# Denver Southern Subarea 8-Hour Ozone 2023 Updated 2050 Regional Transportation Plan Conformity Determination 

for the Denver Regional Council of Governments Fiscally Constrained Element of the 2050 Metro Vision Regional<br>Transportation Plan

and the DRCOG 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program
and the Southern Subarea Portion of the Upper Front Range 2045 Regional Transportation Plan
and the 2024-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program for the Upper Front Range Transportation Planning Region

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## Executive Summary

The Denver Regional Council of Governments completed this transportation conformity determination as part of the transportation and air quality planning process. DRCOG's update to the long-range transportation plan triggered the need to perform the conformity analysis. The ozone nonattainment area continues to meet air quality conformity standards associated with the DRCOG and Upper Front Range Transportation Planning Region respective long-range transportation plans and short-range transportation improvement programs.

## Emissions Test Results

Table 1 shows the budgets for volatile organic compounds (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NOx), the pollutants that directly contribute to ozone. The modeled emissions must be below budget to pass conformity tests. All staging-year results for the Denver Southern Subarea are reported in Table 1. All tests are passed based on model results for emissions being below the budgets. This means the plans associated with this determination meet conformity requirements for the 2020 Ozone State Implementation Plan budgets (2008 and 2015 ozone standards). The emissions estimates were generated by Air Pollution Control Division using the transportation inputs from DRCOG's travel demand models and the Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator model (MOVES).

Table 1. 8-Hour Ozone Conformity for Denver Southern Subarea Results (Emission Tons per Day)

|  | Modeling Results |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2020 SIP <br> Budgets <br> (2008 <br> Ozone <br> Standard) | 2023 | 2026 | 2030 | 2040 | 2050 |  |
| Emissions | Emissions | Emissions | Emissions | Emissions | Pass/Fail |  |  |
| Volatile <br> Organic <br> Compounds <br> (VOC) | 41.2 | 29 | 25 | 20 | 17 | 19 | pass all <br> tests |
| Nitrogen <br> Oxides | 45 | 24 | 17 | 13 | 9 | 10 | pass all <br> tests |
| (NOX) | 45 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Other Pollutants

This document details ozone conformity. On January $14^{\text {th }}, 2022$, DRCOG completed the 20-year maintenance period requirement and is no longer required to address transportation conformity determination for carbon monoxide (CO). On October 16, 2022, DRCOG completed the 20-year maintenance period requirement and is no longer required to address transportation conformity determination for Particulate Matter of 10 microns or less (PM10).

## Chapter 1. What is Transportation Conformity?

Each metropolitan planning organization associated with an air quality nonattainment area is required to show conformity of its long-range fiscally constrained regional transportation plan and transportation improvement program with the state implementation plan for air quality before transportation plans and programs may be adopted. Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990, requires that new conformity determinations must be made when there are additions or deletions of funded regionally significant projects not depicted as such in a current conformity determination or if a new TIP (with different programming years) is proposed for adoption. Project additions or deletions usually occur in relation to the RTP. Since TIP projects are contingent upon already being identified in the RTP, TIP changes alone rarely trigger the need for a new conformity determination. However, in this case, a new TIP is being adopted with new planning years. The TIP does not change any projects or modeling from the existing RTP, so there has been no new modeling performed for this conformity demonstration.

The Clean Air Act defines conformity as alignment with an air quality implementation plan's purpose of eliminating or reducing the severity and number of violations of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQSs) and achieving expeditious attainment of such standards. In addition, activities may not cause or contribute to new violations of air quality standards, exacerbate existing violations or interfere with the timely attainment of required emissions reductions toward attainment. For pollutants for which a region currently meets standards but was formerly in nonattainment, the applicable SIP may also be referred to as a maintenance plan, which demonstrates continued attainment of the standards. According to 40 CFR 93.109 of the Transportation Conformity Rule, criteria and procedures for determining conformity of transportation plans, programs, and projects must satisfy different criteria depending on whether the state has submitted a SIP revision, and whether the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has approved the revision. ${ }^{1}$

On Jan. 9, 2008, the EPA administrator signed an amendment to the conformity rule (the "Final Rule"), to implement the provisions of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. The EPA final transportation conformity rule is located at 40 CFR Part 93, Subpart A. The Final Rule was promulgated Feb. 25, 2008. The most recent EPA revision to the conformity rule occurred on March 14, 2012 (77 FR 14979, effective April 13, 2012). To address revised standards and changes in conformity requirements, the EPA has promulgated several amendments to the final rule in recent years. The Air Quality Control Commission Regulation No. 10 or "Criteria for Analysis of Transportation Conformity," was adopted by the commission in 1998. It formally defines the process for determining conformity. The EPA approved Regulation No. 10 on Sept. 21, 2001 ( 66 FR 48561), making it federally enforceable. Regulation No. 10 was updated and approved by the Air Quality Control Commission on Dec. 15, 2011.

