



Agenda
Board Work Session
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Video/Web Conference
Denver, CO

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1. Call to order
2. Public Comment

Up to 15 minutes is allocated now for public comment and each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes. If there are additional requests from the public to address the Board, time will be allocated at the end of the meeting for public comment but shall be limited to an additional 15 minutes. The chair requests that there be no public comment on issues for which a prior public hearing has been held before this Board.

Public hearing

3. Public hearing on the update to the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan (Attachment A) Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Program Manager, Transportation Planning and Operations

Discussion

4. Summary of June 03, 2026, meeting (Attachment B)
5. Regional Housing Strategy Update. (Attachment C) Regan Bryson, Program Manager, Regional Planning and Development
6. **Next meeting – November 4, 2026**
7. Other matters by members
8. Adjourn

ATTACH A

Board Work Session

Meeting date: October 7, 2026

Agenda Item #: 3

Public hearing on the update to the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan

Agenda item type: Public hearing

Summary

Public hearing on the update to the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan and associated Air Quality Conformity Determination and Greenhouse Gas Transportation Report documents.

Background

The 2050 RTP sets the vision for the Denver region's multimodal transportation system and guides investment in the projects and programs to achieve that vision. Development of the 2050 RTP involved the public, local governments, elected officials, CDOT and RTD, toll highway authorities, and other stakeholders. The two-year planning process began in the fall of 2024 and the draft 2050 RTP was released for public comment on September 6, with the public comment period lasting through October 7.

During the public comment period, DRCOG staff promoted the review period with multiple social media postings, eblasts, and other engagement techniques. With the public comment period ending on October 7, staff will provide the comments received to the Board on October 7. After the public hearing, staff will review and update the documents as appropriate based on comments received as part of the documentation for adoption later in November .

Per federal transportation planning requirements, DRCOG must show the 2050 RTP will not cause a violation of federal air quality conformity standards. Accordingly, the 2050 RTP's roadway and transit networks were modeled for air quality conformity. The results were used by the state Air Pollution Control Division to calculate pollutant emissions. All pollutant emission tests were passed, as shown in the companion air quality conformity documents.

Per the state GHG rule, DRCOG must show the 2050 RTP will comply with the rule's emission reduction levels for the DRCOG MPO area for the 2030, 2040, and 2050 analysis years. Per the rule's requirements, this compliance is documented in the GHG Transportation Report.

The update and the associated documents are the subject of the October 7 public hearing and include the following documents, also available on DRCOG's [Social Point site](#).

- [2050 Regional Transportation Plan public hearing draft](#) and appendices.
- [Air quality conformity determination](#).
- [Transportation greenhouse gas report](#).

The Board is anticipated to act on the draft 2050 RTP at its November 2026 meeting.

Action by others

None.



Previous discussion/action

[November 20, 2024](#) – Board of Directors.

[December 4, 2024](#) - Board of Directors.

[December 18, 2024](#) – Board of Directors.

[May 7, 2025](#) – Board Work Session.

[July 2, 2025](#) – Board Work Session.

[July 16, 2025](#) – Board of Directors.

[August 20, 2025](#) – Board of Directors.

[January 7, 2026](#) – Special Board of Directors.

[January 21, 2026](#) – Board of Directors.

[August 19, 2026](#) – Board of Directors.

Recommendation

None.

Attachment

Staff presentation.

