



Meeting Summary Executive Committee

January 22, 2026

9:00 a.m.

**Denver Regional Council of Governments
1001 17th Street, Suite 700, Denver, CO 80202**

Attendees

Debra Johnson, RTD

Kay Kelly, CDOT

Heather Pickering-Hilgers, CDOT

Douglas W. Rex, DRCOG

Jacob Riger, DRCOG

Emily Lindsey, DRCOG

Steph Piperno, DRCOG

Welcome and introductions

Douglas W. Rex, Vice Chair of the Advanced Mobility Partnership Executive Committee, welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Advanced Mobility Partnership Working Group recap

Steph Piperno, Senior Planner at DRCOG, provided an update on the two AMP Working Group meetings that were held in August and December 2025. The theme of August's meeting was bicycle plus data, and the working group welcomed speakers from the City of Arvada, City and County of Denver and DRCOG. DRCOG staff shared information on an Innovative Mobility Set-Aside project, with partners from the City and County of Denver and the City of Boulder, which will develop a segment-level bike volume estimation tool and future forecast model to better understand current and future use of bicycle facilities. City of Arvada staff presented on the city's data bike, which can collect data on pavement and is also equipped with a camera to capture imagery for Google street view.

In December, the theme of the working group meeting was automated and connected vehicles. CDOT staff presented on the Connected Work Zone standard which defines the





data elements, capabilities and interfaces a connected work zone must support to ensure interoperability for state and local infrastructure owners and vehicle operators. The AMP Working Group also had the opportunity to hear from Waymo staff on the company's plans to launch in Denver without a safety driver in 2026. Working Group attendees also heard from CDOT staff on the state's recently released Autonomous Truck Mounted Attenuator (ATMA) Toolkit. The toolkit development was a collaborative effort with Minnesota, Oklahoma and Wisconsin and it covers best practices and guidelines for leveraging resources, pre-deployment, procurement and assessment.

Areas for coordination

Emily Lindsey, co-chair of the Advanced Mobility Partnership Working Group, posed a question to the group about whether the partner agencies should invest in updating the Mobility Choice Blueprint. The plan has a horizon year of 2030, which is quickly approaching. Mr. Rex shared that DRCOG does not recommend updating the plan but instead recommends incorporating the overarching themes and ideas into DRCOG's other existing plans including DRCOG's Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan and other activities in the Unified Planning Work Program. Both CDOT and RTD agree with that recommended approach. Mr. Rex brought up whether the partnership should look at expanding the group and bringing in other partners, but overall, the group agrees that they appreciate the informality of the group and would like to keep it small.

Ms. Lindsey also provided an update on the selected Innovative Mobility Set-Aside projects. DRCOG selected four projects which will be presented to TAC, RTC and ultimately to the Board of Directors for approval. CDOT is interested in learning more about Denver's Transit Signal Priority and Connected Mobility Technology project as there could be an opportunity to collaborate with Bustang. Mr. Rex asked about whether the City of Arvada's project includes a land use component. While the Innovative Mobility Set-Aside project does not, Arvada is currently working with DRCOG's Livable Centers team to deliver on a land-use study around the G line stations. Staff will be sure to collaborate with the Regional Planning and Development team as the Arvada projects move forward.

Ms. Lindsey brought up a recommendation to coordinate on an automated vehicle (AV) strategy to help educate decisionmakers and elected officials about AV's as they are



deployed across the Denver region. Is there an appetite to coordinate on an in-person event with an operator to help demonstrate the current technology? The group agreed that putting together an event would be a great idea, and that there is misinformation when it comes to the current capabilities of AVs. DRCOG staff will follow up with CDOT staff about setting up an educational opportunity.

Lastly, Ms. Lindsey brought up the opportunity for further collaboration when it comes to microtransit across the region. There are 17 microtransit services operating, or soon to launch, in the Denver region. DRCOG staff feel like there is an opportunity to bring local partners together to share best practices and lessons learned when it comes to microtransit. CDOT staff were interested if DRCOG staff are currently tracking success metrics. How does a community determine if microtransit is successful or not? DRCOG staff will follow up with RTD staff to determine a path forward.

Roundtable partner agency updates

Ms. Kelly shared that CDOT has opened a Transportation Management Association/Organization (TMA/O) seed funding grant to be on a rolling basis. The program is meant to stand up TMA/Os across the state. Durango, Grand Junction and Colorado Springs have all expressed interest in the grant program.

Ms. Johnson shared that RTD's tap to ride has been successful and that RTD is seeing increased utilization month after month. The feature officially launched in November 2025.

Mr. Riger shared that DRCOG is considering expanding the DRCOG Metropolitan Planning Organization boundary to include Clear Creek and Gilpin counties. DRCOG presented this idea to the Board of Directors at their January meeting, and they were supportive of the idea.

Adjourn

Mr. Rex thanked everyone for participating in the meeting and noted the next meeting of the Committee will be in Summer 2026.