

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Ballot Measure Proposal Submission Form

Thank you for ensuring that Denver’s ballot referral process adheres to good governance principles. Please provide thoughtful and well researched responses to the following questions at least _____ before the proposal is submitted to the Finance and Governance Committee.

Responses to each question are limited to 250 words. Please contact _____ with any questions or concerns.

1. Is the ballot measure proposal an amendment to the Charter or the Code?

Charter Amendment

Code Amendment

2. Topic or title of ballot measure proposal.

For an ordinance submitting to a vote of the qualified and registered electors of the City and County of Denver at a special municipal election to be held in conjunction with the with the coordinated election of November 3, 2020, a proposed amendment to the Charter of the City and County of Denver creating a Board of Transportation and Infrastructure.

3. What problem are you trying to solve?

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure was recently formed. Establishing an advisory committee with members appointed by city council and the mayor establishes the importance of citizen input into the policies and procedures of the Department and recognizes that the importance of transportation and infrastructure to neighborhoods throughout the city.

4. How will the proposed amendment address this problem?

Establishing the committee through a charter amendment highlights the importance of the citizen input and assures city council representation through their appointments to the body.

Placing the advisory body in the charter assures that future administrations cannot unilaterally abolish the body.

5. Explain the origins and background of your proposal.
Citizens approached my office with the request for an advisory committee for DOTI similar to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board which is in the charter and has successfully provided an avenue for community input to the agency. The DOTI leadership recognizes the value of an advisory board that will understand the annual work plans and priorities and regular, high quality access to DOTI leadership.
6. Describe the stakeholders (internal and external) and the stakeholder process.
DOTI was consulted, as were the transportation advocates who originated the idea.
7. What city agencies will be impacted? Provide the agency feedback.
DOTI – the agency feedback was incorporated into the charter language.
8. What is the fiscal impact to the city?
Minimal. The Department of Parks & Recreation does not track PRAB expenditures because they are minimal. The primary cost is staff time to manage and attend advisory board meetings.
9. Provide any appropriate legal analysis. Are there any possible legal problems? Are there any relevant state laws?
NA
10. Will the proposal have an effect on neighboring cities or the state?
No
11. Provide examples from other cities if possible.

I point to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council in our city as an example of the success of this type of body.

12. Who opposes the proposal and why?

No one that I am aware of. The modality specific committees will continue to work on issues or policies that impact their focus areas. DOTI will develop a protocol for how information will flow between the various committees and the advisory board.

13. Term/duration (Will this item need a sunset clause? If so, why?)

No.