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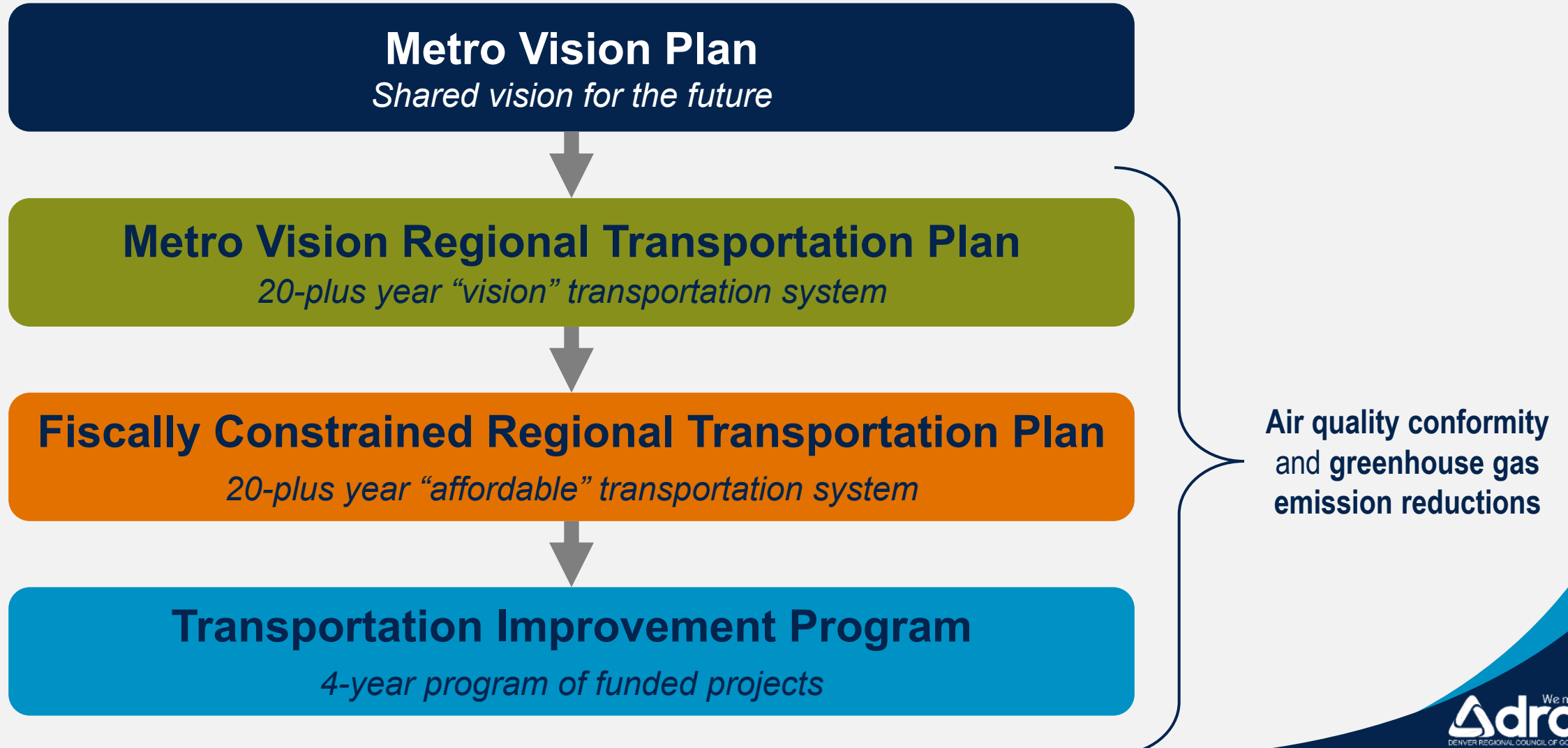
2050 Regional Transportation Plan update

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Public hearing documents

- 2050 Regional Transportation Plan public hearing draft and appendices.
- Denver southern subarea 8-hour ozone conformity determination.
- Transportation greenhouse gas report.

Planning process structure



Regional Transportation Plan



Region's multimodal vision



TIP funding for road & transit projects



Fiscally constrained (what's feasible)



Updated frequently (every 4 years)

