

# BOARD UPDATE



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## **SAVE THE DATE: AWARDS CELEBRATION IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25**

[Registration is now open](#) for the Denver Regional Council of Governments annual awards event, Wednesday, April 25, at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center. Celebrating the regional partnerships and community accomplishments that result in a vibrant, connected region, the event will feature emcee Amelia Earhart and the Penepain Jazz Trio. Gov. John Hickenlooper will deliver the keynote address. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., program and dinner begin at 7 p.m.

## **DIRECTORS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

At the beginning of its March Board meeting, the Denver Regional Council of Governments held a public hearing on amendments to the Metro Vision plan and the 2040 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan and associated Air Quality Conformity Determinations.

No public comments were received during the 30-day public comment period or during the hearing. Board director Rick Teter indicated his support for the proposed project amendments for new interchanges on US-85 at 104th Avenue and 120th Avenue, but did note that the US-85 corridor is currently undergoing a National Environmental Policy Act process. The Board is anticipated to act on the proposed amendments at its next meeting, April 18.

## **BOARD OPENS SOLICITATION OF INTEREST FOR COMMITTEE SERVICE**

The Board opened solicitation of interest for serving on its Performance and Engagement, Finance and Budget and Regional Transportation committees. Interested Board members may submit their statements of interest to Connie Garcia by March 31. The Nominating Committee will recommend appointees to the Performance and Engagement, and Finance and Budget committees at the April Board meeting. Newly appointed committee members will serve two-year terms beginning in May.

## **BOARD TAKES POSITIONS ON STATE LEGISLATION**

Board members were updated on current state and federal legislative issues and bills of regional concern or interest and gave direction to staff regarding DRCOG positions on specific bills. Ed Bowditch, a DRCOG-contracted state lobbyist, briefed the board on transportation bills under consideration.

In addition, DRCOG's contracted federal lobbyist, Mickey Ferrell, briefed the board on U.S. House Resolution 5198 concerning metropolitan planning organizations. More information on the specific legislation and positions taken by the Board since the General Assembly convened is available in the ["2018 March Legislative Summary."](#)

## **DIRECTORS HEAR INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING ON CDOT SMART MOBILITY PLAN**

At its March meeting, the DRCOG Board received an informational briefing about the Colorado Department of Transportation's newly created Advanced Mobility program, which includes RoadX and other efforts to prepare the agency's assets, infrastructure, communications systems and data management systems to maximize the benefits of connected and autonomous vehicles. During the presentation, Mike Lewis, CDOT director, Amy Ford, director of advanced mobility, and Wes Maurer, director of intelligent transportation systems, emphasized the importance of partnership with DRCOG and jurisdictions across the region in establishing a vision for transportation technology.

## **BOARD RECEIVES INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING ON TIP REGIONAL SHARE CRITERIA**

Douglas W. Rex, executive director, provided an informational briefing on regional share project selection criteria for the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program. Developed using feedback gathered from participants in the previous TIP cycle, the criteria allow applicants to build a qualitative and quantitative case for why their projects should be funded. The three-part criteria include 1) basic information 2) evaluation criteria, questions and scoring and 3) project data, including calculation worksheets.