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Action items



<u>Discussion on federally-mandated</u> performance targets

Presenter: Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, transportation planner, Transportation Planning and Operations

Background: Federal law requires state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations to set targets and report on progress toward achieving targets for several performance areas in transportation planning and programming. Performance areas include safety, infrastructure condition, system performance, transit asset management and transit safety.

DRCOG staff have proposed two-year and four-year targets based on federal traffic congestion and emissions reduction requirements.

Result: The Board adopted new federal traffic congestion and on-road mobile source emissions reduction targets.

Informational briefings



Economic development district exploration

Presenters: <u>Trent Thompson</u>, economic development representative, Economic Development Administration

<u>Greg Thomason, senior program</u> <u>manager rural opportunity representative, eastern plains.</u> <u>Office of Economic Development and International Trade</u>

Summary: At the annual Board retreat on April 2, the Board explored potentially pursuing designation as an economic development district for the DRCOG region. As part of that exploration, representatives from the U.S. Economic Development Administration and the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade provided information about the process and the potential benefits to the Denver region of attaining such a designation.



2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan greenhouse gas analysis mitigation measures update

Presenter: Jacob Riger, long range transportation planning manager, Transportation Planning and Operations

Summary: Based on greenhouse gas reduction strategies tested to date for the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan, DRCOG staff estimates the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan will achieve approximately 70% to 80% of the emission reduction targets in each analysis year as required by the state greenhouse gas rule. Accordingly, mitigation measures will be needed to close the remaining reduction gap. DRCOG staff have been exploring the use of Colorado Department of Transportation-defined mitigation measures. Riger provided a presentation on the feasibility and applicability of some possible mitigation measures.



<u>Regional Transportation District</u> 2022 FasTracks status report

Presenter: Susan A. Wood, environmental planning project manager II, Regional Transportation District

Summary: DRCOG Resolution 14 of 2013 requires RTD to provide the DRCOG Board of Directors an annual status report on the FasTracks program and its projects. Susan Wood from the Regional Transportation District provided the Board a presentation on the annual FasTracks report.