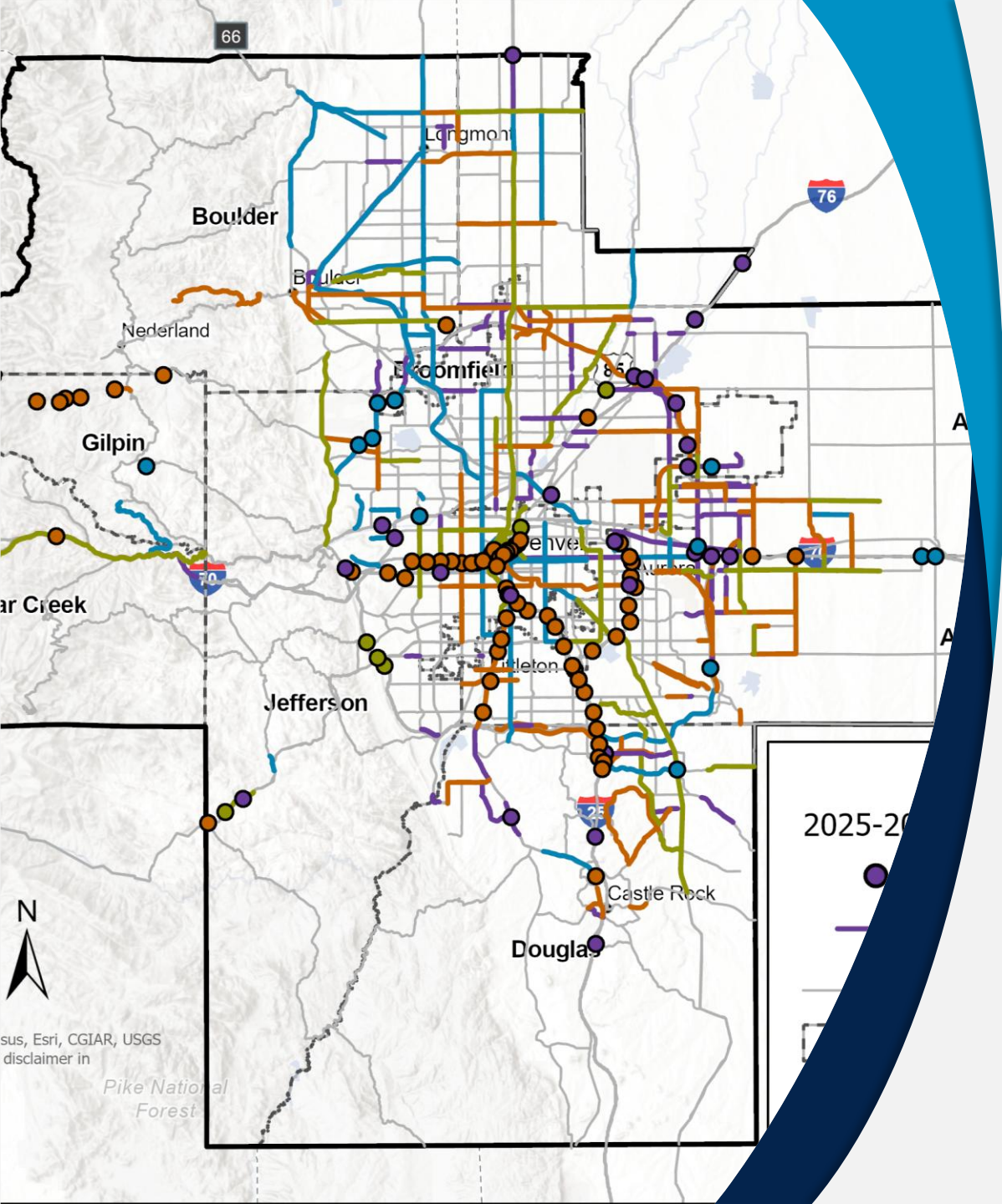


Developed with partners



Federally required (MPO function)





Investment priorities

- CDOT-administered projects: **\$4.5 billion**.
 - Additional **\$7.9 billion in programmatic funds**.
- DRCOG administered projects: **\$2.9 billion**.
- RTD-administered projects: **\$2.6 billion**.
 - Additional **\$23.8 billion in programmatic funds**.
- Active transportation projects and program: **\$1.3 billion**.
- Safety projects and program: **\$1.2 billion**.
- Freight projects and program: **\$573 million**.
- Regional transit projects and program: **\$2.5 billion**.

