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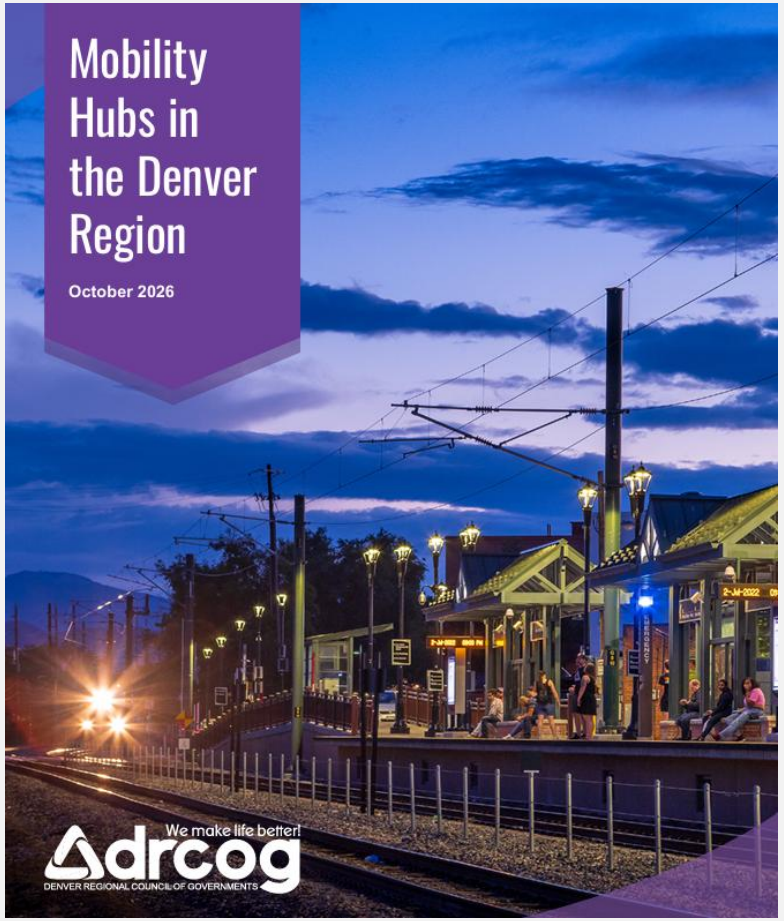
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There are a **wide range of definitions** when it comes to mobility hubs. This resource:

- Presents a **regional definition** for mobility hubs.
- Highlights **examples** in the Denver region.
- Provides information for local government staff, land use and transportation practitioners **looking to plan and implement** mobility hubs in the Denver region.



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Mobility hub definitions locally

DRCOG staff wanted to understand existing definitions **in the Denver region**:

- **Colorado Department of Transportation:** Places where multiple modes of transportation **seamlessly integrate** to allow for quick mode-to-mode or route-to-route transitions and efficient first and last-mile connections.
- **City of Centennial:** **Community focal points** that seamlessly integrate various transportation modes, provide supportive multimodal infrastructure and serve as a **placemaking strategy** to activate activity centers.
- **City of Aurora:** Physical locations where **multiple modes of transportation converge** and **integrate**. Mobility hubs can serve multiple purposes at different scales.
- **Transportation Solutions:** Create activity centers that maximize **first and last-mile connections** and increase the reach of transit.

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Mobility hub definitions in other places

Staff also considered existing definitions of mobility hubs from around the country:

- **City of Minneapolis**: A place where people can connect to multiple modes of transportation to make their trip as **safe, convenient and reliable** as possible.
- **Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG):** Mobility hubs provide strategic locations for travelers to easily connect with multiple modes of transportation suited for their needs in a **safe, comfortable and accessible environment**.



Mobility hub pilot location in Minneapolis

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Defining mobility hubs in the Denver region

A mobility hub is a location where transportation options are **thoughtfully linked** to one another and to amenities that make **traveling more convenient, seamless and enjoyable**. Mobility hubs are more than just amenities at transit stops; they are a launchpad for **multimodal travel**.





