

Metro Vision Planning Advisory Committee (MVPAC) Overview

The Metro Vision Planning Advisory Committee (MVPAC) will provide assistance to the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Board of Directors and the Metro Vision Issues Committee (MVIC) by advising on the development and implementation of Metro Vision, the Denver region’s long-range plan for growth and development. The Committee will work with DRCOG staff to develop policy options and make recommendations to the Board and MVIC.

MVPAC Responsibilities

MVPAC is a temporary committee for the duration of the Metro Vision 2040 planning process. DRCOG estimates the planning process will conclude in fall of 2014. Committee membership shall be assessed annually and a member’s attendance at MVPAC meetings will be considered.

Committee responsibilities include the following:

- Establish a dialog on regional issues among local governments, regional agencies, the state and other regional stakeholders;
- Review the Metro Vision planning processes;
- Provide advice and recommendations on Metro Vision planning and implementation, and other relevant or referred issues;
- Assist with Metro Vision implementation;
- Facilitate coordination of plans and related programs; and
- Engage working groups as needed to provide input to MVPAC on specific topics (e.g., housing, economic development).

The DRCOG Board of Directors provided the following initial direction to the Committee:

1. Develop a scope of work for exploring the topics of housing, economic development and workforce development. Recommend to the Board any additional topics to address in the Metro Vision 2040 planning process.
2. In consultation with DRCOG’s Transportation Advisory Committee, guide the scenario planning process.

MVPAC will convene initially in Winter 2013 to identify committee expectations and develop a framework for operation. Committee members can expect to dedicate approximately 1-3 hours a month to MVPAC efforts including (at minimum) one monthly meeting. Additional time may be requested based on committee direction, priorities and your subject matter expertise.

Committee Structure and Operations

MVPAC membership shall include the following:

Type	Description
Local government staff/officials	Representatives of various disciplines including planning, public works/transportation, housing authorities, economic development, human services, public health, etc.
Other public agency staff/officials	Appointed representatives from DOLA, CDPHE and RTD

Subject matter experts	<p>Representatives from organizations with expertise in one or more of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older adults • Persons with disabilities • Low-income communities • Minority communities • Real estate development (private sector) • Community development (mission-focused CDCs) • Real estate • Finance • Special districts • Affordable housing • Public health • Economic development/ business • Environment • Water • Energy • Transportation (Roadways, transit, non-motorized transportation, transportation demand management) • Freight • Aviation • Arts/cultural • Philanthropy • Academia • Relevant professional organizations (APA, AIA, ASLA, ASCE)
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There are no provisions for alternates for the MVPAC. A quorum will consist of one-third of the voting members. A simple majority carries a motion. Committee members shall elect a chair and a vice chair annually to serve one-year terms. Other committee rules of engagement and expectations will be set, in policy, at the initial seating of each new committee. Upon the first MVPAC meeting the committee will establish basic rules and norms of behavior for ongoing success of the committee.

Application Process

DRCOG held an application process to fill the non-appointed positions (local government staff/officials and subject matter experts). DRCOG staff reviewed the applications based on the following criteria and made a recommendation to the DRCOG Board Chair for final appointments to the MVPAC. Criteria included:

- Representation of a broad cross-section of DRCOG’s membership including community size, geographic location and rate of growth.
- Diversity of subject matter expertise.
- Expertise in priority areas relevant to upcoming work related to the Metro Vision Update process.