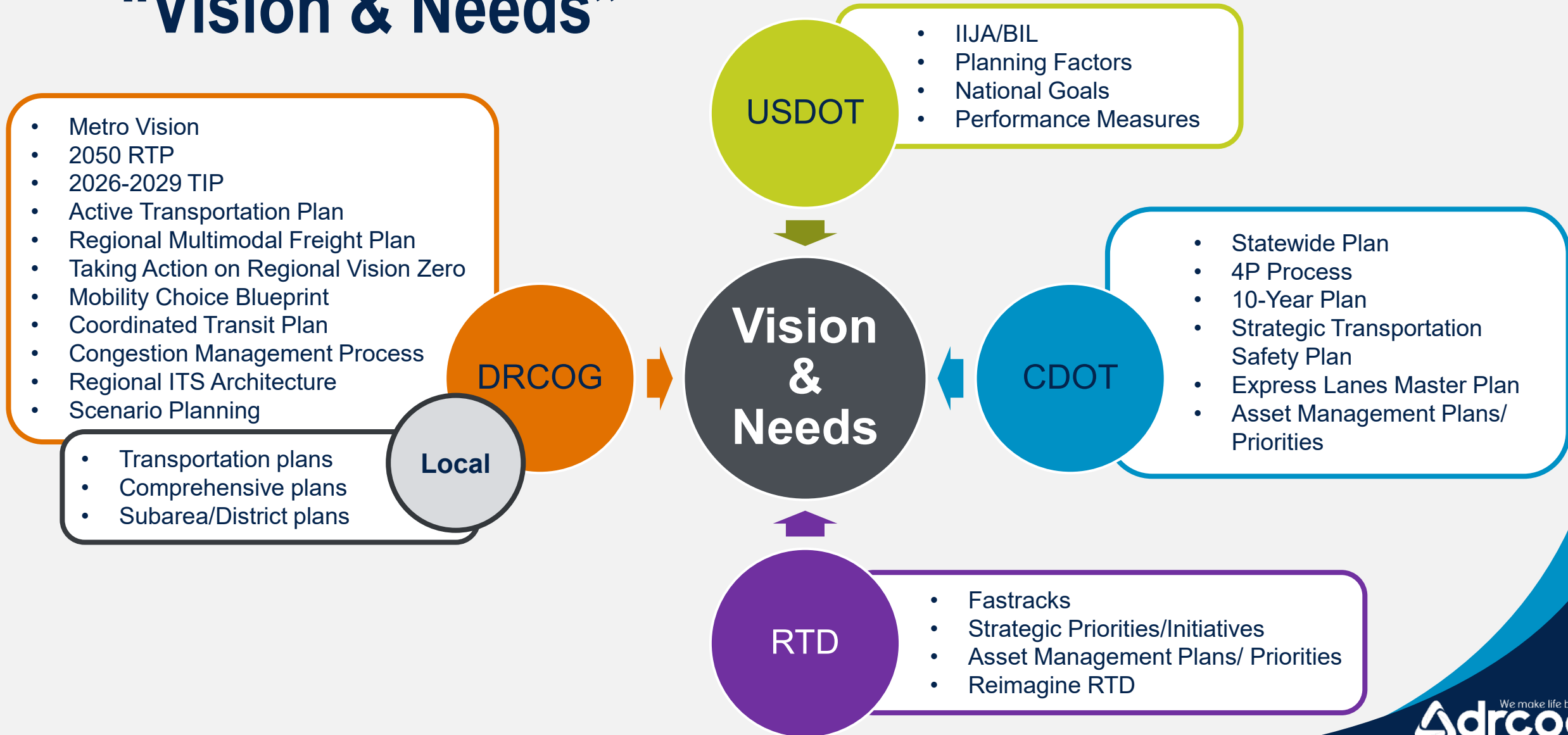Photo Credit: Colorado Department of Transportation

