

Special Board of Directors

Meeting date: November 5, 2025

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2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update – Candidate Project Submittals

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 evaluation considerations.

Background

Candidate projects

The Call for Projects for the 2050 RTP closed October 17 and DRCOG staff received 127 projects, 23 through the subregional track and 104 through the interagency track. An additional six projects were submitted following the close of the Call for Projects. The projects are currently being scored by DRCOG staff against the six adopted RTP priorities and three Metro Vision themes. Attachment 2 shows the projects being automatically carried forward based on the framework identified over the summer. Attachment 3 is a table of the candidate projects received through the Call for Projects.

The Regional Review Panel is scheduled to meet in early November. The panel will be comprised of staff from DRCOG, CDOT, RTD, and a staff representative from each county transportation forum. Scores provided by DRCOG staff to the panel are only one component in evaluating the candidate project submittals and drafting recommended investment priorities. DRCOG staff will also be providing results from the travel demand model, an analysis with the equity index, county/forum prioritization, and public feedback to date.

Following the meetings of the Regional Review Panel, CDOT, RTD, and DRCOG staff, as the federally designated metropolitan planning organization planning partners, would review those outcomes, along with the draft financial plan and the broader Vision and Needs framework, to develop draft program and project investment priorities. That draft would be reviewed through DRCOG's committees and Board to develop final draft investment priorities for the 2050 RTP.

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.

Action by others

None.

Previous discussion/action

[November 20, 2024](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee.

[December 18, 2024](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee.

[August 20, 2025](#) – Board of Directors.

Recommendation

None.

Attachments

1. DRCOG Staff Presentation.
2. List of Carry-Over Projects.
3. List of Candidate Project Submittals.

For more information

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