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## Chapter 2. Ozone Nonattainment Area

## Area Boundaries and History

The EPA's process to determine the nonattainment area dates to 1997. Within the DRCOG region, there are several key planning organizations. Table 2 depicts the three organizations, their roles in the region and their geographic boundaries. Figure 1 depicts the boundary of all three metropolitan planning organizations/transportation planning regions involved in this report's 8-hour ozone conformity determination.

DRCOG is within the nine-county Denver Metro/North Front Range (DM/NFR) Nonattainment Area (NAA) for the 2008 8-hour Ozone NAAQS and 2015 8-hour ozone NAAQS. The NAA for the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS and 2015 NAAQs covers the full counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, and portions of Larimer and Weld counties. The EPA expanded the boundary of the DM/NFR NAA for the 20158 -hour ozone NAAQS to include the entirety of Weld County. Figure 2 shows the boundaries of the DM/NFR NAA for both the 2008 and 2015 NAAQS and shows its two subareas, Northern and Southern. The boundary between the two subareas is the Boulder/Larimer County line, extended at the same latitude eastward through southern Weld County to the Morgan County line. DRCOG conducts conformity determinations for the Southern Subarea. The NFRMPO conducts conformity determinations for the Northern Subarea.

For long-term and short-term planning, DRCOG's 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan includes the entire DRCOG transportation planning region. The DRCOG Transportation Improvement Program covers the transportation management area, while the Colorado Department of Transportation and the State Transportation Improvement Program covers the remaining portions of the region.

Table 2. Area Planning Organizations

| Organization | Role | Boundaries |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Denver Regional <br> Council of <br> Governments | MPO and TPR for <br> the Denver TMA | The transportation management area includes four urbanized <br> areas and the portions of Adams and Arapahoe counties <br> west of Kiowa Creek; all of Boulder County except Rocky <br> Mountain National Park; all of Broomfield, Denver, Douglas <br> and Jefferson counties; and parts of southwestern Weld <br> County. The transportation planning region area includes the <br> transportation management area plus the portions of Adams <br> and Arapahoe counties east of Kiowa Creek, Clear Creek <br> and Gilpin counties, and the Rocky Mountain National Park <br> area of Boulder County. |
| North Front <br> Range MPO | MPO for the North <br> Front Range TMA | Includes 15 local governments in portions of Larimer and <br> Weld counties. |
| Upper Front <br> Range | Transportation <br> planning region for <br> north-central <br> Colorado | Comprises Larimer, Morgan and Weld counties, and <br> excludes the urbanized areas in Larimer and Weld counties. |

[^1] 2008. The ozone non-attainment area includes a more expansive area of Weld County.

Figure 1. Planning Organizations Involved in Denver Metro/North Front Range 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Areas


Table 3 is a historical summary of the 1997, 2008 and 2015 8-hour ozone NAAQS for the Denver Metro/North Front Range region. The 8-hour ozone nonattainment area is comprised of two subareas (Northern and Southern), shown in Figure 2. The boundary between the two subareas is the Boulder/Larimer County line extended through southern Weld County to the Morgan County line. Per 2004 designation, the area includes nine counties in the Denver Metro/North Front Range region (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson and the southern portions of Larimer and Weld counties).

Table 3. Historical Summary for the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards in the Denver Metro/North Front Range Nonattainment Area

| Date | Milestone | Comments |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ | U.S. Environmental Protection <br> Agency established the 8-hour <br> ozone National Ambient Air Quality <br> Standard of 80 parts per billion <br> (ppb). | Due to litigation at the federal level, it took <br> the EPA until 2004 to designate <br> nonattainment area. |
| April 30, 2004 | The EPA promulgated Phase I <br> ozone implementation rule and <br> designated nine Denver <br> Metro/North Front Range counties <br> as marginal nonattainment for the <br> 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS | nine counties in the Denver Metro/North <br> Front Range region: Adams, Arapahoe, <br> Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, <br> Jefferson, and the southern portions of <br> Larimer and Weld |
| March 27, 2008 | The EPA lowered the NAAQS for <br> ground-level ozone to 0.075 ppm; <br> same nine counties marginal <br> nonattainment | new 2008 standard is 75 ppb; secondary <br> standards are identical to the revised <br> primary standard effective date: May 27, <br> 2008 (73 FR 16436) |
| May 21, 2012 | The EPA designated the Denver <br> Metro/North Front Range region as |  |
| marginal nonattainment under the |  |  |$\quad$| new standard. |
| :--- |


