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AGENDA
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 19, 2015
8:30 a.m.
1290 Broadway
Independence Pass Board Room

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. April 14, 2015 Meeting Summary
(Attachment A)

ACTION ITEM

4. **Move to recommend to the Board of Directors the *DRCOG Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Self-Certification Statement***
(Attachment B)
Todd Cottrell

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

5. Update on future revisions to *The Prospectus–Transportation Planning in the Denver Region*.
(Attachment C)
Douglas Rex

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

6. Member Comment/Other Matters
7. Next Meeting – July 14, 2015 (Note: The June 17 meeting has been cancelled)
8. Adjournment

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ATTACHMENT A

MEETING SUMMARY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Tuesday, April 14, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shannon Gifford	Colorado Department of Transportation
Shailen Bhatt	Colorado Department of Transportation
Ed Peterson	Colorado Department of Transportation
Gary Reiff	Colorado Department of Transportation
Jackie Millet (Chair)	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Jennifer Schaufele	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Sue Horn (Alternate)	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Elise Jones (Vice Chair)	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Ron Rakowsky	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Lorraine Anderson (Alternate)	Regional Transportation District
Bill Van Meter (Alternate)	Regional Transportation District
Tina Francone	Regional Transportation District
Tom Tobiassen	Regional Transportation District
Mizraim Cordero	Other Business Interests
Ken Lloyd	Other, Environmental Interests

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Debra Perkins-Smith (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation
Robin Kniech (Member)	Denver Regional Council of Governments

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ron Papsdorf, CDOT

DRCOG Staff: Doug Rex, Steve Cook, Jacob Riger, Todd Cottrell, Robert Spotts, Will Soper, Matthew Helfant, Mark Northrop, Casey Collins

Call to Order

Chair Jackie Millet called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. New CDOT Executive Director and RTC member, Shailen Bhatt, was introduced.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Summary of February 17, 2015 Meeting

The summary was accepted as written.

ACTION ITEM

Move to recommend to the Board of Directors approval of the 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the associated DRCOG CO and PM10 Conformity Determination and the Denver Southern Subarea 8-hour Ozone Conformity Determination

Todd Cottrell presented the action draft of the 2016-2021 TIP document and the two associated air quality conformity determination reports.

- TIP development over the last 18 months included updating of the TIP Policy document and a call for projects. (CDOT, RTD, and DRCOG each used their own selection process and funding sources.)
- TIP projects were included in transportation networks and modeled for air quality conformity which passed all pollutant emission tests.
- A public hearing on the documents was held on March 18. The DRCOG Board is scheduled to take action on April 15.
- Several adjustments to the public hearing draft, as proposed by project sponsors, have been incorporated into the Action Draft.

Ron Rakowsky MOVED to recommend to the Board of Directors approval of the *2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*, and the associated *DRCOG CO and PM10 Conformity Determination* and the *Denver Southern Subarea 8-hour Ozone Conformity Determination*. The motion was SECONDED and PASSED unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Briefing on 2040 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan (2040 MVRTP)

Jacob Riger reviewed the proposed outline of the new 2040 MVRTP. He noted the *2040 Fiscally Constrained Regional Transportation Plan* adopted in February will eventually be integrated into the 2040 MVRTP. In the new plan, the Transit Element will be included in the 2040 MVRTP, rather than as a stand-alone document.

Update on ozone standard status and new State Implementation Plan

Steve Cook introduced Ken Lloyd, RAQC, who discussed a change in the region's nonattainment designation per the EPA 8-hour ozone standard that is expected to occur this summer. Currently, the Denver/North Front Range area is designated in Marginal Nonattainment of the EPA's 2008 *8-hour Ozone Designations, Classifications, and Implementation Rule*.

Mr. Lloyd noted that based on ozone monitor results from 2012-2014, the Denver/NFR area will not attain the ozone standard by July 20, 2015. Based on the ozone readings the designation is expected to be elevated to the Moderate Nonattainment classification by January 2016. The Denver/NFR area will then need to attain the standard by July 20, 2018.

RAQC expects to draft a new Ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP) by Fall 2016. The new SIP will then be reviewed by the Legislature in the 2017 session for the Governor's approval. The RAQC will be forming sub-committees to help draft the plan.