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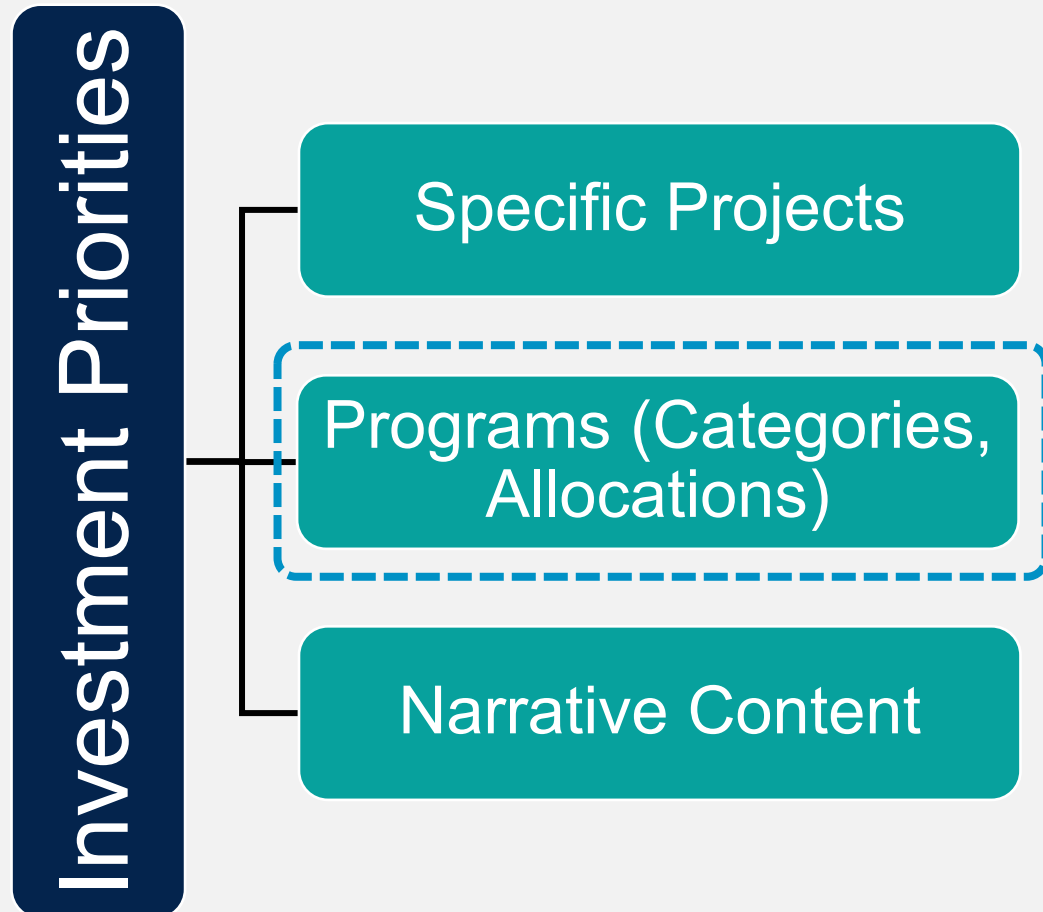
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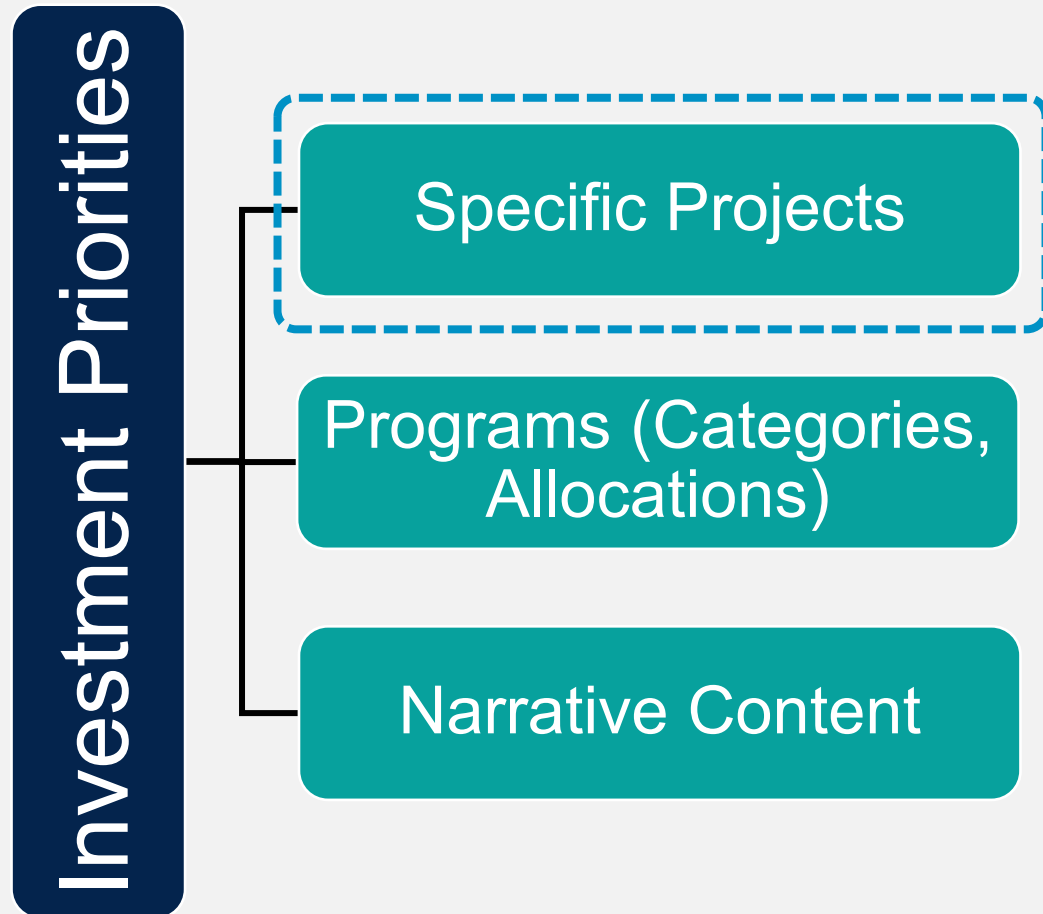We make life better!
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"Vision & Needs"

