

Transportation Advisory Committee

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Agenda Item #: 6 (Attachment D)

Fiscal Year 2029-2032 Transportation Improvement Program Kick-off

Agenda item type: Informational Briefing

Summary

Discussion regarding the anticipated development schedule for the new Fiscal Year 2029-2032 Transportation Improvement Program, or TIP, and kick-off to amend the existing TIP policy document.

Background

The next four-year TIP will cover federal Fiscal Years 2029-2032. The TIP identifies all federal- and state-funded transportation projects, and regionally significant projects regardless of funding source, in the Denver region over a four-year period. Projects are selected through a cooperative process, considering submittals from local governments, the Colorado Department of Transportation, or CDOT, the Regional Transportation District, or RTD, and other eligible agencies. DRCOG, through the Board of Directors, approves the process and criteria for awarding DRCOG-directed state and federal funds to projects in the TIP, which allows the region to implement its transportation priorities set by the Regional Transportation Plan, or RTP.

Anticipated TIP development schedule

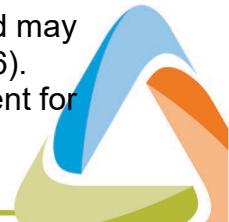
The development of the Fiscal Year 2029-2032 TIP is anticipated to last until Fall 2028 and consists of the following major elements outlined below. Attachment 1 outlines the anticipated schedule in more detail, including estimated discussions and actions by the DRCOG Board and transportation forums. All dates are approximate and subject to change.

- Discussions and action to amend the existing [Policies for TIP Program Development](#) document: through January 2027.
- Calls for Projects:
 - Regional Share: February to August 2027.
 - Subregional Share: August 2027 to March 2028.
- TIP document development, public hearing and adoption: January to August 2028.

TIP policy document amendment kick-off

The first step in developing the next TIP is to review, and amend as necessary, the existing TIP policy document. Since the conclusion of the previous call for projects, staff have actively sought internal and external comments and suggestions on how to improve the TIP process. Staff have organized these comments into minor and major categories:

- Minor: Comments, updates and/or changes that are administrative in nature and may not need stakeholder discussion until later in the amendment process (Fall 2026). These types of changes will automatically be included within the draft amendment for



eventual review and action. Examples include expected adjustments to the Subregional Share percentage breakdown due to updated data, text adjustments requested through DRCOG's quadrennial review in 2024, and general wordsmithing and reorganization.

- Major: Policy changes identified as needing further discussion, review and recommendation before placing them into the draft amendment and are outlined in the top section of Attachment 1. Examples may include discussions surrounding the removal of MMOF funds from these two specific calls for projects, adding specific TDM requirements, and Subregional Share criteria. Based on discussion, the topics listed are subject to change.

Document amendment; targeted topic discussions and sub-committee formation

The discussions at TAC throughout this year will center around policy updates considered "major", as defined above. To provide adequate time for discussion, staff intend to form a TIP subcommittee focusing on the larger, more time-consuming major items.

Membership of the TIP subcommittee is intended to be informally structured, with the expectation of one or two TAC volunteers from each county would be willing to serve, in addition to at least one representative from CDOT and RTD. Special interest seat TAC members are also invited to participate. It is anticipated the TIP subcommittee will meet in the first couple of weeks of each month for approximately two hours virtually, until all the topics are discussed and consensus is reached on related items. At that point, all recommendations from the TIP subcommittee will be brought back to the full TAC for discussion and action. Based on the level of discussion and resolution, the subcommittee may need to meet more than once a month.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

None

Recommendation

None.

Attachment(s)

1. Fiscal Year 2029-2032 TIP Development Schedule.
2. Staff presentation.

For more information

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