BOARD RECEIVES PRESENTATION ON CDOT TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

At the June DRCOG Board of Directors meeting, David Krutsinger of the Colorado Department of Transportation delivered a presentation on its transit development program. According to Krutsinger, the program is a planning tool to identify and prioritize transit capital improvement project needs statewide. The intent is to create a $1.5 billion priority list from a $5.1 billion unconstrained wish list of unfunded projects. The list will serve as a guide for planning if new transit capital resources become available. Krutsinger noted that the program will not directly allocate funds. For the DRCOG region, the program has established a planning target of $945 million. Proposed transportation sales tax initiative ballot language creates three pools: bonding for multimodal capital projects, local multimodal projects and statewide multimodal projects.

SUMMERS PROVIDES OVERVIEW OF PLANIMETRIC DATA PROJECT

At the June Board meeting, Ashley Summers, DRCOG information systems manager, briefed directors on the planimetric data project. DRCOG has coordinated participation for member governments and partners biennially since 2014, leveraging imagery captured through the Denver Regional Aerial Photography Project. DRCOG coordinates conversion of the imagery into highly detailed, manually drawn data to support planning, research and analysis. Regular participation by more member governments reduces the cost of data for all participants, and reduces the amount of time spent by DRCOG, county, city and town staff to acquire planimetric data. Summers included examples of planimetric data use by the City of Aurora, Arapahoe County, Douglas County and Jefferson County.

COTTRELL UPDATES BOARD ON 2020-2023 TIP POLICY DOCUMENT

Board directors received an update on the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program policy document at their June meeting. Todd Cottrell, senior transportation planner, provided an overview on the three-year project to update the policy, which began with an analysis of the previous TIP and included major rework. At the direction
of the Board, a TIP policy work group was convened from 2015 until its work concluded earlier this year. The work group developed two white papers about alternative TIP processes and helped develop the dual (regional/subregional) model process that informs the draft TIP policy. The Board anticipates acting on the 2020-2023 TIP policy document at its July meeting.