USDOT
- IIJA/BIL
- Planning Factors
- National Goals
- Performance Measures

DRCOG
- Metro Vision
- 2050 RTP
- 2026-2029 TIP
- Active Transportation Plan
- Regional Multimodal Freight Plan
- Taking Action on Regional Vision Zero
- Mobility Choice Blueprint
- Coordinated Transit Plan
- Congestion Management Process
- Regional ITS Architecture
- Scenario Planning

Local
- Transportation plans
- Comprehensive plans
- Subarea/District plans

Vision & Needs

CDOT
- Statewide Plan
- 4P Process
- 10-Year Plan
- Strategic Transportation Safety Plan
- Express Lanes Master Plan
- Asset Management Plans/ Priorities

RTD
- Fastracks
- Strategic Priorities/Initiatives
- Asset Management Plans/ Priorities
- Reimagine RTD

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Expressing programs in the RTP

Investment Priorities

- Specific Projects
- Programs (Categories, Allocations)
- Narrative Content

- Generally determined through **DRCOG, CDOT, RTD coordination**:
  - Maintenance, preservation, rehabilitation.
  - Operations and technology.
  - Transit service.
  - Sidewalks, bicycle facilities.

Expressing projects in the RTP

Investment Priorities

- Specific Projects
- Programs (Categories, Allocations)
- Narrative Content

- Must be included:
  - **Roadway widenings** of one center-line mile or more on the regional roadway system.
  - **New interchanges** and interchange improvements that add or delete travel movements (**new or deleted ramps**).
  - New rapid transit lines (**light rail, commuter rail, bus rapid transit**).

- Does not include:
  - Local roads (**changes not on the regional roadway system**).

Project types included in the RTP

Must be included in the plan. **Appendix I: Regionally Significant Project Criteria.**

Regionally significant **roadway capacity.**

Regionally significant **rapid transit capacity.**

Safety and **Complete Streets** improvements. (arterial safety, Vision Zero, Complete Streets retrofits).