Federal air quality conformity



2050 RTP must address **ozone** pollutants.



Air quality conformity is **regional** (entire 2050 RTP); **not based on individual projects.**



Regionally significant transportation projects included in the regional travel model transportation **networks.**



2050 RTP **passed pollutant emission tests** for regional air quality conformity.

Federal air quality conformity modeling

Year	Volatile organic compounds, emission tons per day	Nitrogen oxides, emission tons per day
2020 State Implementation Plan budgets (per the 2008 ozone standard)	41.2	45.0
2026 emissions	24.6	17.1
2030 emissions	20.2	12.9
2040 emissions	17.3	9.1
2050 emissions	18.8	9.8
Pass or fail?	Pass	Pass

State greenhouse gas emission reductions



2050 RTP must meet **emission reduction levels** across three horizon years.



Modeling is **regional** (entire 2050 RTP); **not based on individual projects**.



Regionally significant transportation projects included in the regional travel model transportation **networks**.



2050 RTP **met emission reduction requirements** for greenhouse gasses.

State greenhouse gas modeling

Compliance year	2030	2040	2050
2050 RTP update modeling	0.76	0.60	0.44
Off-model signal timing, bike-ped*	0.07	0.05	NA
Total GHG reductions achieved	0.83	0.65	0.44
Reduction level requirement**	0.82	0.63	0.37
Reduction level achieved?	Yes	Yes	Yes

*: Previous compliance framework (pending)

** : Table 1 of the greenhouse gas rule (2 CCR 601-22, Section 8.02.6)

Social Point engagement site

Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan

The 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan aims to improve mobility for all users of the Denver region's multimodal transportation system.

+ Follow

Home / Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan

[Project Home](#) [Comment on the plan!](#) [Project Archive](#)

[Photo Contest](#)

What is a regional transportation plan?

A regional transportation plan looks ahead 20 to 30 years and asks: How will our region change over time? Where will jobs grow? How many people will we have, and where will they live? And **how will our transportation needs change by 2050?** The Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan outlines the region's priorities and potential investments for tackling these needs.

This plan is created to guide the Denver region's investments in the transportation system. In the Denver region, our transportation system is multimodal, which means the transportation system supports many modes of transportation. Walking, taking the bus, driving, and biking

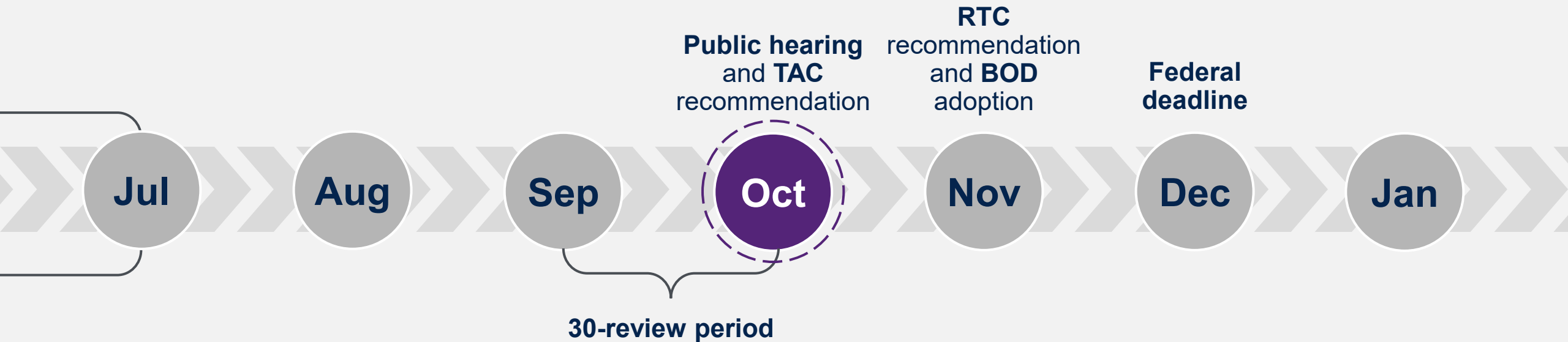
Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan video

Watch on YouTube

Timeline

- Public and stakeholder review **began September 6.**
- **Eblasts** and **social media** posts promoting the review period.
- Website **announcements** and **updates.**

Remaining schedule



- Public and stakeholder review beginning **September 6**.
 - Public hearing October 7.
- Air Quality Control Commission (**AQCC**) and Transportation Commission (**TC**) meetings.
- Federal approval **deadline December 8**.

