

## Board of Directors

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### **Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program**

Agenda item type: Action item

#### **Summary**

The Draft Fiscal Year 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program, or TIP, adds two years to the previously adopted FY 2024-2027 TIP to align with the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). No new projects have been added. Because this involves adopting a “new” TIP, a new Air Quality Conformity determination is included that refers to the previous analysis.

#### **Background**

The 2026-2029 TIP is a short-term document listing all transportation projects in the Denver region funded with federal or state funding during the next four years. The document includes projects managed by the Colorado Department of Transportation, or CDOT, the Regional Transportation District, or RTD, DRCOG, and local governments throughout the region, and is how these important projects are funded and implemented. The TIP is a crucial step in realizing the vision established in Metro Vision and the Regional Transportation Plan, or RTP. The document lists 265 projects with roughly \$5.4 billion in total funding, representing a substantial investment in the Denver region’s transportation network.

DRCOG selects some of the projects for inclusion in the document. The last call for projects was part of the development of the current 2024-2027 TIP. DRCOG develops and adopts a new program listing every two years to keep funding aligned with the annual State Transportation Improvement Program developed by CDOT. The projects listed in the current 2024-2027 TIP have been carried forward, as appropriate, to the new 2026-2029 TIP. No new DRCOG-selected projects have been added to the draft 2026-2029 TIP document.

Per federal transportation planning requirements, each TIP must demonstrate it will not cause a violation of federal air quality conformity standards. Accordingly, the 2050 Metro Vision RTP roadway and transit networks, which include all projects classified as regionally significant for air quality contained in the 2026-2029 TIP, were previously modeled for air quality conformity for the 2024-2027 TIP. Since the regionally significant projects remain the same as they did for the 2024-2027 TIP, no new model runs were conducted for the 2026-2029 TIP. The previous results carry forward and were used by the state Air Pollution Control Division to calculate pollutant emissions. All pollutant emission tests were passed, as shown in the air quality conformity document.



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Per the state Greenhouse Gas Transportation Planning Standard adopted in December 2021, the TIP is considered an “applicable planning document” and therefore must meet the DRCOG region’s greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements for all staging periods defined by the rule. Similar to the air quality conformity document previously mentioned, since all of the projects in the TIP defined as regionally significant for air quality are required to be in the current RTP before they are eligible for TIP funding, and the RTP was previously found to be in compliance with the rule, and no new regionally significant projects are being added to this new TIP, the 2026-2029 TIP is in compliance with the greenhouse gas planning rule and document previously approved.

The documents were released for public comment on February 12. The Board of Directors held a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program and conformity document on March 19, 2025. Included within the attachments are the public comments received and an outline of proposed changes to the TIP document since it was released for public comment in February.

#### **Action by others**

[March 24, 2025](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee recommended approval.

[April 15, 2025](#) – Regional Transportation Committee will make a recommendation.

#### **Previous discussion/action**

[March 19, 2025](#) – Public hearing.

#### **Recommendation**

Move to adopt a resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program, including those adjustments contained within the errata sheet, and the associated air quality conformity document.

#### **Attachment**

1. Staff presentation.
2. [Draft Fiscal Year 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program and air quality conformity documents.](#)
3. Public comments received.
4. Errata sheet, containing changes to the draft document since being released for public comment.
5. Draft resolution.

#### **For more information**

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