Active transportation improvements. (bicycle facilities, pedestrian facilities, trails).

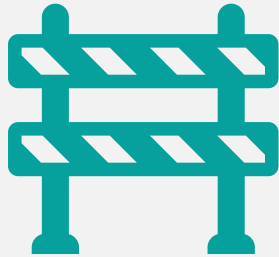**Freight** improvements. (bridge reconstructions, overpasses/ underpasses, new bridges).

Corridor planning – roadway and transit. (generalized corridors/concepts).

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Current 2050 RTP projects

Projects to be complete by 2025

Projects under CONST or in NEPA

Projects with NEPA/ CONST funds in the S/TIP

Projects planning for pre-NEPA studies

Other 2050 projects

Locally funded projects

No need to include

Will be automatically included

Can be submitted for evaluation

Framework for including investment priorities
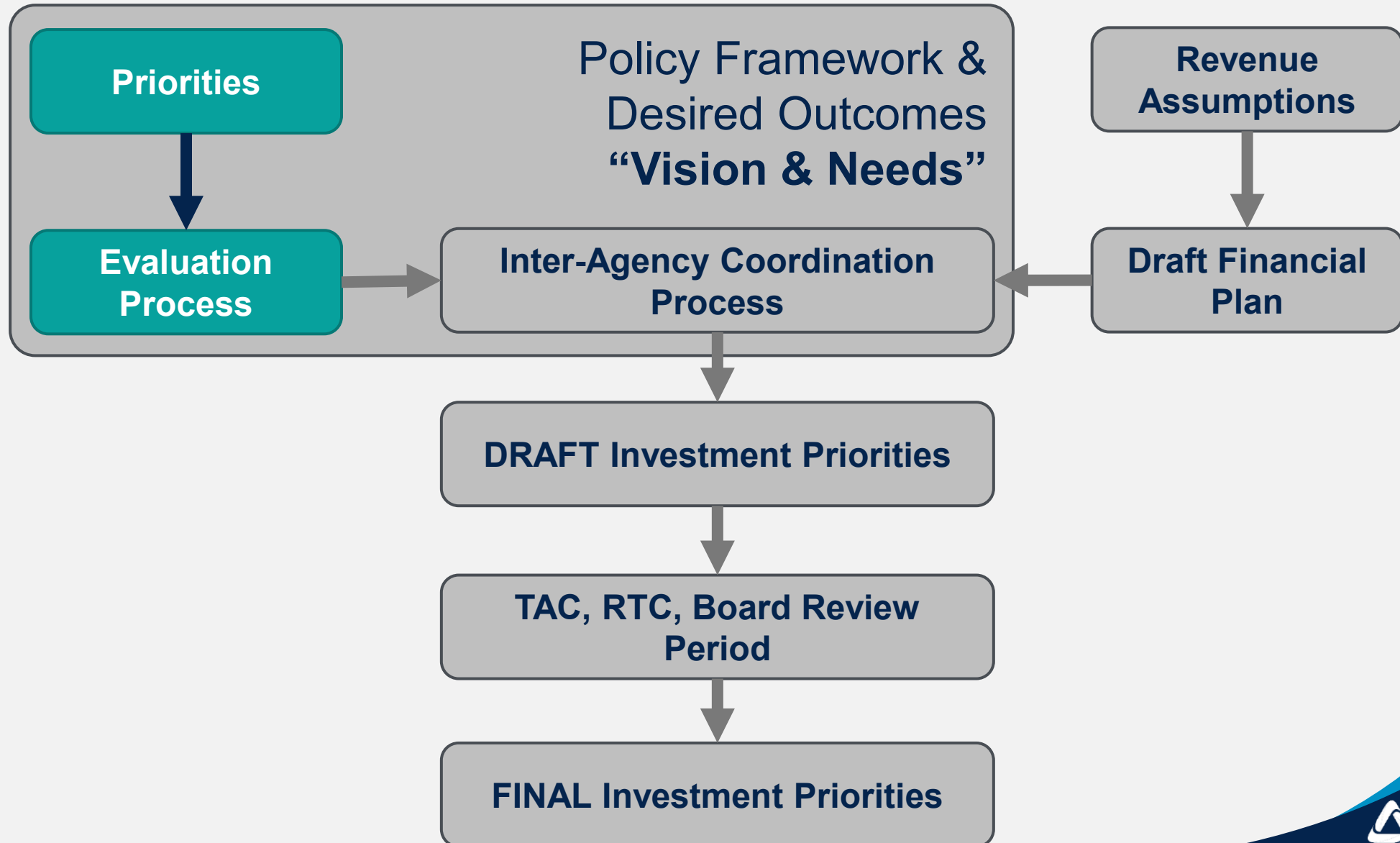
Identifying priorities