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Board Work Session Summary

Wednesday, June 6, 2026

Meeting held via Zoom

Members/Alternates Present

Richard Kondo, Chair	City of Northglenn
Jeff Baker	Arapahoe County
Rhonda Fields	Arapahoe County
Claire Levy	Boulder County
Kevin Flynn	City and County of Denver
Andy Kerr	Jefferson County
Deborah Mulvey	City of Castle Pines
Christine Sweetland	City of Centennial
Ashish Vaidya	City of Centennial
Craig Kim	City of Commerce City
Steve Conklin	City of Edgewater
Emily Baer	Town of Erie
Chuck Harmon	Town of Idaho Springs
Saul Tapia Vega	City of Lafayette
Jeslin Shahrezaei	City of Lakewood
Robert Reichardt	City of Littleton
Larry Strock	Town of Lochbuie
Marissa Harmon	City on Lone Tree
Judi Kern	City of Louisville
Jen Wingard	Town of Lyons
Colleen Whitlow	Town of Mead
Kathleen Bailey	Town of Mountain View
Ryan Debner	Town of Mountain View
Josh Sievers	City of Northglenn
John Diak	Town of Parker
Sarah Nurmela	City of Westminster
Rachel Hultin	City of Wheat Ridge

Others Present: Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director, DRCOG; Josh Sender, Michele Riccio, Adams County; Laurie Anderson, Broomfield; Elbra Wedgeworth, Denver; DJ Beckwith, Douglas County; Kent Moorman, Thornton; Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT); John Putnam, James Flattum, Sal Pace, Front Range Passenger Rail (FRPR); Kimberly Schlaepfer, Lotus Engineering and Sustainability; Chris Quinn, Regional Transportation District (RTD); and DRCOG staff.

Chair Kondo called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Front Range Passenger Rail Update

Jacob Riger introduced John Putnam, Board Chair of the Front Range Passenger Rail (FRPR), to provide the update to the Directors. The Front Range Passenger Rail District announced the new service name, Colorado Connector (COCO), which is a collaborative approach with RTD, CDOT, local governments, and freight railroads to accelerate project delivery and reduce costs. The initial phase would establish a jointly operated rail service between Denver Union Station and Fort Collins by 2029 with three daily round trips, using existing infrastructure and fully

funded through current state and RTD resources. The district is also evaluating a November 2026 ballot measure to fund an expanded Phase 2 system extending service from Fort Collins to Pueblo with increased frequencies, new stations, modern train equipment, and transit-oriented development. Mr. Putnam highlighted the project's goals of reducing congestion, providing a reliable transportation alternative, supporting economic development and housing around stations, improving air quality, and creating opportunities for special event service. The district is conducting extensive public outreach and developing detailed operational and financial plans before deciding by the end of August whether to pursue a 2026 ballot measure, with a strong emphasis on rebuilding public trust through transparent planning and successful early project delivery.

2029-2032 Transportation Improvement Program Development: Regional Share Process

Todd Cottrell provided an overview of the process to the Directors. DRCOG's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) regional share process allocates approximately 20% of available TIP funding to projects that advance Metro Vision and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) priorities. After discussions with the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and its subcommittee, there was general support for maintaining the current process while exploring the addition of one or more RTP investment priorities as guiding goals for regional share funding, potentially using a tiered approach to provide clearer direction without limiting project eligibility. Other concepts discussed included revising the application to better reflect selected goals, considering a two-step application process, maintaining the existing forum-based project nomination process, and revisiting funding limits and a possible name change from "regional share" to "regional priority." Staff will continue refining these ideas with technical committees before any Board action determining whether to implement minor updates or a more goal-focused regional funding approach.

