May 18, 2018

BOARD RECEIVES ANNUAL REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT FASTRACKS STATUS REPORT

At its May meeting, DRCOG’s Board of Directors received an update from Dave Genova, Regional Transportation District general manager, on the status of the FasTracks components. The report included updates on RTD’s N Line, G Line, A Line and Southwest Rail Extension.

BOARD APPROVES TITLE VI IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

At its May meeting and contingent on concurrence by the Regional Transportation Committee, DRCOG’s Board of Directors approved the organization’s Title VI implementation plan, which guides nondiscriminatory practices that ensure equal access to all federally assisted programs and activities. The new plan compiles and documents activities already performed by DRCOG.

BOARD APPROVES PROJECT FUNDING UNDER TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT SET-ASIDE

At its May meeting and contingent on concurrence by the Regional Transportation Committee, the Board approved the projects for funding through the Transportation Demand Management Set-Aside of the 2018–2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

The following infrastructure project was approved:

- Oxford Avenue Light Rail Transit First- and Last-Mile Bicycle Facility Connection (City of Englewood, $87,138)

The following non-infrastructure projects, totaling $1,342,664, were approved:

- Networked Mobility Hubs Marketing Initiative (Transportation Solutions, $245,325)
• West Corridor Transportation Management Association Start Up (City of Lakewood, $251,597)
• Mobility Navigator Program (BikeDenver, $242,334)
• Boulder Parking Cash-Out Program (Boulder Transportation Connections, $197,040)
• It’s as Easy as ABC (Bicycle Colorado, $82,790)
• Adams County Regional Bike Share Promotion Program (Smart Commute Metro North, $236,440)

BOARD RECEIVES LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

In his wrap-up of the legislative session, Rich Mauro, DRCOG senior policy and legislative analyst, described the legislative session as having represented a good year for aging funding, including an increase of $4 million for aging services in the Long Bill, funding for the State Action Planning Group on Aging and funding increases for the state Long-Term Care Ombudsman and Colorado Choice Transitions programs. Regarding transportation funding, both Mauro and Douglas W. Rex, executive director, commended the Board for providing principles and testimony that ultimately contributed to the passage of Senate Bill 18-001. More information on the specific legislation and positions taken by the Board since the General Assembly convened is available in the “May 2018 Legislative Summary.”

ERICKSON DELIVERS BIKE TO WORK DAY PRESENTATION

At the May Board of Directors meeting, Steve Erickson, director of DRCOG’s Communications and Marketing Division, provided an overview of history of Bike to Work Day, how it coincides with broader efforts by Way to Go to provide commute options, and what to expect on June 27. Erickson mentioned that DRCOG has been promoting carpooling since the late 1970s and currently has 120 vanpools on the road. Regarding Bike to Work Day, this year’s goals include 36,000 riders; participation by 38 percent first-timers; 350 breakfast and bike-home stations and participation by 800 organizations in the Business Challenge. Erickson estimates that more than 1,000 people are involved with Bike to Work Day from a staff, partner and volunteer perspective.

SUMMERS BRIEFS BOARD ON 2020 CENSUS

At the May Board of Directors meeting, Ashley Summers, DRCOG’s information systems manager, briefed directors on preparations for the 2020 U.S. Census. She provided information on the Local Update of Census Addresses, for which DRCOG hosted a training for local government geographic information system staff in October 2017; the Boundary and Annexation Survey, and the Participant Statistical Areas Program.