|  | (2015 8-hour ozone National <br> Ambient Air Quality Standards). | revised primary standard effective date: <br> Dec. 28, 2015 (80 FR 65291) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| May 4, 2016 | The EPA reclassified the region <br> from a marginal to a moderate <br> nonattainment area for the 2008 <br> ozone NAAQS, extending the <br> attainment year to 2017. | A Moderate State Implementation Plan <br> was developed to demonstrate how the <br> Denver Metro/North Front Range region <br> will comply with the federal Clean Air Act. |
|  | New motor vehicle emissions <br> budgets were submitted to the EPA <br> as part of the State Implementation |  |
|  | Plan package for the 2008 ozone |  |
|  | NAAQS |  |

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## Memorandum of Agreement

Federal Transportation Regulations at 23 CFR 450.314(b) states:
"where a metropolitan planning area (MPA) does not include an entire nonattainment area, there shall be written agreement among the State Department of Transportation, state air quality agency, affected local agencies, and the MPO describing the process for cooperative planning and analysis of all projects outside the MPA within the nonattainment area."

A memorandum of agreement was signed in March 2008 by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Colorado Department of Transportation, Regional Air Quality Council, Upper Front Range Transportation Planning Region, North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization, and DRCOG. A new memorandum of agreement reflecting the updated Regulation No. 10 was signed by North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Regional Air Quality Council, and DRCOG in 2015. Both are still in effect. It updated the specific roles and responsibilities in conformity evaluations and findings for each agency. The memorandum of agreement also includes courses of action to be pursued if a subarea exceeds an emission budget. This superseded the November 1998 memorandums of agreement the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment signed with DRCOG and the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization. A copy of the 2008 and 2015 memorandums of agreement are in Appendix D.

The memorandum of agreement stipulates that DRCOG will make conformity determinations for the Southern Subarea of the 8-hour ozone nonattainment area, while the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization will make the conformity determination for the Northern Subarea of the 8-hour ozone nonattainment area, with boundaries as shown in Figure 2. Both the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization and DRCOG worked cooperatively with an interagency consultation group (Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Regional Air Quality Council, North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization, Upper Front Range Transportation Planning Region, EPA, Colorado Department of Transportation and the Air Pollution Control Division) to review the conformity documentation and planning assumptions. Per the memorandum of agreement, the travel demand model outputs from each metropolitan planning organization are sent to the Air Pollution Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for generation of emissions estimates.

Figure 2 - Denver Metro/North Front Range Ozone Nonattainment Area and Subareas


## Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets

Motor vehicle emission budgets are established as part of a State Implementation Plan. The Regional Air Quality Council is the air quality planning agency for the Denver metropolitan area (Southern Subarea), the North Front Range metropolitan area (Northern Subarea), and the Upper Front Range transportation planning region (Northern Subarea) and is charged with preparing the State Implementation Plan.

The 2008 memorandum of agreement calls for the establishment of overall area motor vehicle emissions budgets based on the entire 8-hour ozone nonattainment area and allows for the option of establishing subarea emissions budgets based on subareas. The memorandum of agreement describes that after the initial motor vehicle emissions budget-based conformity determination, DRCOG and the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization may switch from using the total nonattainment area motor vehicle emissions budgets for joint determinations to using the subarea budgets for individual conformity determinations. If using subarea budgets, as is the current practice, both subareas must demonstrate conformity for their plans. If one subarea fails, the other subarea cannot adopt a new conformity determination until the failure is resolved. To switch methods DRCOG and the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization must use the process as described in the Denver Metro/North Front Range Ozone State Implementation Plan. The motor vehicle emissions budgets for NOX and VOC went through the process of:

- submittal to the EPA in 2009 as part of the SIP for the 1997 Ozone NAAQS
- EPA finding budgets adequate for transportation conformity purposes on March 4, 2010 (75 FR 9893), effective March 19, 2010
- EPA subsequently approving budgets in a final rule on Aug. 5, 2011 (76 FR 47443), effective Sept. 6, 2011