Build Policy Collaborative Roadmap

Robert Spotts introduced Kimberly Schlaepfer, Lotus Engineering and Sustainability, to provide a brief overview of the roadmap to the Directors. Power Ahead Colorado and the Building Policy Collaborative (BPC), is a voluntary partnership facilitated by DRCOG and Lotus Engineering and Sustainability to help local governments develop more consistent and aligned building codes and policies across the Denver region. Representing 37 participating communities, the BPC offers funding, research, and technical support while preserving each jurisdiction's local decision-making authority. Since July 2025, participating jurisdictions have worked together to create a regional roadmap outlining a shared vision, policy priorities, and implementation timeline for improving both new and existing buildings. The roadmap is driven by the need to address buildings as the region's largest source of pollution while also improving public health, affordability, resilience, and comfort in the face of increasing extreme heat, wildfire smoke, poor indoor air quality, and high energy costs. It identifies key policy actions local governments can take to reduce building emissions while supporting healthier, more resilient, and economically beneficial communities, and stakeholders are encouraged to provide feedback as the initiative moves forward.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

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Board Work Session

Meeting date: October 7, 2026

Agenda Item #: 5

Regional Housing Strategy Update

Agenda item type: Discussion

Summary

DRCOG staff will provide a project update on the development of a Regional Housing Strategy, including regional structures related to collaboration, coordination mechanisms for mobilizing the strategy, and the engagement for the final phase of the project.

Background

DRCOG initiated the Regional Housing Strategy in February 2025. The Regional Housing Strategy is the second step in DRCOG's approach to assessing housing need and developing regionally scaled strategies to address the need across our region. The DRCOG Board formally accepted the Regional Housing Needs Assessment in October 2024 which included a comprehensive data analysis and stakeholder-driven identification of barriers to addressing housing need.

Led by a project steering committee and advisory group, the purpose of this effort is to develop consensus and capacity for regionally scaled policies, programs, and initiatives that will support our region in addressing housing need. The Regional Housing Strategy will also serve as a framework for coordinating housing and transportation planning in order to leverage the region's current and future investments.

DRCOG staff will share a summary of the strategy content, as well as the structures and mechanisms to mobilize participation in the implementation of the Regional Housing Strategy. This includes coordination at both the regional and subregional levels through mechanisms such as a Regional Housing Advisory Committee and Regional Housing Strategy Idea Exchange.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

[July 15, 2026 – DRCOG Board Work Session](#)

[April 1, 2026 – DRCOG Board Work Session](#)

[January 7, 2026 – DRCOG Special Meeting of the Board](#)

Recommendation

None

Attachment(s)

Staff presentation

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Regional Housing Strategy

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Agenda

1. Project Overview
2. Regional Housing Strategy Components
3. Mobilization
4. Look Ahead



Metro Vision → RHS

- Metro Vision sets the region's vision for future growth and developments
- Housing is foundational to achieving Metro Vision goals.
- RHS is the action arm for housing within Metro Vision — turning vision into a coordinated and implementable plan.

Metro Vision

Our place, our plan



Action areas from the Needs Assessment

Land Use, Zoning & Regulatory Processes	Increased housing supply aligned with regional and local needs (by household size, income, location, and preferences).
Infrastructure	Better alignment between housing development and infrastructure availability, condition and capacity.
Development Costs & Market Factors	Construction of more—and more diverse and affordable—housing options.
Funding & Capacity	Expanded and sustained affordable housing and preservation efforts.
Community Consensus & Collective Action	Improved policy alignment, resource leveraging, and broad support for addressing shared housing needs.

Value of a Regional Housing Strategy

Shared challenges no single community can solve alone: 500,000+ homes needed by 2050; barriers cross jurisdictional lines

Strengthens local action, doesn't replace it: local land use/investment authority preserved; makes local work easier to implement

Aligns resources and reduces duplication: communities learn from each other and align investments

Builds on existing momentum: scales what already works, moving partners from isolated efforts to collective impact

DRCOG offers foundational, regional support: convenes, provides data and technical assistance, coordinates funding; not the owner of every solution

Where We Are

Phase I: Discovery

- Environmental Scan
- Engagement Plan
- Regional Context Analysis

Phase II: Strategy Development

- Goal & Objectives
- Best Practice Research
- Strategy Development

Phase III: Draft & Final Plan

- Implementation and Governance
- Draft and Final Plan

Engagement & Communications Strategy



Regional Housing Strategy Structure



VISION

What is the strategy working towards?
What does long-term success look-like?



GOALS

What outcomes do we want to achieve?
Goals move us toward the vision and set direction for action. They describe success in practice.



