

# **DRCOG TIP Subregional Forum**

Thursday, May 17, 2018 2:00-4:00 PM

Denver City and County Building, Room 391

1237 Bannock St., Denver, CO

The first Denver / Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Subregional Forum Meeting was held on May 17, 2018 and was open to the public. The purpose of the Subregional Forum is to develop and implement a process for recommending a package of projects to the full DRCOG Board for funding from the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

## **Participants**

Justin Begley, City and County of Denver Presenter

Councilman Jolon Clark, Council District 7

Todd Cottrell, DRCOG Presenter

Crissy Fanganello, Director of Transportation and Mobility – Denver Public Works

Councilman Kevin Flynn, Council District 2

Anthony Graves, Mayor's Office Director of Regional Affairs

Piep van Heuven, Bicycle Colorado - representing the Denver Streets Partnership

Lizzie Kemp, CDOT Transportation City Planner

Laura Perry, Director of Capital Planning and Programming for Denver Department of Finance

Bill Van Meter, Assistant General Manager of Planning - RTD

- I. **DRCOG Presentation on 2020-2023 TIP**
  - a. Denver's previous process for allocating TIP funding was a centralized call for projects.
    - i. For 2020-2023 TIP the city is using a dual model with a centralized call for regional projects and 8 decentralized calls for Subregional projects
  - b. Councilman Flynn addresses the fact that 98% of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) conduct a centralized process
    - i. 2-3 MPOs conduct the Subregional process
    - ii. Denver is basing its model off the system in Puget Sound
  - c. Councilman Flynn confirms that there is \$20.1 million of funding remaining
    - i. Lizzie Kemp suggests further mention of the CDOT project
      1. CDOT project will take 20% of the \$46.1 million in Regional funding
      2. CDOT Central 70 project
  - d. Mr. Graves clarifies that DRCOG staff will audit/monitor the Subregional forums
    - i. DRCOG will coordinate with CDOT and RTD should projects involve those agencies

- e. The meeting was publicly noticed and staff took meeting notes
  - i. Notice met the requirements for City and County of Denver Public Meetings
    - 1. 7 days notice was given, with the goal being to get to 14 days
      - a. Location given on the City and County website
    - 2. All meeting materials posted on the DRCOG website
    - 3. Proactive push for public involvement
- a. Flynn confirms that there is 20.1 remaining
- b. Lizzie Kemp suggests further mention of the CDOT project
  - i. 20% 46.M, Central 70 is off the top
- c. Flynn? Why could that have been off the top
  - i. DRCOG board did deliberate that idea, landed with regional share.

**II. Denver Staff Presentation on Denver's Approach for a Subregional Process**

- a. Councilman Flynn asks about those involved in the Technical Subcommittees
  - i. Technical Subcommittees conduct work product review and are the Subregional forum recommending body
    - 1. Denver Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Community Planning and Development will be the project implementing agencies
    - 2. CDOT and RTD will also be on the Technical Subcommittee
  - ii. Crissy Fanganello asks if the subregions will have knowledge of which regional projects will be awarded before the Subregional call begins
- b. Discussion on coordination between Subregional forums
  - i. There have been ideas for coordination on some projects, but they have not been approached
  - ii.
- c. Councilman Flynn highlights the need to be mindful that this process is a pilot and that MPOs will be watching what happens
  - i. Maintain a special focus on doing the project right and remaining on track with the DRCOG Board's directions
  - ii. DRCOG staff went to Federal Highways to have a process approved to work with Denver and Broomfield as their own separate entities
    - 1. Process was approved
- d. Additional discussion on Subregional forums
  - i. DRCOG Board does not want Subregions to veer too far off from Board direction
    - 1. They are permitted to adjust and add to DRCOG criteria for weighting and scoring projects

2) Presentation by CCD PW Staff

- a. Flynn: august 2018 and give with July
  - i. Call opens want to know what we are applying for
  - ii. Staff will need the 60 days to put together compelling applications
- b. Are we coordinating between sub regional forums?
  - i. Yes, ideas for some projects, but haven't been approached.