DRCOG and the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization used these budgets for subsequent transportation conformity determinations until 2017. Due to the reclassification to a moderate nonattainment area in 2016, additional planning requirements were triggered including the requirement to submit updated motor vehicle emissions budgets for the 2017 attainment year. Following the same approach as under the 1997 ozone NAAQS, the Moderate Area Ozone State Implementation Plan set new motor vehicle emissions budgets for the northern and southern subareas found in Table 4. These lower budgets were submitted to the EPA in May 2017 as part of the State Implementation Plan package for the 2008 ozone NAAQS. The EPA found the budgets adequate on March 16, 2018 (83 FR 11751) with an effective date of April 2, 2018.

On December 18, 2020, the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission, and submitted to EPA by the Governor's designee, with a letter dated March 22, 2021, for the "Serious State Implementation Plan for the Denver Metro and North Front Range Ozone Nonattainment Area" for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard. On May 3, 2023, EPA found the budgets contained within that SIP adequate and became effective for this conformity determination.

Until new budgets are approved and become effective, the Denver Metro/North Front Range nonattainment area demonstrates conformity to the 2015 ozone NAAQS by meeting the approved

Moderate State Implementation Plan motor vehicle emissions budget tests for the 2008 NAAQS (40 CFR 93.109(c)(2)(i)) ${ }^{3}$.

## Table 4. 8-Hour Ozone Conformity by Subarea Budgets (Emission Tons per Day)

| Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets | VOC <br> (TPD) | NOX <br> (TPD) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Northern Subarea Budget <br> (North Front Range Metropolitan Planning <br> Organization and Upper Front Range <br> Transportation Planning Region Subarea) | 8.2 | 9.7 |
| Southern Subarea Budget <br> (DRCOG and Upper Front Range <br> Transportation Planning Region Subarea) | 41.2 | 45 |
| Total Nonattainment Area Budget <br> (Entire Nonattainment Area) | 49.4 | 54.7 |

## Relevant Planning Efforts

## DRCOG Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan

DRCOG's Metro Vision plan is the long-range growth and development strategy for the Denver region. It integrates plans for growth and development, transportation and environmental quality into a single comprehensive foundation for regional planning. Metro Vision calls for a balanced multimodal surface transportation system including rapid transit, a regional bus network, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and improvements to the existing roadway system. Among Metro Vision's regional objectives is to "Improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions," which reflects the region's commitment to improve air quality through local and regional initiatives that reduce ground-level ozone, greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants. Supporting objectives include:

- Increase collaboration with local and regional partners on air quality initiatives.
- Increase public awareness of air quality issues.
- Improve the fuel economy of the region's vehicle fleet.

The Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan implements the transportation element of Metro Vision. The Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan contains an unconstrained vision plan, outlining the region's total transportation needs, as well as the Fiscally Constrained Regional Transportation Plan, which includes those projects that can be implemented given reasonably anticipated revenues through 2050. When the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan is referenced in this document it denotes the fiscally constrained element of the plan.

[^3]The 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program identifies transit, multimodal and roadway projects to be funded from fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027. Regionally significant projects funded in the TIP must first be identified in the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan. Regionally significant projects are listed in Appendix A. The TIP will implement selected projects and strategies identified in the first staging periods of the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan.

DRCOG staff fostered public participation throughout development of the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation plan and 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program and continue to facilitate youth and civic engagement on a regular basis. DRCOG provided numerous public participation opportunities, including workshops, county forums, stakeholder meetings, surveys, interactive online forums, a Youth Advisory Panel and a Civic Advisory Group.

UFR RTP
The Upper Front Range Transportation Planning Region provided its 2045 Regional Transportation Plan for public comment in May of 2020 and was approved by the Upper Front Range Regional Planning Commission in September 2020. The Upper Front Range Transportation Planning Region 2045 Regional Transportation Plan contains both a vision plan as well as a fiscally constrained plan. Short-range transportation projects in the plan are contained in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. There have been no regionally significant amendments to either of these documents since the last determination.

Consistent with the process used for the memorandum of understanding, information about and summaries of DRCOG's public hearings were circulated within the Upper Front Range Transportation Planning Region, available through DRCOG's website and in the office. Additionally, the public was encouraged to provide input to their local elected officials and government staff who work closely with DRCOG.

