

Board UPDATE



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The Board Update is a capsule report of action taken at the monthly meeting of the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Board of Directors and includes other DRCOG news and events of interest. The Update is prepared especially for members of county commissions, city councils and town boards. More detailed information may be obtained from your jurisdiction's DRCOG representative or DRCOG staff at 303-455-1000.

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BOARD BRIEFED ON BOOMER BOND

DRCOG Metro Vision Manager Brad Calvert briefed the Board on the various activities happening with the Boomer Bond initiative. Calvert outlined the demographic changes occurring in the local population and nationally as baby boomers cause an unprecedented shift in the number of older adults. He reviewed the origin of the Boomer Bond project, DRCOG's partnership with AARP, and how the focus areas for the assessment tool were developed. Calvert also briefed the Board on the experience of the communities that piloted the project (Lakewood, Lyons and Wheat Ridge), and noted that other communities both inside and outside the region have either committed to going through the assessment process or are exploring how they might implement something similar. Communities interested in undergoing a Boomer Bond assessment should contact Calvert at 303-480-6739 or bcalvert@drcog.org

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NAMED

After the recent departure of Board Chair Jack Hilbert from his county commissioner role to take a position with the State, the remaining Board officers made appointments to fill the positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary, leaving a vacancy in the Treasurer position. A Nominating Committee is being convened to address this vacancy, and the Board was asked to nominate members for two of six places on the committee. Boulder Council Member Suzanne Jones and Westminster Mayor Herb Atchison were unanimously confirmed by the Board.

The Administrative Committee appointed Denver Council Member Chris Nevitt and Jefferson County Commissioner Don Rozier, and DRCOG Chair Jackie Millet appointed Federal Heights Mayor Joyce Thomas and Parker Council Member John Diak to complete the slate of members. The Nominating Committee will begin meeting immediately and bring forward a recommendation at the Board's September meeting.

METRO VISION ISSUES COMMITTEE MEMBERS CONFIRMED

The Board confirmed three new members who expressed interest in serving on the Metro Vision Issues Committee (MVIC). The MVIC is the primary policy committee of DRCOG, and makes recommendations to the Board for action on Metro Vision issues, plans and implementation. It is comprised of up to 28 Board members and alternates, and appointments occur annually. Northglenn Mayor Joyce Downing, Louisville Council Member Ashley Stoltzmann and Douglas County Commissioner Roger Partridge were all confirmed to serve on the committee.

DRCOG PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE AND EXECUTIVE POLICIES

The Board approved the Principles of Governance and Executive Policies developed by the Governance group and Administrative Committee. These principles and policies were initially presented at the February 2014 Board Workshop for review and comment, and have been reviewed and revised for consistency. The principles pertain to all DRCOG Board members and establish guidelines for Board governance.

BOARD BRIEFED ON 2040 METRO VISION REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Transportation Planning Coordinator Jacob Riger briefed the Board on the process of updating the 2035 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan (2035 MVRTP) to a new 2040 MVRTP. As with the 2035 MVRTP, the 2040 MVRTP will be integrated closely with the comprehensive growth and development components of DRCOG's Metro Vision Plan to address the mobility needs of people of all ages, incomes, and abilities. The 2040 MVRTP will identify the desired vision for our transportation system in which funding is unconstrained. Adoption of the 2040 MVRTP has been moved to second quarter 2015 to more closely align with the schedule for adoption of the Metro Vision 2040 plan. Next steps for the 2040 MVRTP include receiving input and guidance from the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and Metro Vision Planning Advisory Committee (MVPAC) in August and September, then working with consultant Clarion Associates in September and October to restructure the 2035 MVRTP and prepare a draft of the "Connected Region" element of Metro Vision 2040. In October that draft will be reviewed at a joint TAC and MVPAC meeting, then the Metro Vision Issues Committee and Board will receive drafts for review and comment in the first quarter of 2015 for adoption in the second quarter. A fiscally constrained version of the 2040 MVRTP must be adopted by the Board no later than Feb. 2015 to meet federal guidelines, and will be prepared separately due to the adjustment in the overall adoption schedule for the 2040 MVRTP.