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Background and Purpose

- Meaningful public and stakeholder discussion of regional transit investment priorities through a working charrette ("game")
- Costs are constrained to force group negotiation, prioritization, and consensus-building
- Outreach outcomes will Inform priorities for DVRPC's next Long Range Plan and generate ideas and preferences for a new Regional Vision Plan for transit
Dots & Dashes Dollars & Cents

- Costs for dot (node) and dash (corridor) projects are derived from the costs of real transit projects drawn from the New Starts pipeline and transit agency capital programs, with adjustments to 2030 dollars.
- Based on testing, a ‘total budget’ cap of $5 billion was assigned to ensure constrained preferences and priorities for investments over a 20+ year timeframe (through 2030).

Group Decisions

- Groups begin by deciding how to split their spending on:
  - Improvements to the existing system (e.g. fare modernization, greater frequencies, station enhancements)
  - Network expansion (new rail corridors, BRT corridors, transportation centers, or major station expansions)
  - Specific ‘existing system’ improvements are identified in writing, and the rest of the game is played to identify, distribute, and roughly cost out network expansion improvements on the regional game board
Preliminary Results

- We have a working outreach tool, shown to engage public discussion of preferences and reach group consensus on transit priorities.
- Data results from two sessions have been entered into a database for aggregation and analysis.
- Composite results (projects and investments that groups most frequently prefer) will inform regional plans.
- A central public game session is pending, along with a series of sessions involving DVRPC committees and affiliated agencies.