

Regional Transportation Committee

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Transportation Improvement Program: Programming Year Adjustments

Agenda item type: Action

Summary

DRCOG staff is recommending adjusting the years of the next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to ensure alignment with the current 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) major update schedule.

Background

The TIP implements the 2050 RTP through its policies, calls for projects application, and selection process. As a result of several factors, the normal schedule for developing the next TIP for Fiscal Years 2028-2031 would overlap the current 2050 RTP Update. That overlap does not give the region the opportunity to align TIP investment priorities with the priorities of the updated RTP.

To remedy this situation, DRCOG is recommending two one-time exceptions to policy to offset the regular every-two-year TIP schedule to account for the current 2050 RTP major update schedule.

1. Shift the years of the next full four-year TIP by one year, from Fiscal Years 2028-2031 to Fiscal Years 2029-2032.
 - Delaying the next TIP by one year allows the updated 2050 RTP to be adopted (fall 2026) before the calls for projects for the next TIP take place (2027). After this one-time exception, future TIPs would continue to be adopted every two years, with calls for projects every four years.
2. As a result of the recommendation above, Fiscal Year 2028 funding would be left unprogrammed in the Fiscal Years 2026-2029 TIP and not included as part of the new Fiscal Years 2029-2032 TIP. To remedy this, DRCOG staff recommends to:
 - Program the current TIP set-asides with one year of Fiscal Year 2028 funding at the current funding levels into the current Fiscal Years 2026-2029 TIP. DRCOG managers of each set-aside can then include the Fiscal Year 2028 funding as part of their future calls for projects process. One year of funding for all the current set-aside programs totals \$11.5 million.
 - Use a portion of the anticipated Fiscal Year 2028 funding to backfill recent federal funding reductions without voluntarily reducing or eliminating funding from existing programmed projects. This amount is currently estimated at \$26 million across all federal funding sources DRCOG has allocation authority over.



- Add the remaining unprogrammed Fiscal Year 2028 funding to the future Fiscal Years 2029-2032 calls for projects. Without yet having any additional information regarding the next federal transportation bill, this is currently estimated at \$48 million.

Action by others

[September 22, 2025](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee recommended adoption.

Previous discussion/action

[June 17, 2025](#) - RTC Discussion.

Recommendation

Recommend to the Board of Directors exceptions to the adopted Policies for TIP Program Development document to shift the future Fiscal Years 2028-2031 TIP to 2029-2032, and to allocate future Fiscal Year 2028 funding as noted.

Attachment

Staff presentation.

For more information

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