Jelbi stations in Berlin and Lichtenberg

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Why do mobility hubs matter?

- Support **safe** and **convenient transfers** between transportation modes.
- Provide **travel options**, especially for those with limited mobility choices.
- Provide **first- and last-mile** connections to transit services.
- Promote more **sustainable modes** of travel and reduce the need for driving alone.
- **Create redundancy** by design, intentionally offering overlapping, independently functioning travel options.

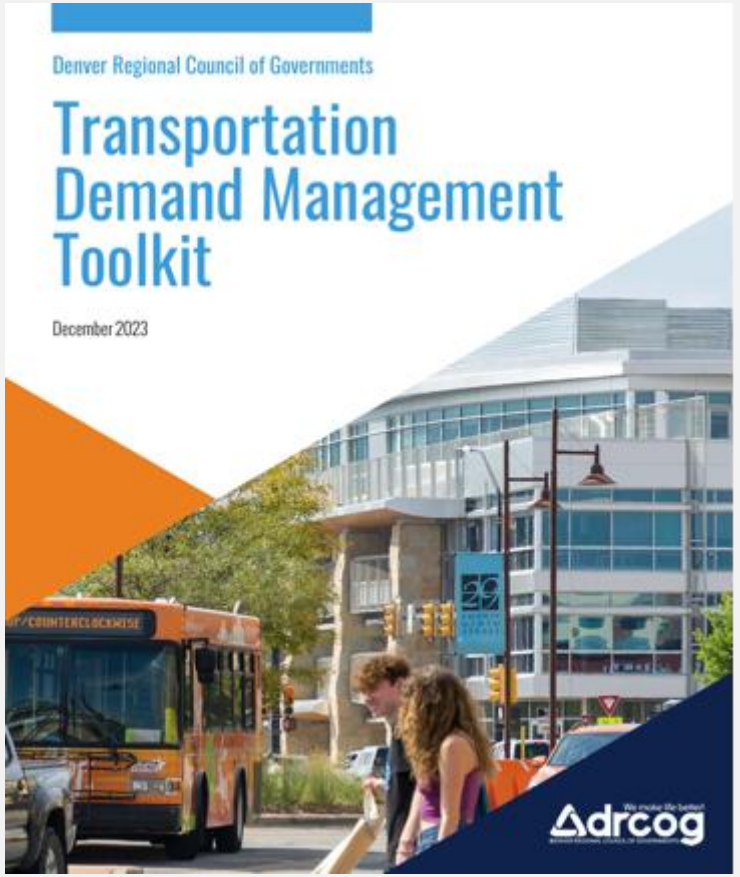


A mobility hub on the University of the West of England's Frenchay Campus
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Mobility hubs as a Transportation Demand Management Strategy

- Mobility hubs are a **transportation demand management (TDM) strategy** outlined in DRCOG's Transportation Demand Management Toolkit.
- While mobility hubs are not solely focused on shifting drive-alone trips, they make it **easier, safer and more convenient for people to choose from a variety of transportation options**



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DRCOG's mobility hub typology

The type of mobility hub used in a specific location will depend on the surrounding context and the **community's transportation needs**.

A mobility hub **typology defines the function of each hub type and the role it plays in the network** based on a variety of factors like population density, access to transit and right-of-way availability.

Given the geographic size and diversity of land use in the Denver region, DRCOG has identified **five** types of mobility hubs in the Denver region: **neighborhood, connector, core, regional and suburban.**



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Neighborhood mobility hubs

Neighborhood mobility hubs are smaller in scale and are generally found in lower density neighborhoods. They offer a few basic amenities, including wayfinding, bike sharing and micromobility parking



Northglenn e-mobility hub



The Exchange at Boulevard One

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Connector mobility hubs

Connector mobility hubs link residential areas with essential services and main transit routes, enhancing local connectivity. Connector hubs are often located on the edges of urban areas and serve the surrounding community.