## Chapter 3. Transportation Control Measures

For this conformity determination, there are no transportation control measures identified for timely completion or implementation as part of the applicable implementation plan. The 8-hour ozone State Implementation Plan that was adopted by the Air Quality Control Commission in November 2016 did not include any transportation control measures.

## Chapter 4. Emission Test Process and Assumptions

## Background and Staging Years

The transportation plan and program must pass a series of 8-hour ozone emissions tests to demonstrate conformity. These emissions tests relate to the two ozone precursors, NOX and VOC. The plan and program must meet the motor vehicle emissions budget in the applicable State Implementation Plan or plan submittal. Satisfying these tests involves demonstrating that relevant emissions in future years are less than or equal to the emissions budget established in the State Implementation Plan.

In accordance with EPA regulations 40 CFR 93.118, the Interagency Consultation Group agreed upon the following base and reporting years for this 8 -hour ozone conformity determination.

- 2023 - regional transportation plan base year (no emissions analysis)
- 2026 - an intermediate modeling year
- 2030 - an intermediate modeling year
- 2040 - an intermediate modeling year
- 2050 - the last year (horizon) of regional transportation plan

Under the terms of the memorandum of agreement (as described above), DRCOG is responsible for the 8 -hour ozone nonattainment area's Southern Subarea, while the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization is responsible for the conformity determination for the 8 -hour ozone nonattainment area's Northern Subarea, as shown in Figure 1.

## Technical Models

The technical process used to estimate future pollutant emission levels is based on the latest planning assumptions in effect at the time of this conformity determination. Assumptions behind the analysis were derived from estimates of current and future population, employment, travel and congestion most recently developed by DRCOG. Information concerning vehicle miles traveled and operating speeds was updated as part of this conformity finding process.

The memorandum of agreement stipulates that the emissions estimates are to be performed by the Air Pollution Control Division. The Air Pollution Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment estimates air pollution emissions using the EPA MOVES model. The conformity analysis for this 8-hour ozone conformity determination was completed in December 2022 when DRCOG transferred initial travel model output files to Air Pollution Control Division to be used with EPA's most current mobile source emission model (MOVES2014b) to estimate emissions. An update to the EPA model was underway during the analysis for this update and will be applied in the future.

The DRCOG travel demand model covers the whole Southern Subarea. Appendix B describes the modeling structure and recent enhancements for the DRCOG travel demand model in more detail. Appendix C of this conformity determination includes more information on the transportation and demographic assumptions used in this emissions analysis.

## Demographic Assumptions

Growth in population and employment is the principal factor for the increased demand for travel on the region's transportation facilities and services. The population forecast for the Southern Subarea of the

Denver Metro/North Front Range 8-hour Ozone Nonattainment Area in 2050 is $4,404,997$. This is an increase of 31 percent over the 2020 estimated population of $3,358,999$. The employment forecast for 2050 is $2,970,635$ compared to the 2020 estimate of $2,160,276$, an increase of 38 percent. Table 5 shows the latest forecasts of population and employment for 2020, 2023, 2030, 2040 and 2050 for the Southern Subarea of the Denver Metro/North Front Range Nonattainment Area. Table 6 lists 2020 and 2050 population and employment estimates by each of the counties in the DRCOG ozone modeling Southern Subarea.

Table 5.
Population and Employment Forecasts

|  | 2020 | 2023 | 2030 | 2040 | 2050 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Population | $3,358,999$ | $3,520,911$ | $3,806,424$ | $4,180,711$ | $4,404,997$ |
| Employment | $2,160,276$ | $2,241,691$ | $2,443,012$ | $2,706,188$ | $2,970,635$ |

Source: State Demography Office, Colorado Department of Local Affairs 2019 Data Pull. Weld County portioning applied by DRCOG staff.

Counties included in totals: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson and southern Weld.

Table 6. 2020 and 2050 Population and Employment Estimates by County

| County | Population |  | Employment |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2020 | 2050 | 2020 | 2050 |
| Adams County | 523,778 | 842,689 | 267,686 | 365,949 |
| Arapahoe County | 659,564 | 837,991 | 426,173 | 584,069 |
| Boulder County | 331,025 | 420,105 | 248,111 | 339,920 |
| Broomfield County | 72,773 | 98,239 | 48,254 | 66,192 |
| Denver County | 736,531 | 883,165 | 646,251 | 885,225 |
| Douglas County | 354,508 | 464,189 | 174,176 | 238,725 |
| Jefferson County | 586,965 | 661,332 | 313,198 | 429,177 |
| Southern Weld County | 93,855 | 197,287 | 36,427 | 61,378 |
| Total DRCOG Ozone Modeling Southern Subarea | 3,358,999 | 4,404,997 | 2,160,276 | 2,970,635 |

Source: State Demography Office, Colorado Department of Local Affairs 2019 Data Pull. Weld County portioning applied by DRCOG staff.

