

Transportation Advisory Committee

Meeting date: October 26, 2026

Agenda Item #: 5 (Attachment C)

2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan update

Agenda item type: Action

Summary

Recommendation on 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. Comments were received from local government technical staff, regional partners, and the public. Seven public comments were received during the review period and one was received at the public hearing. DRCOG staff have reviewed the comments and made necessary revisions to the main document and associated appendices.

Major activities conducted during the update included:

- Scenario planning: Winter 2024 – Summer 2025. **Complete.**
- Financial planning: Spring – Fall 2025. **Complete.**
- Regional Roadway System revisions: Spring – Summer 2025. **Complete.**
- Candidate projects: Summer – Winter 2025. **Complete.**
- Modeling and coordination: Winter 2025 – Summer 2026. **Complete.**
- Document development: Spring – Summer 2026. **Complete.**
- Public and stakeholder review: Ongoing, and Fall 2026. **Complete.**
- Committee and board approval: Fall – Winter 2026. **Ongoing.**

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, Appendix H.

Per the state GHG rule, DRCOG must also 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, Appendix I.

Action by others

[October 15, 2026](#) – Air Quality Control Commission (conformity concurrence).

Previous discussion/action

[October 28, 2024](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee.

[December 16, 2024](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee.

[February 24, 2025](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee.

[April 28, 2025](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee.

[May 19, 2025](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee.

[June 23, 2025](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee.

[July 28, 2025](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee.

[October 27, 2025](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee.

[December 15, 2025](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee.

[August 24, 2026](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee.

Recommendation

Move to recommend approval of the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan and associated Air Quality Conformity Determination and Greenhouse Gas Transportation Report.

Attachment

1. Staff presentation.
2. [Action draft of 2050 RTP and associated appendices.](#)

For more information

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