10th and Osage Station



Decatur Street and West Holden Place

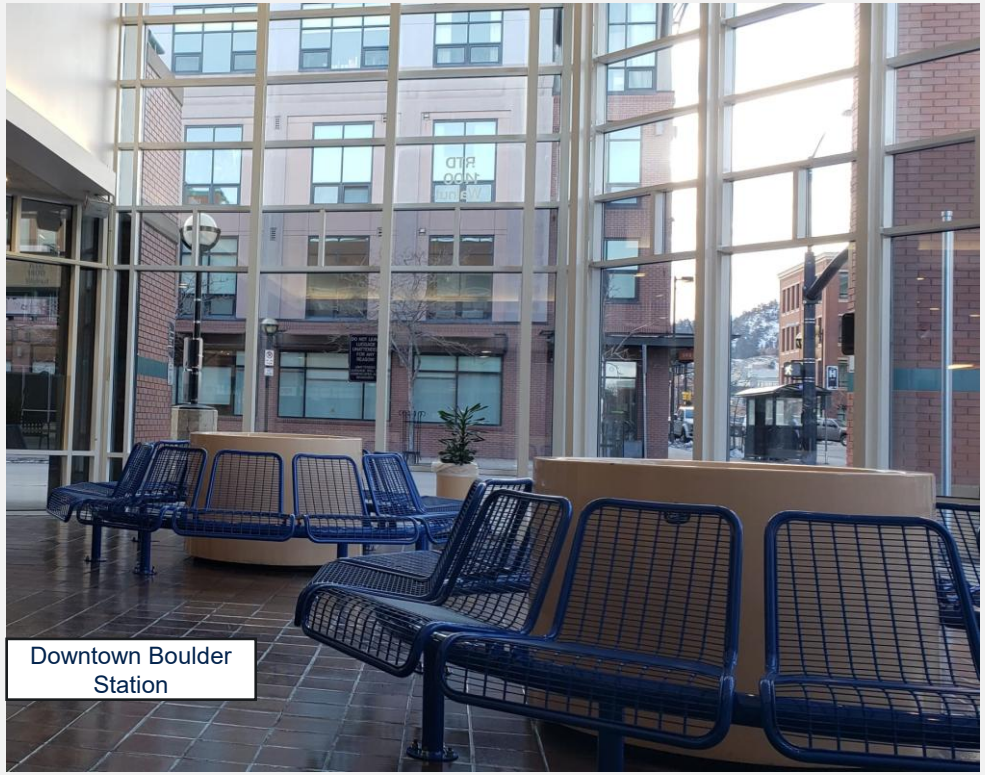


Alameda Station

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Core mobility hubs

Core mobility hubs are typically located in a more urban context and encompass one or more transit stops. In addition to the features of a neighborhood hub, they may also offer amenities like car sharing, a bus shelter and trip planning information.



