

# PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

## Denver Subregional Forum

On **April 4th, 2019 from 1:00pm-3:00pm**, the public is invited to attend and provide comment at the Denver / Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Subregional Forum Meeting. The purpose of the Subregional Forum is to develop and implement a process to provide a recommended package of projects to the full DRCOG Board for funding from the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The meeting location shall be in the Denver City and County Building, 1437 Bannock Street, Room 391, Denver, CO 80202.

### AGENDA

- 1) Public Comment
- 2) Approve Minutes
- 3) Finalize Recommended Funded Projects and Waitlist to DRCOG Board

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Visit <https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-department-of-public-works/projects/subregional-forum.html> for a link to the full agenda packet posted for April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as it becomes available, and any future Denver Subregional Forum meetings as they are scheduled.

If you are unable to attend this or any future meetings of the Denver Subregional Forum and would like to provide feedback, written comments will be accepted and may be sent to:

City and County of Denver  
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Denver, CO 80202  
DenverTIPpublicworks@denvergov.org

#### **Special Accommodations:**

**Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, or those who may require translation services, should contact the City and County of Denver within at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting at 720-913-1743.**

**Minutes from Denver Subregional Forum (SRF) on 3/21/2019**

**Background**

The Denver Subregional Forum met on March 21nd, 2019 from 1-3pm in the Denver City County Building in Room 391. The minutes are a summary representation of the attendees, activities, and discussion of that meeting.

**Action Requested**

Suggest revisions, if any, and approve the 3/21/19 minutes.

# MEETING NOTES

## Denver Subregional Forum

March 21, 2019, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
City and County Building, Room 391

### Attendees:

NAME	REPRESENTING	NAME	REPRESENTING
Laura Perry	Denver Dept of Finance	Matt MacLachlan	Denver Public Wks
Kevin Forgett	Mayor's Office	Deborah Turner	Denver Public Wks
Kevin Flynn	City Council	Kayla Lorentz	Denver Public Wks
Nicholas Williams	Denver PW	Ashlee Grace	Denver Public Wks
Jolon Clark	City Council	Ryan Billings	Denver Public Wks
Janice Finch	Denver PW	Brian Pinkerton	Denver Public Wks
Ron Papsdorf	DRCOG	Jenn Hillhouse	Denver Public Wks
Jay Hendrickson	CDOT	David Pulsipher	Denver Public Wks
Bill VanMeter	RTD	Eugene Howard	Denver Public Wks
Ted Heyd	Alta P & D	Gaby Arismendi	Denver Public Wks
Chris Vogelsang	OV / Evergreen Parks and Rec District	Dana Hoffman	Denver Public Wks
Danny Herrmann	CDOT	Gordon Robertson	Denver Parks and Rec
JoAnn Matson	CDOT	Jason Coffey	Denver Parks and Rec

### Topics and Actions:

CONVENED by Chair Kevin Flynn

- 1) **Public Comment** – None
- 2) **Designate New Vice-Chair of Denver SRF** (New Action Item Added by Chair Kevin Flynn)
  - Anthony Graves, former Vice Chair, is no longer a member of the Denver Subregional Forum (SRF), having assumed new duties with the City.
  - Laura Perry was nominated and approved unanimously to assume the duties of the Vice-Chair
- 3) **Recap**

Janice Finch, Denver Public Works, provided the Recap of the following:

- Past activity since the January 2<sup>nd</sup> DRCOG Call for Subregional projects including submission of 13 projects to the Denver SRF by the February 27th deadline
- Eleven of the projects were from Denver agencies, one from CDOT, and one from the Evergreen Parks & Rec District

## **MEETING NOTES**

### **Denver Subregional Forum (continued)**

#### **4) Recap (continued)**

- Review of the project types submitted, a list of the projects scored by the panel consisting of Denver PW, Parks, and CPD, as well as DRCOG – each representing 25% of the final score
- The overall project list was presented two meetings

<b>Project Sponsor</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Subregional Share Request</b>	<b>Running Cost (\$1,000s)</b>
Denver	16th Street Mall Rehabilitation Project	\$ 10,928,084	\$ 10,928,084
Denver	BUCHTEL TRAIL: Multimodal Network	\$ 12,837,520	\$ 23,765,604
Denver	Connect Alameda – Engineering Design	\$ 7,600,000	\$ 31,365,604
CDOT	I-25 Valley Highway Phase 2.0 (I-25 and Alameda)	\$ 24,000,000	\$ 55,365,604
Denver	Broadway Station I-25 Safety & Access Improvements	\$ 21,200,000	\$ 76,565,604
Denver	N. Broadway Multimodal Improvement Project	\$ 9,182,720	\$ 85,748,324
Denver	Park Ave West Viaduct Rehab Phase 3: Wazee to I-25	\$ 9,600,000	\$ 95,348,324
Denver	Peoria Street Multi-Modal Improvements	\$ 6,588,900	\$ 101,937,224
Denver	Sand Creek Regional Trail Improvements	\$ 7,076,800	\$ 109,014,024
Denver	South Platte Regional Trail Improvements	\$ 17,503,948	\$ 126,517,972
Denver	Strategic Transportation Plan Update	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 130,517,972
Evergreen Park & Recreation District	Evergreen Lake Trail Improvement - Project Contribution	\$ 200,000	\$ 130,717,972
Denver	Transit Speed & Reliability	\$ 9,100,000	\$ 139,817,972

