

Jefferson County Subregional Forum Technical Committee

Draft Meeting Summary

Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting in WebEx

Regular Agenda Items:

Convene

- Jefferson County Transportation and Engineering Division Director, Steve Durian, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Attendees:

Baskett, Debra (Westminster); Caulkins, Celeste (Jefferson County); Chesser, Jon (Wilson & Company); Cryer, Lee (RTD); Durian, Steve (Jefferson County); Firouzi, John (Arvada); George, Julie (CDOT); Glueck, Steve (Golden); Hart, Joseph (David Evans and Associates); Herrmann, Danny (CDOT); Heumann, Aaron (Littleton); Hughes, Michael (West Corridor TMA); Keleman, Mike (CDOT); Mills, Jocelyn (Edgewater); Onnen, Yelena (Jefferson County); Papsdorf, Ron (DRCOG); Prante, Latoya (DRMAC); Quinn, Chris (RTD); Riger, Jacob (DRCOG); Rowe, Jan (CDOT); Rudel, Jordan (CDOT); Sanchez, Alvan-Bidal (DRCOG); Stanton, Don (CDOT); Townsend, Lindsay (Jefferson County); Westberg, Mark (Wheat Ridge); Whiteaker, Mike (Lakewood); Wick, Don (Arvada); Wood, Susan (RTD)

Public Comment – None

Discussion of Candidate Projects for the DRCOG 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan

- Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) adopted the existing 2040 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan (MVRTP) and is working to update it to the 2050 MVRTP. Currently, DRCOG is asking county subregional forums, Regional Transportation District (RTD), and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to identify their major multi-modal transportation priorities. This group can submit up to 16 projects for evaluation to be included in the 2050 MVRTP.
- DRCOG made an information packet for solicitation of 2050 MVRTP projects. Steve Durian sent it out a week ago.
- A panel with representatives from each county subregional forum, RTD, and CDOT will evaluate transportation priorities and the 2050 financial plan to draft the 2050 MVRTP. This will happen mid to late August 2020.
- Projects that have completed the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) phase will automatically be forwarded from the 2040 to the 2050 MVRTP. The US-6 and Wadsworth Boulevard Interchange will need a NEPA re-evaluation and will require a new application for the 2050 MVRTP. Projects that have not completed NEPA will require new applications for the 2050 MVRTP.
- DRCOG will coordinate with county forums, RTD, and CDOT to create a combined list of projects.
- Potential candidate projects brought up by the group were:
 - Projects identified in the WestConnect Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study
 - Wadsworth Boulevard (92nd Avenue to US-285) widening from the 2040 MVRTP
 - Ward Road grade separation with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway
 - I-70 and Harlan Street Interchange
 - Youngfield Street and Ward Road reconfiguration
 - Wadsworth Boulevard segments between 19th Avenue and 35th Avenue
 - I-70 and 32nd Avenue ramps

- Sheridan Boulevard south of 52nd Avenue
- Indiana Street at Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) widening in Arvada
- US-6 at US-40, Johnson Road, and Heritage Road
- SH-93 and Washington Avenue
- DRCOG wants to see multi-modal arterial safety projects on this list.
- Steve Durian will create and send a document to local jurisdictions to collect lists of potential projects for the 2050 MVRTP. The group can then go through the list and select 16 to bring to voting members of the Forum.
- The list of 16 projects is due Wednesday, August 19. DRCOG can allow an extra day or two if needed.
- The Jefferson County Subregional Forum Technical Committee will meet Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. the next couple weeks to discuss candidate projects. Steve Durian volunteered to collect information from local jurisdictions outside the meetings in case some cannot attend. A third meeting will be scheduled with voting members of the Forum.
- John Firouzi was selected to represent Jefferson County on the Safer Main Streets Initiative Project Review Panel.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Summary submitted by Lindsay Townsend, Administrative Coordinator
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