subregional share proportionally allocated for

eligible projects/programs recommended to the Board by county-based forums. All project recommendations by the county-based forums will come to the Board for final approval before inclusion in the 2020-2023 TIP. DRCOG staff will begin formalizing establishment of the eight subregional forums in the near future.

### **BOARD ADOPTS STATE LEGISLATIVE POLICY STATEMENT**

Each year, the Board adopts a policy statement on a range of state legislative issues. The policy statement provides the DRCOG Board, staff and lobbyists with policy direction on state legislative issues. The Board received the draft policy statement at its December meeting. The adopted plan included staff-proposed changes for clarity and timeliness, as well as more substantive changes to the “Regional Planning,” “Transportation” and “Aging” sections to reflect the Board-adopted Metro Vision plan and a new ombudsman service provided by the Area Agency on Aging.

### **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 [“2018 January Legislative Summary.”](#)