Implications for Transportation

- Motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEB) established under 1997 ozone standard will be used until new budgets are established for 2008 ozone standard
- New NOx and VOC MVEBs will be established as part of the SIP for the 2008 standard
- Once EPA determines budgets are "adequate" (probably no earlier than 2018), the budgets will become applicable for future conformity determinations by DRCOG and NFRMPO

Mr. Lloyd discussed the EPA-proposed new 2015 standards. (The current 8-hour ozone standard is .075 ppm.) The proposed primary standard is a health-based standard and the secondary standard is welfare-based (e.g., vegetation and agriculture); the proposed range is from .065 to .070 ppm.

It was noted ozone transport (pollution coming in to the region from somewhere else) accounts for 60-80% of the region's ozone. There was a question on whether there is value with forming an alliance with other southwest states to discuss meeting the new standards, in light of the transport issue.

Proposed Revised 8-hour Ozone Timeline

- Standard was proposed in Federal Register on December 17, 2014
- 90-day public comment period ended March 17, 2015
- Standard to be finalized by October 1, 2015
- Governor to submit designation recommendations to EPA by late 2016
(likely based on 2014-2016 ozone monitoring data)
- EPA to designate nonattainment areas by late 2017
- Attainment SIP due 2020-21 for Moderate Areas
- Attainment deadline 2022-24 for Moderate Areas

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Member Comment/Other Matters

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is May 19, 2015.

ATTACHMENT B

To: Chair and Members of the Regional Transportation Committee

From: Todd Cottrell, Senior Transportation Planner
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Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
May 19, 2015	Action	4

SUBJECT

The self-certification of the metropolitan transportation planning process is presented for RTC action.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends the metropolitan transportation planning process self-certification.

ACTION BY OTHERS

[April 27, 2015](#) – TAC recommended approval.

SUMMARY

Federal regulations require the State and MPO, concurrent with the submittal of a new TIP to FHWA and FTA, to self-certify that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with the applicable federal requirements.

The proposed self-certification statement for the DRCOG MPO is shown in Attachment 1.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

Move to recommend to the Board of Directors the *DRCOG Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Self-Certification Statement*.

ATTACHMENT

Draft *Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Self-Certification*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you need additional information, please contact Todd Cottrell, Senior Transportation Planner, at 303-480-6737 or tcottrell@drcog.org.

MPO Self-Certification

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS SELF-CERTIFICATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) hereby certify that the transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements including:

- 1) 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303;
- 2) Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- 3) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- 4) Section 1101(b) of the SAFETEA-LU (Pub. L. 109-59) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;
- 5) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- 6) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et. seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;
- 7) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- 8) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender;
- 9) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and
- 10) Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d) and 40 CFR part 93.

Denver Regional Council of Governments
Jennifer Schaufele
Executive Director

Colorado Department of Transportation
Shailen P. Bhatt
Executive Director

Signature

Signature

Date

Date

ATTACHMENT C

To: Chair and Members of the Regional Transportation Committee
From: Douglas W. Rex, Director, Transportation Planning and Operations
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Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
May 19, 2015	Information	5

SUBJECT

A presentation on the role and function of *The Prospectus—Transportation Planning in the Denver Region*.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A; presentation by DRCOG staff

ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

SUMMARY

In July 2001, DRCOG, RTD and CDOT entered into a memorandum of agreement to implement federal and state statutes and regulations addressing regional transportation planning to ensure that a collaborative process occurs among the three agencies. The MOA notes the agencies' "...planning process will produce and maintain a program prospectus."

The purpose of the Prospectus is to detail how the Denver region transportation planning process will work. Specifically the Prospectus:

- Describes the policies and procedures of the process,
- Details how the three partners cooperate in carrying out the process,
- Identifies the key regional transportation planning products required by federal law and explains how the participants work to produce those products,
- Shows how the regional process dovetails with individual processes of the three partners, and interacts with local governments, air quality planning agencies, and other participants to accomplish transportation planning in the Denver region.

The current Prospectus was last approved by RTC in September 2011. Changes resulting from MAP-21 and possible committee role revisions will require a major update to the document.

Over the summer months, staff anticipates bringing sections of the Prospectus to RTC for review, discussion and final approval. At the May meeting, staff will present some of the history and required changes to the Prospectus to meet new federal regulations.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

- [The Prospectus—Transportation Planning in the Denver Region](#) (2011)
- [Memorandum of Agreement](#) DRCOG, CDOT, and RTD (Adopted 2001; updated 2008)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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