

DRCOG TIP Technical Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, July 12, 2018 1:00-3:00 PM

Wellington Webb Building, Room 4.H.2

201 W. Colfax Ave, Denver, CO

On July 12, 2018 the public was invited to attend and provide comment at the Technical Subcommittee (TSC) of the Denver Subregional Forum. The purpose of the TSC is to support development and implementation of a process to provide a recommended package of projects to the full Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Board for funding from the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Attendees

CDOT: Elizabeth Kemp

CPD: Eugene Howard

DOF: Emily Snyder, Ali Peper

DRCOG: Todd Cottrell

Parks: Gordon Robertson, Kathy Leveque, Mike Bouchard, Jason Coffey

PW: Eulois Cleckley, Nick Williams, Justin Begley, Deb Turner, Janice Finch, Jen Hillhouse, Ryan Billings

RTD: Bill VanMeter

Members of the Public: Jill Locantore, Walk Denver; Tricia Stevens, NETC; Jennifer Carpenter for Michael Baker

TSC Stakeholders: Eugene Howard – CPD, Euloise Cleckley and Jen Hillhouse – PW, Gordon Robertson – Parks, Bill VanMeter – RTD, Elizabeth Kemp – CDOT

I. Role of the TSC, Desired Outcomes and Schedule

- a. New DRCOG TIP process called for the creation of the Denver Subregional Forum
 - i) Forum approved the creation of the TSC at their meeting on May 17, 2018
- b. TSC is primarily a deliberative body to discuss projects but it is open to the public for comment
- c. Goals of the TSC:
 - i) Advance 3 Denver Regional project applications
 - (1) These projects must have a significant regional impact
 - ii) Review Subregional criteria and shape call for projects
 - iii) Review scoring and recommend package of Subregional projects to DRCOG board

II. DRCOG Regional Project Application

- a. About \$21 million in funding for project applications from 8 Subregions as well as CDOT and RTD
 - i) Each Subregion can submit 3 project applications as well as 2 from CDOT and RTD for a total of 28 eligible projects
 - ii) Funding requests for each project are capped at \$20 million
 - iii) Applications can only ask for up to 50% of the total project cost from TIP and projects need to have at least 20% of non-federal funding included
- b. Question: How will additional funding from SB-1 be handled?
 - i) Could see \$21 million regional pot increase to roughly \$30 million after money is divided between Regional and Subregional pots
 - (1) Will not change the project application process
 - ii) City raises concerns over adding state dollars to a federal process
- c. Project Scoring
 - i) Scoring is high, medium, low and applications will be evaluated against the quality of other applications
 - (1) Applications should draw a project narrative for DRCOG to evaluate
 - (2) Additional points for projects that need a small amount of funding to complete

III. Representative Discussion of Projects (DRCOG, CPD, PW, Parks, RTD, CDOT)

- a. I-25 Alameda/Santa Fe
 - i) City and County and CDOT have an IGA agreement to submit the project and include \$3 million each in match
 - ii) Project budget estimated at \$30 million, so the maximum TIP ask would be \$15 million
 - iii) **COMMENTS:**
 - (1) DRCOG stresses the need for full cost and project scope
 - (2) Each department is committed to working with CDOT to make this project work and believes it's an attractive application with its regional and multi-modal appeal
- b. 16th Street Mall Reconstruction
 - i) Need to finalize the scope and amount to be requested
 - ii) Project already has existing TIP funding, so the request would be for additional funding to complement what is already included in the project (needs to expand current scope)
 - iii) **COMMENTS:**
 - (1) High priority for all departments and an attractive project because the ask is for gap funding and is important for transit priorities
- c. Broadway Station Multimodal Access & Safety
 - i) \$15 million ask for a projected \$30 million project cost
 - ii) Funding would complement existing TIP project funding
 - (1) Extension of existing scope includes work on Exposition and safety improvements on the Kentucky, Ohio, and Lincoln areas
 - iii) **COMMENTS:**
 - (1) Application needs to include more specific direction of pieces that need to be completed and scope should provide better understanding of multimodal aspects
- d. 56th and Peña Operational Improvements
 - i) \$2-3 million ask for completion of an \$8 million project (last money in)
 - ii) Addressing serious safety problems and providing additional connectivity in the area

iii) High community priority for the Montbello/Gateway/GVR communities

iv) COMMENTS:

(1) DRCOG thinks it primarily serves 56th and may not be a high enough regional priority

e. Overland Park Bridge

i) Full project cost is \$4.7 million and there is existing funding allocated in the bond

ii) There is high regional appeal but it might be a project better served locally

(1) Could state in application we only want state funding and don't want to federalize

iii) COMMENTS:

(1) Would be smart to include a smaller project like this but the spot may be better served with something like Sand Creek

IV. Public Comment

a. Public request is to keep in mind goals around Denver's Mobility Action Plan and Vision Zero priorities

V. Next Steps

a. A Subregional Forum Meeting will take place on Thursday, July 19, 2018 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Denver City and County Building (1437 Bannock) Room 391