Interagency priorities

*Represent the greatest transportation needs **for the region** as determined by **DRCOG**, **CDOT**, and **RTD**.*
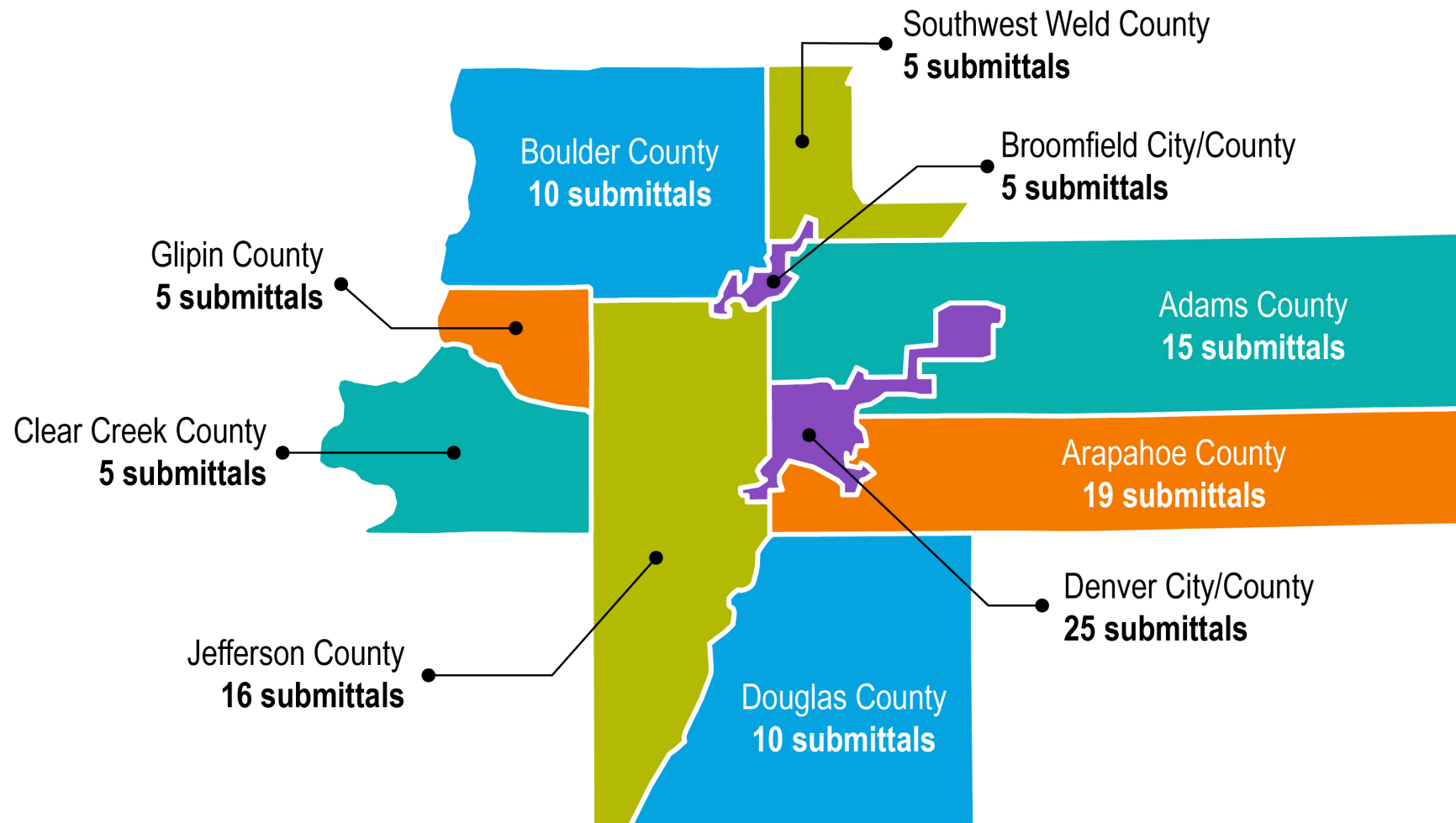
- DRCOG, RTD, CDOT submittals.
- Focused on interstate, US/CO highway, and rapid transit projects.