PATHWAYS

What do we do?
Initiatives that advance the goals of the Regional Housing Strategy.



IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

How do we do it?
The structures, processes, and supports that make actions feasible, scalable, and sustainable.

What is in the strategy

The Regional Housing Strategy is organized around four core components:

- **Vision.**
- **Goals.**
- **Pathways.**
- **Implementation Strategies.**



An Increased & Diversified Housing Supply

The region has sufficient housing supply across all income levels, with a diverse range of housing types available to meet community needs.



Preserved & Stabilized Affordable Housing

Affordable housing across the region is preserved and stabilized, with investments protecting residents, maintaining community culture, and preventing displacement.



GOALS

What outcomes do we want to achieve? Goals move us toward the vision and set direction for action. They describe success in practice.



Strong & Sustained Regional Coordination to Advance Housing & Infrastructure Goals

Regional coordination is strong and sustained, enabling housing and infrastructure goals to be effectively addressed through shared planning, aligned investments, and collective action.



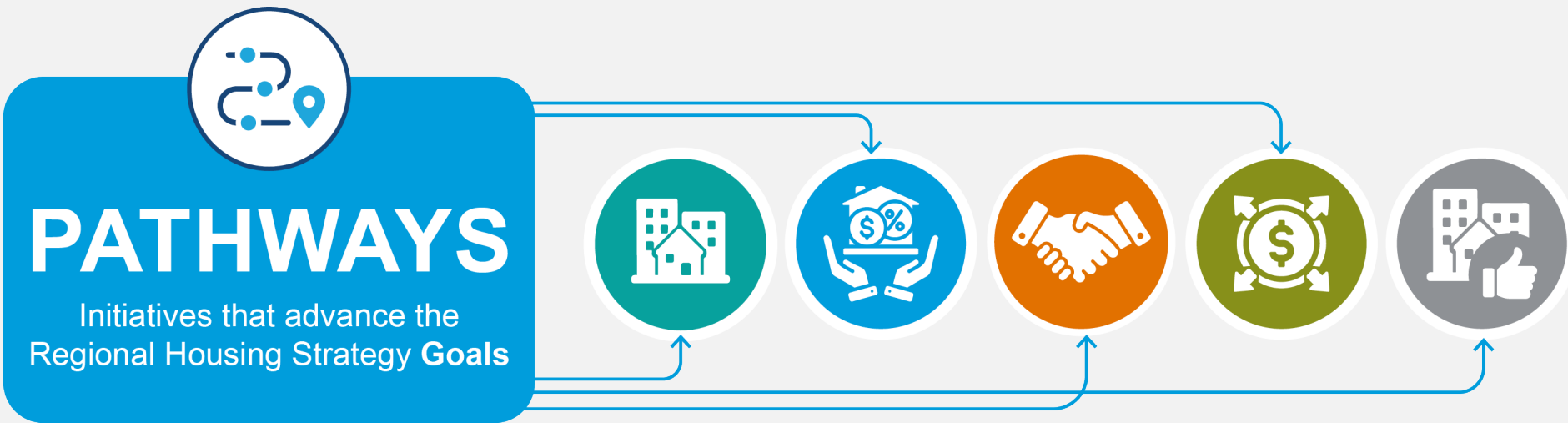
Expanded & Aligned Funding Capacity Across Jurisdictions

Funding capacity is expanded and aligned across jurisdictions to support housing and infrastructure development across the region.



Housing is Reframed as a Regional Asset

Housing is widely understood and supported as a regional asset, with strong public understanding and political will that sustain momentum for action.



1. Make it easier and faster to build housing.

2. Work as a region to fund housing.

3. Leverage investments to achieve shared goals.

4. Partner to strengthen community stability.

5. Build regional support for housing.

Implementation Strategies



- Production.



- Funding & Finance.



- Infrastructure & Transportation Alignment.