## **MEETING NOTES**

### **Denver Subregional Forum (continued)**

#### **5) Recommendations from TSC**

- Janice Finch summarized the two meetings of the Denver Subregional Forum Technical Subcommittee (TSC) held after the project application scoring was completed
  1. March 14, 2019
    - The technical scoring summary spreadsheet and the TSC members present accepted a proposal to reduce the proposed federal funding for a number of higher scoring projects to the lower, sub-phased funding amount submitted in the applications in order to fund a sub-phase of the South Platte River Trail project.
    - The waitlist would then become the balance of the unfunded portions of the projects that accepted less than the requested funding amount, and then the remaining projects
    - Note: CDOT staff were invited but were not able to attend
  2. March 20, 2019
    - The revised, recommended project and waitlist spreadsheet was presented and discussed
    - CDOT staff was in attendance and objected to the scoring of the I-25 Valley Highway Phase 2.0 (I-25 and Alameda project submitted by CDOT, and proposed that the project should be funded at the top of the list due to the language of the Central 70 IGA which was adopted in 2015.
    - The TSC recommendations were not revised but CDOT requested time at the March 21, 2019 meeting of the Denver Subregional Forum meeting to discuss this issue.

#### **6) Sponsor Presentations and Project Q and A**

- 16th Street Mall Rehabilitation Project – Brian Pinkerton, Denver Public Works
  - Coun. Clark asked about existing trees, and Brian Pinkerton responded that due to the condition of the trees, the trees would be replaced.
- Strategic Transportation Plan Update – David Pulsipher, Denver PW
  - In response to Coun. Clark's question, David Pulsipher clarified that the total project cost is \$5M. with a full federal funding request of \$4M, and \$1M in City local match
  - Nick Williams asked when the current STP was prepared, and David P. responded it was prepared in 2008
  - Coun. Flynn indicated support for the project.

## **MEETING NOTES**

### **Denver Subregional Forum (continued)**

#### **6) Sponsor Presentations and Project Q and A (continued)**

- Broadway Station I-25 Safety & Access Improvements – Deborah Turner, Denver PW
  - Deb Turner responded to Coun. Clark's questions, and indicated that RTD parking will be replaced in surface lots. A proposed P3 garage structure for RTD parking is not currently included in the plans. Also, a proposed park is not currently funded due to the high cost of RTD property acquisition, but Gordon Robertson, Denver Parks and Recreation that park development is still a possibility..
  - Ron Papsdorf, DRCOG, questioned if any of new funding would be used to back-fill ROW acquisition funding for the original TIP project shown in blue on the project diagram, and Deb Turner indicated that the new project has all new elements.
- Transit Speed & Reliability – Ryan Billings, Denver PW
  - With regard to potential ROW acquisition needs, Ryan Billings indicated that ROW is not a major issue, but due to the federal procurement process, some easements or other ROW may be needed.
  - The funding package includes a local match contribution from RTD of \$400K.
- N. Broadway Multimodal Improvement Project – Ashlee Grace, Denver PW
  - In reponse to Coun. Clark's question about ROW needs, Ashlee Grace responded that major ROW impacts are not anticipated.
- South Platte Regional Trail Improvements – Jason Coffey, Denver Parks and Recreation
- I-25 Valley Highway Phase 2.0 (I-25 and Alameda) – Jay Hendrickson, CDOT
- BUCHTEL TRAIL: Multimodal Network – Ashlee Grace, Denver PW
- Peoria Street Multi-Modal Improvements – Dana Hoffman, Denver PW
- Connect Alameda – Engineering Design – Gaby Arismendi, Denver PW
- Park Ave West Viaduct Rehab Phase 3: Wazee to I-25 – Matt MacLachlan, Denver PW
- Sand Creek Regional Trail Improvements – Jason Coffey, Denver Parks and Recreation
- Evergreen Lake Trail Improvement - Project Contribution – Chris Vogelsang, OV, for Evergreen Parks & Recreation District

#### **7) CDOT Discussion**

#### **8) Next Steps**

- Janice Finch summarized that the project evaluation and scoring necessitated a quick turnaround review of projects, based on the following: Delivery mechanism, IGA alignment, and federalization,
- Upcoming Schedule:
  - Technical Subcommittee Meeting, if needed - 3/28
  - Subregional Forum – 4/4
  - Package to DRCOG – No Later Than 4/5
- ACTION ITEMS:

1. Laura Perry requested that the spreadsheet be modified to include columns for all sources of other funding, including match.
2. Further discussion before the next Denver SRF needs to occur regarding the CDOT project and IGA issue. This is not a technical issue and the Denver SRF may not need any further input from the TSC.

ADJOURNED at 3:15 pm

**TSC Recommendations & Final Package Recommendations to the DRCOG Board**

**Background**

The DRCOG 2020-2023 TIP Call for Projects was held from 1/2/19 through 2/27/19

The scoring team of DRCOG and City and County of Denver staff submitted scores by 3/13 and the projects were ranked according to score to initiate discussion of a TSC recommendation.

The Denver Forum met and instructed staff to add full funding packages to each project and show a list of projects with the CDOT Alameda project funded. CDOT indicated they will submit a substitute project list with I-25 Alameda funded.

**Current Status**

The TSC will have met on 4/3 to review its recommendation considering the additional requests made at the 3/21 Subregional Forum.

**Staff Request**

Consider TSC recommendation and act to approve a package of funded and waitlist projects for the 2020-2023 TIP.