Downtown Boulder Station



Olde Town Station Arvada, CO

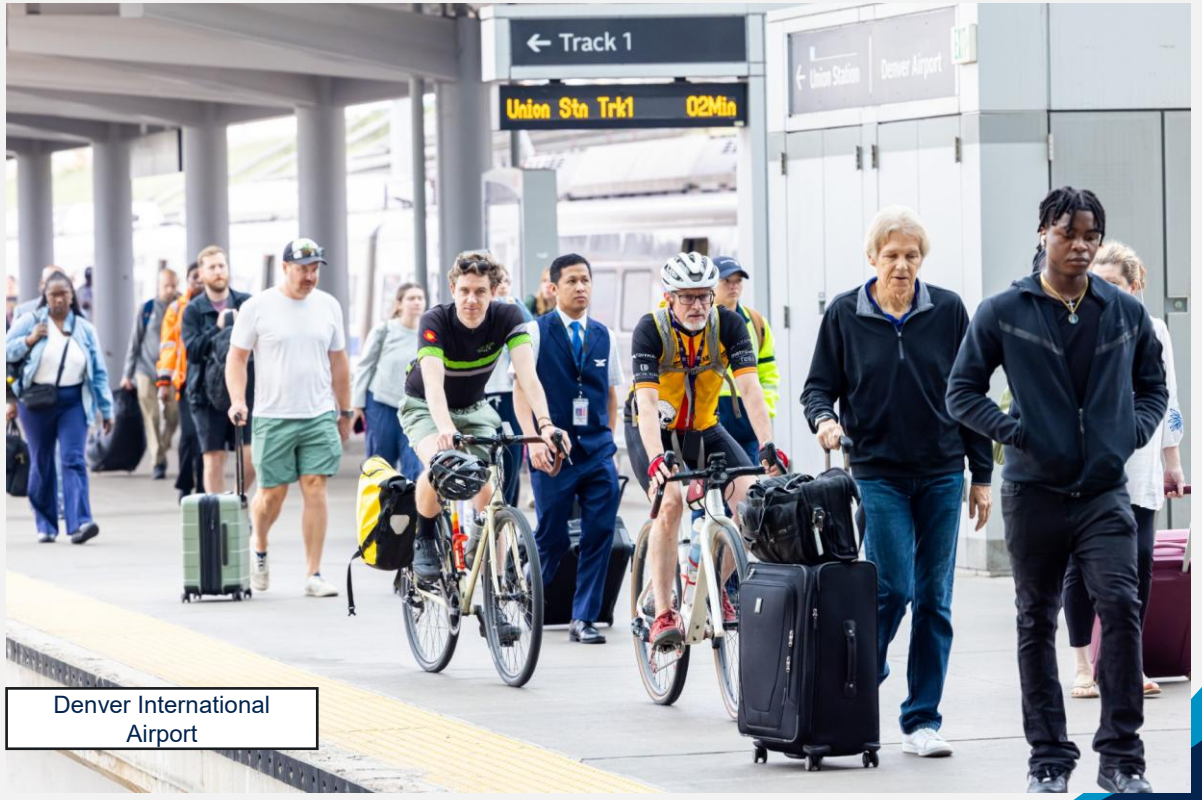
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Regional mobility hubs

Regional mobility hubs are the largest in scale and typically include transit stations in either dense urban areas or major destinations where travelers can connect to other regional transportation options. The regional mobility hub typically offers the most amenities, including secured bike parking, dining or shopping options, indoor seating and public restrooms.



Union Station



Denver International Airport

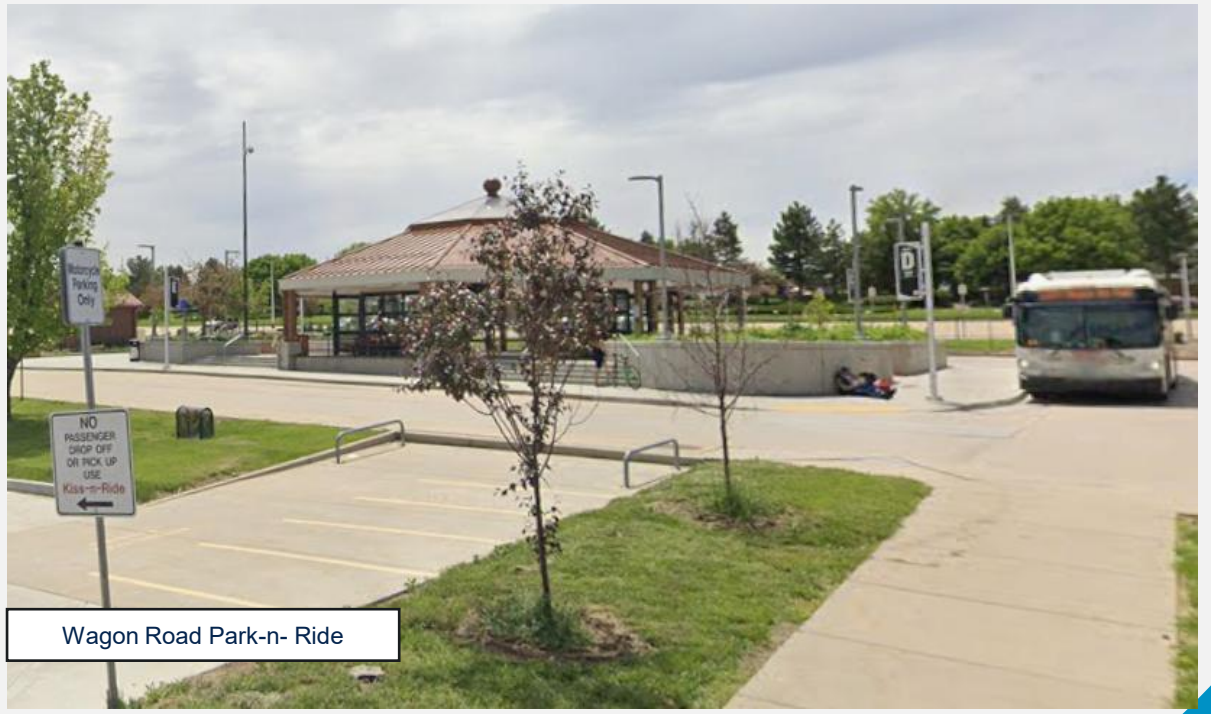
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Suburban mobility hubs