Subregional priorities

*Represent the greatest transportation needs **for each county/forum area** as determined by each of the **forums**.*
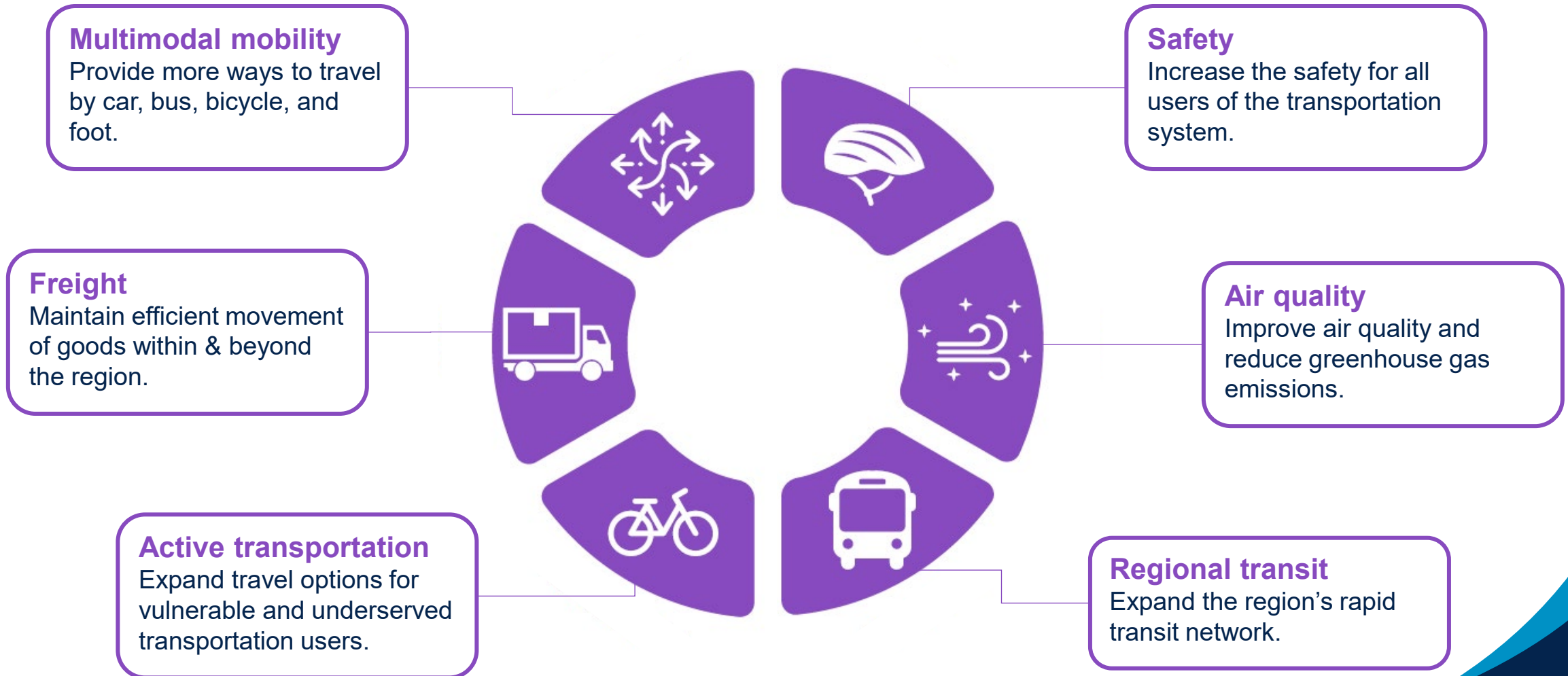
- Transportation forum solicitation submittals.
- Focused on non-interstate projects, except new interchange proposals.

