

TIP Policy Document: Review of Draft Amendment

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Purpose.

- Purpose for today: review proposed amendments to date to the TIP Policy. Material attached:
  - Attachment 1: Red-lined of proposed changes to the TIP Policy document.
  - Attachment 2: Overview of proposed changes document, organized by section. These are just the high-level changes are not all-encompassing.
    - This presentation will not cover all the high-level changes.

- December RTC: seeking recommendation.

Proposed changes: Agency roles and requirements

- Matching funds availability: from “reasonably expected to be available at application time” to “available at application time or expected to before IGA process begins”.

- Projects that affect air quality to match RTP language: “capacity” to “regionally significant” and “capital project” refers to any infrastructure project.

Proposed changes: DRCOG initial programming

- Dual tracks removed due to no MMOF to program.
- DRCOG request for a TIP commitment of $1 million/year in FY 2028 STBG to supplement and “bridge” federal planning funds to maintain federal planning activities and requirements until a new surface transportation reauthorization bill is passed.
- Updated TIP Set-asides (see next slide).
  - 20-23 TIP: set-asides 20.5% of total initially programmed.
  - Projected 29-32 TIP: 16.5%

TIP Set-Asides Updated.

Set-aside program	2024-2027 funding	2029-2032 funding	Percent Change
Air Quality Improvements	$7,920,000	$8,020,000	$100,000 increase
Human Service Transportation	$8,000,000	$8,000,000	No change
Livable Centers Small-Area Planning	$2,500,000	$3,000,000	$500,000 increase
Regional Transportation Operations and Technology	$20,000,000	$20,000,000	No change
Transportation Demand Management	$15,440,000	$17,020,000	$1,580,000 increase
Community-Based Transportation Planning	$2,500,000	$12,000,000	$2,500,000 increase
Innovative Mobility	$4,000,000		
Transportation Corridor Planning	$3,000,000		
Total	**$63,360,000**	**$68,040,000**	**$4.680,000 increase**

Proposed changes: Calls for projects.

- Investment priorities updated to match draft RTP (multimodal mobility removed, Reliability added)
- Minimum match requirement remains at 20%, but now 18.5% used for projects in executed IGAs and 1.5% invoiced by DRCOG after TIP is adopted as the TIP Administrative Fee.
  - Minimum ratio: from 80/20 to 81.5/18.5.
- TIP Administrative Fee: result of revised DRCOG member contribution calculations and methodology. 1.5% fee placed upon DRCOG-allocation Board-approved projects. Fee is a replacement for anticipated 50% reduction in membership contribution.

Proposed changes: Call for Projects (cont.)

- Inflation factor: replaced 3% factor with asking applicants to review the current construction index provided by CDOT.

- Added Walk Audit requirement for all applications, except for studies, procurement, transit service, and other non-infrastructure projects.

- Required after counts for all new/enhanced active transportation facilities.

Proposed changes: Regional Share call

- Eligibility table updated/expanded:
  - Safety, active transportation, freight projects: anywhere on Regional Roadway System.
  - Transit service must be defined.
  - Studies don’t need to cover entire MPO.

- Added new “Regionalism” section to application and updated weightings.

Proposed changes: Subregional Share call

- Funding targets by county has been updated.
- Eligibility table updated/expanded:
  - Safety, freight projects: anywhere on Regional Roadway System.
  - Transit service must be defined.
- Updated application section weightings.
- Removed table outlining the maximum number of applications DRCOG staff would provide scoring assistance with.

Proposed changes: development and adoption

- TIP administrative modification funding threshold increase from $5 million to $10 million.
- Reduced TIP revenues? Returned/cancelled project funding applies to making program whole, before allowing returned funds to be reprogrammed.
- New TIP revenues? First will apply towards current over-programming balances.
- Appendixes: eligible RTP projects and base application questions added.

Thank you!

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