

DRCOG Ad Hoc Committee on Transportation Finance

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Ad Hoc Committee Scope

- Regional effort, a statewide effort or separate local efforts?
- What financing mechanisms are available and how much of the shortfall should be funded?
- What types of projects should be eligible?
- How should the revenues be allocated and who should administer the allocations?
- How should projects be prioritized?
- What should be the next steps for the DRCOG Board?

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Ad Hoc Committee Summary

- 27 members
- 15 DRCOG Board members or representatives
- Met seven times from August 2006 to March 2007

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Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

- Statewide funding
 - ◆ DRCOG actively participate on the Governor's Transportation Finance and Implementation Panel
 - ◆ Investigate membership in Move Colorado and keep informed of activities
 - ◆ Raise at least \$10B for Denver region over next 20 years
 - ◆ Projects consistent with Regional Transportation Plan "Vision" element

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Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

- Statewide funding
 - ◆ Projects should be:
 - ◆ Multimodal
 - ◆ Capacity improvements
 - ◆ Reconstruction
 - ◆ Maintenance of existing infrastructure
 - ◆ As identified by Transportation Planning Regions
 - ◆ Reliable and sustainable funding sources:
 - ◆ Increase state fuel tax
 - ◆ Index state fuel tax to inflation
 - ◆ Investigate vehicle-miles-of-travel tax

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Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

- Statewide funding
 - ◆ Eliminate existing restrictions on revenue use imposed by Taxpayers Bill of Rights
 - ◆ Eliminate modal restrictions on transportation-dedicated revenue use
- Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)
 - ◆ DRCOG Board should appoint an exploratory committee to examine RTA
 - ◆ Committee should conclude its work by end of 2007

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Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

- Addendum to committee recommendations
 - ◆ DRCOG "scenario planning" exercises related to 2035 Metro Vision Plan and Regional Transportation Plan
 - ◆ Connection between land use and transportation planning
 - ◆ Public-private partnerships

DRCOG Board Actions

- Board received Ad Hoc Committee Report on April 18, 2007
- Board directed staff to prepare briefing materials on scenario planning
- Board agreed to form exploratory committee for an RTA