Suburban mobility hubs are typically located in areas where land use is predominantly low-density residential and commercial development. Suburban mobility hubs connect dispersed populations to high-capacity regional transit networks, providing a reliable access point for travelers who are not served by frequent transit and may live too far from their destination to walk or bike.



Firestone Longmont mobility hub



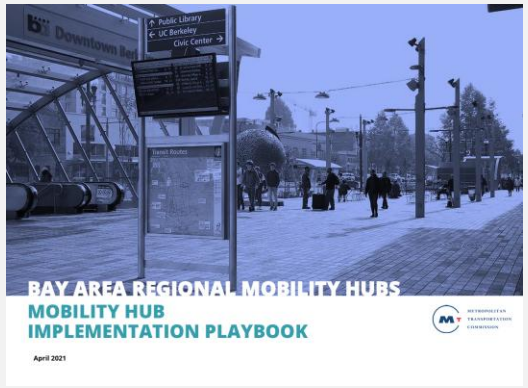
Wagon Road Park-n- Ride

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Mobility hub elements

No matter the size or type, mobility hubs should provide a **variety of elements** that allow the site to support seamless multimodal connections. There are a variety of traveler amenities that can make up mobility hubs and many resources that get into these details!







Mobility hub elements may include:

- **Passenger pickup and drop-off zones.**
- **Wayfinding signage**
- **Trip-planning information.**
- **Real-time transit information.**
- **Electric vehicle charging stations.**
- **Vehicle parking.**
- **Carshare services.**
- **Shared micromobility devices or bike share.**
- **Secure bike parking or smart bike lockers.**
- **E-bike battery charging stations.**
- **Wi-Fi and phone chargers.**
- **Public art.**
- **Personal locker storage.**
- **Public restrooms.**
- **Water fountains.**
- **Food services (vending machines, etc.).**
- **High-quality lighting.**
- **Shaded or covered outdoor seating.**

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Best practices for implementation

Plan and design a network of mobility hubs at strategic locations.
When deciding if mobility hubs are right for your community, it is important to consider planning and designing a network of hubs rather than just a single mobility hub.

Prioritize safe, comfortable access to neighboring infrastructure.
The adjacent infrastructure providing transportation options and connections to travelers is a significant factor in the success of a mobility hub.

Coordinate with stakeholders and develop partnerships.
Identifying roles and responsibilities among agencies and companies can be complex but essential for successful project execution.

Maintaining mobility hubs is critical and can be done through partnerships.
Maintaining mobility hubs and making sure they are safe, comfortable and clean is critical to the success of the hub.

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Best practices for implementation

Prioritize inclusive design for all users.
Inclusively designed mobility hubs can play a meaningful role in supporting vulnerable populations when they are intentionally planned as human-centered spaces.

Review and update regulations and policies.
Regulations and policies should be updated to align with and enable the mobility hub network concept and allow for flexible funding streams that can take advantage of public private partnership opportunities.

