

Regional Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December 16, 2025

Agenda Item #: 6 (Attachment D)

2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update – Recommended Investment Priorities

Agenda item type: Informational briefing

Summary

Status update on the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan major update process, including candidate project submittals, feedback received to date, and the recommended project and program investment priorities.

Background

Candidate projects

The call for candidate projects for the 2050 RTP closed October 17 and DRCOG staff received 133 candidate project concepts, 109 through the subregional/county track and 24 through the interagency tract. The projects were quantitatively scored by DRCOG staff against the six adopted RTP priorities and three Metro Vision themes.

The qualitative scores are only one consideration in the development of recommended investment projects and programs. The scores were provided to the Regional Review Panel, alongside information related to congestion, equity, and county rankings (if available), which can be reviewed in Attachment 2. A summary of public feedback to date was also provided.

Engagement updates

DRCOG staff have been engaging the public throughout the RTP update. To date, there have been:

- 320 Survey Responses.
- Social media posts across a variety of sites.
- 14 pop-up events, reaching 1,493 people.
- 34 focus group members at two meetings of the Civic Advisory Group and one meeting of the Youth Advisory Panel.

Select engagement takeaways from the pop-ups include:

- People preferred improving transit (30%), expanding active transportation (21%), and maintenance (20%), over adding new lanes (13%) and new roads (8%).
- Transit priorities were ranked high at pop-up events. People's preference for frequency improvements (11%) vs route expansion (19%) changed depending on the location of the event.
- Active transportation was consistently a top three priority regardless of location, although specific project requests depended on the location.



Recommended investment priorities

The Regional Review Panel met three times in November to identify additional considerations DRCOG staff and the regional partners could take into account in evaluating the candidate submittals. DRCOG staff have also been meeting weekly since late October with planning staff from CDOT and RTD to review all the information and combining that information with the draft financial plan to recommend a list of project and program investment priorities.

Attachment 3 reflects the recommended list of project and program investment priorities. The investment strategy largely carries forward the existing identified priorities in the current adopted 2050 RTP, while including additional major, non-regionally significant projects funded programmatically. The framework for identifying investment priorities includes:

- Projects automatically carried over were updated first. This included changes to scope, cost, and staging period.
- Priority was then given to current projects resubmitted for continued inclusion.
- Alongside the qualitative scores, additional information to identify priorities included:
 - High congestion mobility scores.
 - High equity index scores.
 - Geographic balance, with a focus on new applicants or areas that had not previously had projects reflected in the RTP.
- Where appropriate, overlapping supportive projects were combined.

DRCOG staff will outline the process to arrive at the recommended investment priorities, provide an overview of the recommended list, and discuss next steps at the December RTC meeting.

Action by others

[December 15, 2025](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee. (seeking recommendation)

Previous discussion/action

[November 19, 2024](#) – Regional Transportation Committee.

[December 17, 2024](#) – Regional Transportation Committee.

[March 18, 2025](#) – Regional Transportation Committee.

[July 15, 2025](#) – Regional Transportation Committee.

[August 19, 2025](#) – Regional Transportation Committee.

Recommendation

None.

Attachments

1. DRCOG staff presentation.
2. List of candidate project scores.
3. Map of candidate project submittals.
4. List of recommended project and program investment priorities.



For more information

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