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TO: DCHC Technical Committee
FROM : Andy Henry, LPA Staff
SUBJECT: 2055 MTP Goals and Objectives

Summary

Staff recommend that the DCHC MPO board release the current Goals and Objectives, which were adopted for the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), for a minimum 42-day public engagement period (as required by the MPO Public Involvement Plan). The public engagement will include an online and paper survey, social media and newspaper promotion, in-person engagement events, compilation and summarization of public comments, and a public hearing.

Background

The DCHC MPO Goals and Objectives guide the MPO's policies and project selection not only for the MTP but also for other efforts such as corridor studies, project funding policy, safety studies, and bicycle, pedestrian and transit plans. The MPO dedicated considerable research and public engagement effort in 2020 to develop the Goals and Objectives for the 2050 MTP and to ensure that the DCHC MPO and Capital Area MPO (CAMPO) adopted the same, or similar, Goals and Objectives. The 2055 MTP planning is not starting from scratch, but rather building upon the planning and progress from the 2050 MTP. The purpose of releasing the current Goals and Objectives is to consider any needed changes, to hear directly from the public concerning their transportation vision, and to introduce people to the MTP and the MTP process. It is the first major task of the 2055 MTP development process.

As a practice, the DCHC MPO has approved the Goals and Objectives, and other planning tools such as the socio-economic data and travel demand model (i.e., Triangle Regional Model – TRM), for use in development of the MTP and then adopted a final version at the end of the MTP process. The MTP development period is three years and during that period there can be some impactful changes to transportation planning. This *approve first/adopt later* practice allows needed changes to more easily occur at the end of the process.

Schedule

- October 25 – Technical Committee recommends that the DCHC MPO board release draft Goals and Objectives
- November 8 – DCHC Board releases draft Goals and Objectives for public engagement
- November 15 – CAMPO Board releases draft Goals and Objectives for public engagement
- November 16 through January 10, 2024 – public engagement period
- January 2024 – DCHC Board conducts public hearing
- January 2024 – Joint Board meeting with CAMPO
- February 2024 – DCHC Board approves Goals and Objectives for development of the 2055 MTP.

A copy of the current Goals and Objectives is attached.