

Transit & Rail Advisory Committee  
Summary Recommendation for a Regional Planning Allocation

May 11, 2018

The Transit Development Program (TDP) is a planning tool developed by the Division of Transit & Rail (DTR) to inventory the unfunded transit capital project needs in Colorado. A subset of that inventory, called the Tier 1 Transit Development Program, identifies the highest-priority capital projects and supports the identification of ideal candidate projects in the event that new funding opportunities arise for Transit in Colorado.

The Transit & Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC) formed a subcommittee in late March, 2018 consisting of the following members, to study, develop and recommend a Regional Planning Allocation formula and to determine an appropriate Tier 1 Planning Target. The Regional Planning Allocation is a formula that defines a proportional allocation of the total dollar amount in the Tier 1 Planning Target amongst the state's 15 urban and rural Transportation Planning Regions.

TRAC Subcommittee Membership included:

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The TRAC Subcommittee met on five occasions in April and early May 2018 and on May 7, reached a decision on a recommended Tier 1 Planning Target and Regional Planning Allocation formula. Several factors and issues emerged in the Subcommittee's discussions, and resulted in a formula based on the following considerations:

- Recognizes general population distribution
- Represents Rural and Urban differences in transit services
- Accounts for the different types of demand for transit
- Recognizes existing ridership and service levels, but supports areas needing increased services
- Provides a minimum allocation for viability of services and projects in very rural and very low-population regions

The TRAC recommended Regional Planning Allocation formula is based on 2016 data, and includes the following Criteria and weighting:

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Description</u>
30% - General Population	Estimated population based on 2010 Census
10% - Employment	Estimated number of jobs
20% - Disadvantaged Populations	Estimated population that are either senior (over 65), disabled, and/or low-income
10% - Zero-vehicle Households	Number of households with no access to a personal vehicle
15% - Transit Revenue Miles	Total Revenue Miles reported to National Transit Database (NTD)
15% - Transit Unlinked Trips	Total Unlinked Trips reported to NTD

In addition to the criteria and weighting above, the Subcommittee recommended a minimum allocation amount of \$10 million for any one Region. This affected only the South Central TPR's resulting target, increasing it from \$5.5 million.

The Total Tier 1 Planning Target recommended is **\$1.5 Billion statewide**.

The table on the following page demonstrates the distribution of each criteria by region and the resulting dollar proportion to each Transportation Planning Region based on the above Planning Target. Each column of percentages indicates how much of that measure exists in each region relative to the state as a whole. The total allocation for a region is calculated by summing together each measure by that criteria's formula weight.

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TPR ID	TPR Name	Total Pop 2016	Total Jobs 2016	Disadvantaged Populations 2016	Zero-vehicle Households 2016	Revenue Miles 2016	Unlinked Trips 2016	Planning Alloc%	Planning Target\$
1	Pikes Peak Area	12.1%	10.0%	11.8%	9.9%	4.40%	2.62%	9.0%	\$135,313,588
2	Greater Denver Area	57.5%	64.3%	52.9%	62.5%	69.64%	80.45%	63.0%	\$945,199,557
3	North Front Range	8.8%	8.0%	9.2%	7.3%	4.68%	3.88%	7.3%	\$109,280,726
4	Pueblo Area	3.0%	2.3%	4.4%	4.8%	1.19%	0.72%	2.8%	\$41,949,836
5	Grand Valley	2.8%	2.6%	3.6%	2.8%	1.06%	0.62%	2.3%	\$35,195,977
6	Eastern	1.6%	1.0%	1.7%	1.5%	0.08%	0.03%	1.1%	\$16,109,089
7	Southeast	0.9%	0.6%	1.3%	1.0%	0.13%	0.03%	0.7%	\$10,594,695
8	San Luis Valley	1.2%	0.9%	1.9%	1.6%	0.08%	0.01%	1.0%	\$15,006,024
9	Gunnison Valley	1.9%	1.4%	2.6%	1.9%	5.01%	2.68%	2.6%	\$38,572,936
10	Southwest	1.8%	1.6%	2.1%	0.9%	1.24%	0.41%	1.4%	\$21,592,448
11	Intermountain	3.1%	3.5%	2.5%	1.7%	7.85%	6.39%	4.1%	\$61,047,108
12	Northwest	1.1%	1.1%	1.0%	0.8%	1.19%	1.29%	1.1%	\$16,462,708
13	Upper Front Range	1.9%	1.4%	2.1%	1.4%	1.03%	0.10%	1.5%	\$21,876,980
14	Central Front Range	2.0%	1.0%	2.3%	1.3%	2.29%	0.77%	1.8%	\$26,287,733
15	South Central	0.4%	0.3%	0.6%	0.7%	0.16%	0.02%	0.7%	\$10,000,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$1,504,489,403</b>
	<b>Weighting</b>	<b>30.0%</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>15.0%</b>		