Track performance metrics and evaluate effectiveness regularly.
As transportation needs change and technology evolves, it is important to monitor the activity and use of the mobility hub network to measure its impact and success on an ongoing basis.

Design places that are flexible and context sensitive.
User needs and community priorities change over time. Understanding these changing priorities is critical and can be done through continuous evaluation. Create adaptable, modular, and multi-functional spaces that can evolve alongside changing technologies and user needs.

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Incremental approach to implementation

Building out the various mobility hub elements takes time and often will be layered as major projects, funding, partnerships, development and other opportunities present themselves at different times. Starting small, maybe with a pilot, can help planners test new mobility hub features on a temporary or semi-permanent basis.

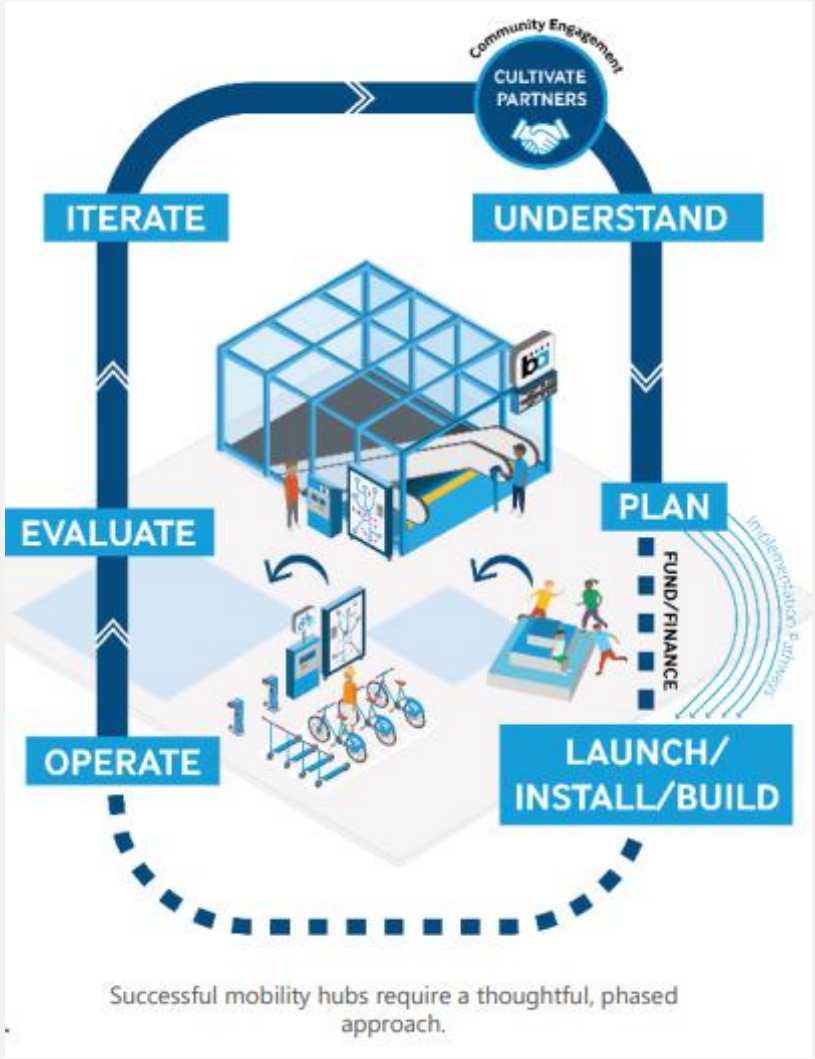


A series of pop-up mobility hubs across Scotland.

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Key takeaways

- Planning, designing, building and maintaining mobility hubs requires thoughtful analysis, management and evaluation.
- Community-centered hub planning and design take time, but the outcomes are lasting and impactful.
- DRCOG continues to work with partner agencies throughout the Denver region to plan and implement mobility hubs.



Metropolitan Transportation Commision's Mobility hub implementation playbook

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Thank you!

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