- ii. You can allocate your Subregional share toward
- iii. Minimum of 20% has to be non-Federal sources
  - 1. Could be private, but would need to discuss with CDOT and RTD (as they are the federal funding administrators)

**III. Election of Forum Chair and Vice Chair**

- a. Councilman Clark put forward slate
  - i. Councilman Flynn for Chair and Anthony Graves for Vice Chair
- b. Second: Laura Perry
- c. No further discussion
- d. Slate passed unanimously

**IV. Discussion and Adoption of Operating Procedures**

- a.
- b.
- c. Clarification for Technical Subcommittee operation
  - i. Technical Subcommittee should mirror what the Subregional forums is doing
    - 1. Have in place three Executive Directors
    - 2. RTD and CDOT sit as non-voting members
- d.
- e.
- f. Councilman Clark thanks the staff for the work they have done to get everyone there, Councilman Flynn seconds
- g. Laura Perry presents the Technical Subcommittee work and the format for the Subregional forum to receive information from the Technical Subcommittee
  - i. Staff will be the ones to bring information forward to the Subregional forum
  - ii. Anthony Graves comments that it will allow for flexibility in making adjustments and empower the staff to pitch solutions
- h.
- i.
- j.
- k.
- l. Adopting operating procedures
  - i. Chairman Clark adopts procedures as presented
  - ii. Laura Perry econds

**3) Operating Procedures**

- a. Reached out to Puget Sound county wide forms.
- b. Would the Forum come back together for mini-calls?
  - i. Put forward a slate of at least 200%--hope from DRCOG
  - ii. Top \$44M would go into TIP and the remaining would go onto a waiting list
    - 1. Could reconvene if desired.
- c. Technical subcommittee: take votes or reach consensus?
  - i. Mirror what the SRF is doing: Three Executive Directors, RTD and CDOT (non-voting)
- d. Contractors: leave it open to for support tasks as necessary.
- e. Strike section 19 as is redundant

- f. Councilman Clark: thank you for staff for the work to get us here today, Councilman Flynn second
- g. Laura Perry: presentation of Technical Subcommittee work; format for the SRF receiving the information. Staff would be the ones to bring the information forward to SRF.
  - i. Anthony: allow ourselves the flexibility to make adjustments, empowering staff to pitch solutions
- h. Crissy: that Metro Vision is the guiding document for process/project selection
- i. Flynn to thank Crissy; lean on staff to come up with something that sets a high bar for other Subregions.
- j. Anthony: bit historic, creating a brand new chapter
- k. CDOT echos Crissys work and her coordination with CDOT, on behalf of CDOT to be present and coordinate with Denver.
  - i. Bill Van Meter for the SRF, Todd for DRCOG, planning representative: Lizzie Kemp and one Engineering representative
- l. Adoption:
  - i. CM Clark adopts as presented
  - ii. Laura Perry seconds

**V. Opportunity for Public Comment**

4) Public Comment

- a. Piep Van Heuven with Bicycle Colorado, representing the Denver Streets Partnership
  - i. Review the set-asides and process to determination?
    - 1. Recommendation of DRCOG board to place in the DRAFT TIP Policy
    - 2. Not the only place that multi-modal projects can be funded, can be funded out of Regional and Subregional.
  - ii. Flynn follow-up question: Human Services Transportation is a new set-aside, how was that funded before? Why is it now a set-aside?
    - 1. \$4M is a supplement for Senior Transportation to support growing need
    - 2. DRCOG Transportation Advisory committee recommended and the DRCOG Board to approve.

**VI. Topics and Schedule for Next Meeting**

- a. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, July 19, 2018 2:00-4:00 PM
- b. Topics to discuss will be a Regional Call for Projects