

Board update

Board meeting: July 15, 2026



Consent agenda items

- [Innovation Pilot Program Round 1 recommendations.](#)

- [Human Services Transportation Set-Aside and Section 5310 supplementary project recommendations.](#)
- [Fiscal year 2025 Transportation Improvement Program second-year delays.](#)



Action item

[**Discussion of the Building Policy Collaborative Roadmap**](#)

Presenter: Greg Miao, program manager, Power Ahead Colorado

Background: The Building Policy Collaborative Roadmap sets out a regional vision to steadily reduce climate pollution from buildings and

outlines how local governments can collaborate to ensure policies and building codes are consistent across jurisdictions. The roadmap identifies three actions local governments can take to achieve the vision of a region where buildings are efficient, comfortable, affordable, resilient and free of energy-related pollution.

The three actions include:

- Adopting advanced building energy codes for new construction to ensure new buildings don't contribute to climate pollution.
- Implementing energy use disclosure policies to help homeowners, commercial building owners and governments track energy use and better understand how much pollution existing buildings are creating.
- Setting rules for energy upgrades or thresholds for long-term improvements to reduce pollution from existing buildings.

The Building Policy Collaborative team will spend this year and next developing model codes and policies and refining implementation details. Staff expect Phase 1, in which the team will work with member governments to move toward adopting building codes that meet or exceed state minimums for energy and transparency, to launch in 2027.

Result: The Board approved the Building Policy Collaborative Roadmap.



Informational briefings

[Regional Transportation District annual FasTracks status report](#)

Presenter: Keith Hall, project manager, capital programs, RTD

Background: A 2013 Board resolution requires RTD to present an annual status report on FasTracks to the Denver Regional Council of Governments Board of Directors. To date, 10 FasTracks projects have been completed, while four remain unfinished: the North Metro Rail Line from 124th to 162nd Avenue, the Southwest Rail and L Line extensions, and Phase 2 of the Northwest Rail Line.

In its Finishing FasTracks Report, published in late 2025, RTD staff identified an estimated \$1.2 billion gap in funding for completion of the four unfinished FasTracks projects. The current balance in the FasTracks Internal Savings Account is \$185 million, which Hall noted is not sufficient to complete any of the unfinished

projects, and RTD staff don't expect the balance to grow between now and 2030 because of upcoming maintenance payments on the A, B and G lines. In addition, a recent sales and use tax forecast highlighted a potential \$77.9 million tax revenue shortfall over the next four years.

RTD has partnered with the Front Range Passenger Rail District, the Colorado Department of Transportation and the governor's office on the Northwest Rail Joint Service Initiative, which would bring three daily round trips on Front Range Passenger Rail to six of the planned FasTracks stations along the Northwest Rail corridor. In April, the RTD board approved \$5.58 million in funding to support the design phase of the project.



[Regional Housing Strategy update](#)

Presenters: Regan Fruh, senior planner, Regional Planning and Development, and Tyler Bump, partner and director of strategic growth, ECONorthwest

Background: Since the first half of 2026, DRCOG staff and consultants have been drafting the Regional Housing Strategy document, which will serve as a framework for coordinating housing and transportation planning to leverage the region's current and future investments. The document is organized around four key components: vision, goals, pathways and implementation strategies.

The strategy's five overarching goals include:

- An increased and diversified housing supply.
- Expanded and aligned funding capacity across jurisdictions.
- Preserved and stabilized affordable housing.
- Strong, sustained regional coordination to advance housing and infrastructure goals.
- Recognition of housing as a regional asset.

The draft document outlines five pathways for achieving the goals, including:

- Making it easier and faster to build housing.
- Working as a region to fund housing.
- Leveraging investments to achieve shared goals.
- Partnering to strengthen community stability.
- Building regional support for housing.

The document also sets up a framework for collaboration at both the regional and subregional levels to achieve the strategy's goals. At the regional level, a new Regional Housing Advisory Committee would serve as a high-level guiding body, while Idea Exchanges would provide hands-on coordination and support to member governments to implement actions. At the subregional level, DRCOG staff

would support existing partnerships among jurisdictions and bring together new partnerships to coordinate resources and project delivery on a more granular scale.

DRCOG staff will host a [partner workshop](#) on Monday, July 27, to coordinate with member government staff. The draft Regional Housing Strategy document will be available for member governments to review in August and will be presented to the Board for consideration at the September 16 meeting.



[Community-Based Transportation Planning updates](#)

Presenter: Brittney Compton,
planner, Transportation

Planning and Operations

Background: In 2024, the Board approved five new projects as part of the Community-Based Transportation Planning Set-Aside, which provides funding for DRCOG staff to work with member governments to address mobility challenges in historically disadvantaged communities. Staff recently completed four of the selected projects in partnership with local agencies: the 92nd Avenue Corridor Study in Federal Heights, the 303 Artway and Montbello Loop Implementation Plan, the Brighton Core City Circulation Plan and the Pecos Corridor Study.

The 92nd Avenue Corridor Study addressed urgent safety and transportation issues on 92nd Avenue between Federal Boulevard and Pecos Street. The final plan includes

recommendations for both short-term pedestrian crossing improvements and long-term upgrades like raised median islands, roundabouts and a shared-use path.

The 303 Artway and Montbello Loop Implementation Plan identifies short-, medium- and long-term steps to implement two community-created projects (the 303 Artway in northeast Park Hill and the Montbello Loop in Montbello) and align them with City and County of Denver design guidelines.

The Brighton Core City Circulation Plan made recommendations to improve safety and multimodal transportation on Bridge Street, which had 599 crashes between 2019 and 2023. Recommendations include short-term changes that were integrated into Brighton's Transportation Preservation and Improvement Project, as well as long-term improvements like adding medians and upgrading pedestrian crossings.

The Pecos Corridor Study explored multimodal transportation and safety improvements along Pecos Street from 62nd Parkway to 84th Avenue, a corridor that experiences a high number of crashes and lacks safe infrastructure for people walking, biking or catching the bus. The final plan includes a visionary design with elements such as public art, widened detached sidewalks, raised driveway crossings, protected bikeways and enhanced bus stops.

The remaining project approved in 2024 is the Commerce City Microtransit Study, which will conclude later in July. Upcoming Community-Based Transportation Planning projects include the Sherrelwood Transportation Vision, the Northglenn First and Last Mile Plan, and Lakewood's 6th Avenue and Harlan Street Community Crossing Study. DRCOG staff will issue a new call for projects under the set-aside in the fall.