Subregional candidate project submittals

Southwest Weld County
5 submittals

Broomfield City/County
5 submittals

Boulder County
10 submittals

Glipin County
5 submittals

Adams County
15 submittals

Clear Creek County
5 submittals

Arapahoe County
19 submittals

Denver City/County
25 submittals

Jefferson County
16 submittals

Douglas County
10 submittals

Average of **population** + **employment** + **vehicle miles traveled**

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Evaluation framework – six RTP priorities

Multimodal mobility
Provide more ways to travel by car, bus, bicycle, and foot.

Safety
Increase the safety for all users of the transportation system.

Freight
Maintain efficient movement of goods within & beyond the region.

Air quality
Improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Active transportation
Expand travel options for vulnerable and underserved transportation users.

Regional transit
Expand the region's rapid transit network.

Evaluation criteria – Metro Vision

- Metro Vision Theme: **An Efficient and Predictable Development Pattern.**
  - Increase housing and employment in urban centers. (Yes/No).
- Metro Vision Theme: **A Connected Multimodal Region.**
  - Operate, manage and maintain a safe and reliable transportation system (High/Medium/Low).
  - TPM: Improve pavement and/or bridge condition. (High/Medium/Low).
- Metro Vision Theme: **A Safe and Resilient Natural and Built Environment.**
  - Reduce the risks of hazards and their impact. (Yes/No).

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Evaluation criteria

- **Multimodal mobility** – Provide more ways to travel by car, bus, bicycle, and foot. (High/Medium/Low).
  - Increase access to amenities that support healthy, active choices. (Yes/No).
  - Improve transportation connections to health care facilities and service providers. (Yes/No).
  - Connect people to natural resource and recreational areas. (Yes/No).
  - Increase access to amenities that support healthy, active choices. (Yes/No).
  - Improve transportation connections to health care facilities and service providers. (Yes/No).

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Evaluation criteria, continued

- **Freight** – Maintain efficient movement of goods within & beyond the region.
  - Improve access to opportunity. (Yes/No).
  - Improve the region's competitive position. (Yes/No).
  - TPM: Improve total and/or truck travel time reliability. (High/Medium/Low).
  - TPM: Reduce peak hour delay and/or increase mode choice. (High/Medium/Low).

- **Active transportation** – Expand travel options for vulnerable and underserved transportation users. (High/Medium/Low).
  - TPM: Reduce peak hour delay and/or increase mode choice. (High/Medium/Low).

Evaluation criteria, continued

- **Safety** – Increase the safety for vulnerable road users of the transportation system. (High/Medium/Low).
  - TPM: Reduce fatalities and serious injuries, especially for non-motorized travel. (High/Medium/Low).

- **Air quality** – Improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
  - Improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. (High/Medium/Low).

- **Regional transit** – Expand and maintain the region's rapid transit network and transit options. (High/Medium/Low).
  - TPM: Improve transit safety. (High/Medium/Low).
  - TPM: Improve transit asset management/State of Good Repair. (High/Medium/Low).

Evaluation framework – max 48 points

Metro Vision objectives (max 8 points)

Multimodal mobility (max 8 points)	Freight (max 8 points)	Active transportation (max 6 points)
Safety (max 6 points)	Air quality (max 3 points)	Regional transit (max 9 points)

Evaluation process

- **Regional Review Panel** made up of DRCOG, CDOT, RTD staff, and County Transportation Forum representatives.
- Investment priorities evaluated against **RTP Priorities**. (Yes/No; High/Medium/Low).
  - Additional metrics related to **Metro Vision** and **federal performance measures** will be incorporated.
- This evaluation will be combined with the **draft financial plan** and **coordination** between all partner agencies will determine **draft program and project investment priorities**.