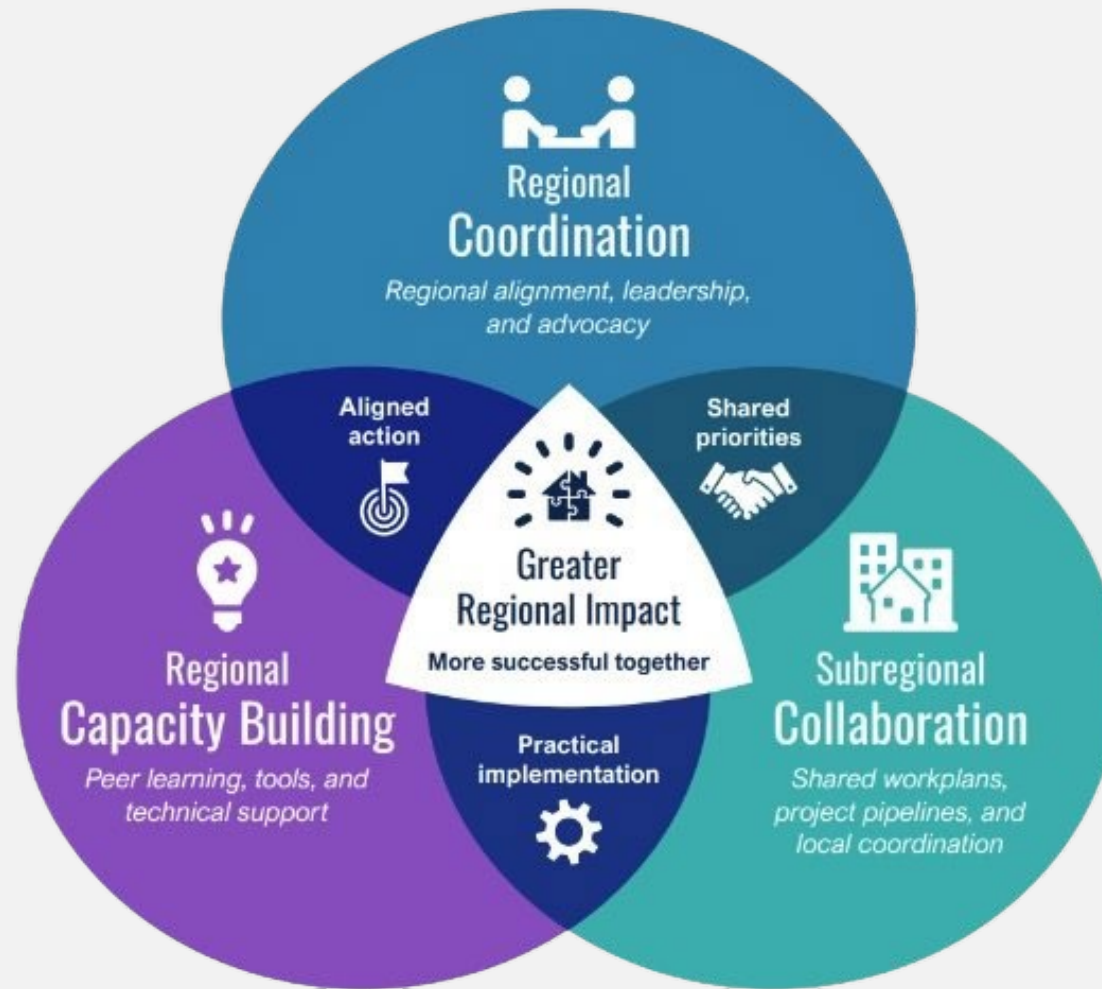
- Community Stability & Preservation.



- Regional Support & Communication.



From Ideas to Action!





Regional Partnership Coordination

Regional Housing Advisory Committee

Purpose/Role

- Serves as central coordination body for the Regional Housing Strategy.
- Provide strategic direction to the implementation of the strategy.
- Share and leverage professional expertise to advance implementation strategies.
- Emphasis on content/thought leadership, not representation from all partners across the region.

Potential Membership

- DRCOG Board members
- Private-sector partners (developers, builders)
- Philanthropic partners
- CBOs and service providers
- Reps from state agencies (CHFA, DOLA, etc.)



Look Ahead

September

- Review of draft by local govt. staff

October

- Board adoption!
- Initial roll-out of technical assistance and collaboration opportunities
- Mobilization of Regional Housing Strategy

Questions?