

# Board Work Session Summary

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Meeting held via Zoom

## Members/Alternates Present

Colleen Whitlow, Chair	Town of Mead
Kathy Henson	Adams County
Julie Duran Mullica	Adams County
Jeff Baker	Arapahoe County
Austin Ward	City and County of Broomfield
Rebecca Lloyd	Clear Creek County
Kevin Flynn	City and County of Denver
Adam Paul	City and County of Denver
Kevin Van Winkle	Douglas County
Susan Berumen	Gilpin County
Andy Kerr	Jefferson County
Sharon Davis	City of Arvada
Greg Mills	City of Brighton
Steve Douglas	City of Commerce City
Steve Conklin	City of Edgewater
Emily Baer	Town of Erie
Georgia Koefed	Town of Georgetown
Chuck Harmon	Town of Idaho Springs
Brian Wong	City of Lafayette
Jeslin Shahrezaei	City of Lakewood
Stephen Barr	City of Littleton
Larry Strock	Town of Lochbuie
Marissa Harmon	City of Lone Tree
Judi Kern	City of Louisville
Hollie Rogin	Town of Lyons
Kathleen Bailey	Town of Mountain View
Richard Kondo	City of Northglenn
John Diak	Town of Parker
Justin Martinez	City of Thornton
Claire Carmelia	City of Westminster
Bud Starker	City of Wheat Ridge

Others Present: Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director, Melinda Stevens, Executive Assistant, DRCOG; Janet Lundquist, Adams County; Bryan Weimer, Arapahoe County; Kent Moorman, Thornton; and DRCOG staff.

Chair Whitlow called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

## Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## 2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update

Alvan-Bidal Sanchez presented an overview of the update to the members. Staff wanted to present a key component of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP): the Regional

Roadway System (RRS). The RRS includes the region's most critical and heavily traveled roadways, which are categorized into four functional classes (freeways, major regional arterials, principal arterials, and other arterials) and serve as the foundation for federal air quality conformity, greenhouse gas analyses, and the allocation of limited federal transportation funding. Once adopted, the RRS remains fixed for four years and determines eligibility for capacity projects included in the RTP and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). To support this update, DRCOG staff have proposed rural expansions and inclusion of all Colorado state highways in the region, with technical review from local governments. A call for revisions was also held in spring 2025, allowing local agencies to request changes like adding, removing, or reclassifying roadways. These submissions, along with DRCOG-initiated proposals, are being carefully reviewed in coordination with local staff. Final decisions will proceed through the Transportation Advisory Committee, Regional Transportation Committee, and ultimately the DRCOG Board. [A PDF map](#) was also shared to help stakeholders visualize proposed changes in their areas.

### **Building Policy Collaborative Jurisdictional Support Subaward Program**

Gregory Miao provided an overview of the program to the directors. DRCOG staff wanted to provide a preview to an upcoming board action to approve the jurisdictional support subaward policy for the Building Policy Collaborative, one component of the broader Building Decarbonization Program. The collaborative is designed to help local jurisdictions adopt and implement building decarbonization policies through three efforts: \$34.8 million in subawards to support local capacity, a \$2.5 million regional peer network for monthly collaboration, and \$1 million for localized research to assess policy benefits and costs.

The subaward policy was shaped through extensive input from local governments and prioritizes funding for staff capacity, training, permitting systems, community engagement, and technical support. Funding will be distributed through a [formula-based, non-competitive process](#) with award tiers ranging from \$50,000 to \$2 million based on emissions data and jurisdiction size. Applications will be accepted starting June 2 through October 31, with subawards approved monthly through December 17. A second, competitive funding round is planned for 2026 using any unallocated funds. The policy has received technical committee approval and is scheduled for board consideration later this month.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.