Solicitation details

- **Call for Projects**: August 25 – October 10. **(Tentative).**
- **Submittal information**:
  - Solicitation form through Formstack.
  - Additional documentation, as applicable.
  - GIS shapefile, as applicable.
- **Eligible agencies**:
  - Only public sector agencies (municipal/county governments, CDOT, and RTD) can submit for projects to be included in the 2050 RTP.
  - Only RTD can submit Fastracks rapid transit projects.
  - Only private toll companies or toll highway authorities can submit toll road projects (E-470, NW Parkway, Jefferson Parkway).

Information requested

- Basic project information:
  - County forum.
  - Project Sponsor.
  - Project name.
  - Location/limits.
  - Description.
  - Cost.
  - Year of completion.
- Justification, rationale, explanation in response to the criteria.
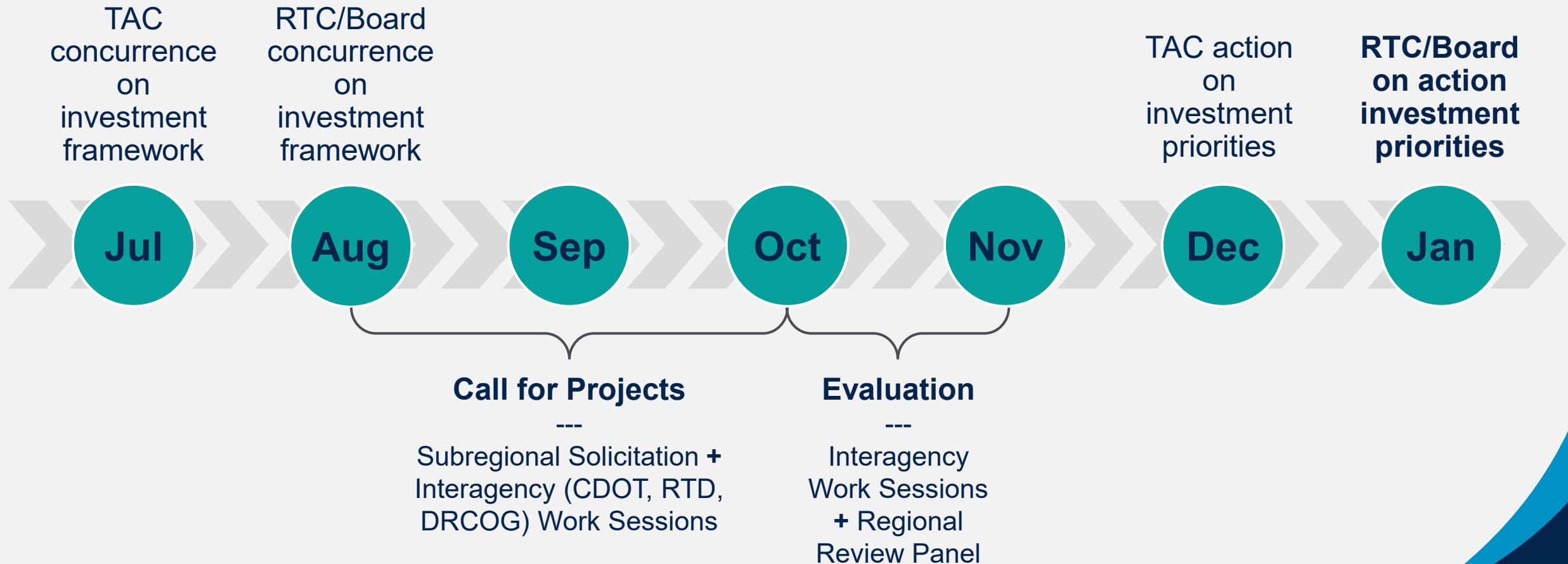
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