## Transportation Network Assumptions

## DRCOG

Emission tests were based on the 2020, 2023, 2030, 2040 and 2050 transportation networks and associated planning assumptions as defined in DRCOG's 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation

Plan. The networks included financially constrained roadway and transit system improvements and resulting networks to be completed by the year 2050. The networks include both federally and locally funded projects. The Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program also include many other projects that will help to reduce emissions associated with ozone such as:

- transit operating funds and bus purchases
- bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- transportation demand management programs
- intelligent transportation systems infrastructure
- traffic signal systems and coordination
- master plans for areas around transit stations and urban centers

All roadway and rapid transit projects and staging years through 2050 are shown in the figures found in Appendix A. The full project list is also detailed in Appendix A.

## Upper Front Range Transportation Planning Region

There were no regionally significant transportation improvement projects in the Upper Front Range Transportation Planning Region portion of the Southern Subarea, and no amendments are proposed for this cycle.

## Other Mobile Source Reduction Strategies

Two categories of strategies to reduce regional emissions are funded and assumed to continue through 2050, but are not specifically analyzed in the future year transportation and air quality modeling:

- Transportation demand management programs such as DRCOG's regional Way to Go program, transit pass subsidies and other transportation demand management actions will help to reduce the amount of single-occupant-vehicle driving by the growing population of the region. Such efforts will also take advantage of the increased provision of pedestrian and bicycling facilities across the region.
- The DRCOG Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Program will implement projects that allow the transportation systems to operate much more efficiently. The projects cover four key areas:
- traffic signal system equipment
- traffic signal coordination and timing
- transportation incident management and communications
- intelligent transportation systems technological improvements covering a range of communications (vehicle and infrastructure), monitoring, public information and other projects


## Chapter 5. Conclusion

## Emission Test Results

The results of the Denver Southern Subarea emissions tests by year are reported in Table 1, included in the executive summary and repeated here. The emissions estimates were generated by Air Pollution Control Division using the transportation inputs from DRCOG's travel demand models and the MOVES model. The 8 -hour ozone conformity analysis was performed and is reported for the years 2023, 2030, 2040 and 2050, which meet the requirements for the staging years specified in 40 CFR 93.118.

Table 2. 8-Hour Ozone Conformity for Denver Southern Subarea Results (Emission Tons per Day)

|  | Modeling Results |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2020 <br>  <br> SIP <br> Budgets <br> (2008 <br> Ozone <br> Standard) | Emissions | Emissions | Emissions | Emissions | Emissions | Pass/Fail |
| Volatile <br> Organic <br> Compounds <br> (VOC) | 41.2 | 29 | 25 | 20 | 17 | 19 | pass all <br> tests |
| Nitrogen <br> Oxides | 45 | 24 | 17 | 13 | 9 | 10 | pass all <br> tests |
| $($ NOX) | 45 |  | 2026 |  |  |  |  |

## Summary Statement

DRCOG has assessed its compliance with the applicable ozone conformity criteria requirements and affirms conformity. The test results do not indicate any failures in the reporting years of the program or plan that would lead to a finding of nonconformity for the 2020 State Implementation Plan budgets (2008 Ozone Standard and 2015 Ozone Standard). Based on the quantitative conformity analysis, the DRCOG staff has determined conformity is demonstrated for the amended DRCOG 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan, Upper Front Range 2045 Regional Transportation Plan, and the regionally significant projects funded in the DRCOG 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program and 20242027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program within the Denver Southern Subarea associated with the 2008 and 2015 8-hour ozone standards.

Appendix A. DRCOG Transportation Network and Project Assumptions

2050 Staging of Fiscally Constrained Roadway Capacity Projects



| Project name/ Corridor | Location/Limits | Project description | County | Project cost (2020) | Staging period |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan: regionally funded projects and programs |  |  |  |  |  |
| Colorado Department of Transportation administered multimodal capital projects and programs |  |  |  |  |  |
| C-470 | U.S. Route 285/Morrison/Quincy | Interchange complex reconstruction | Jefferson | \$150,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Federal Blvd. | 6th Ave. to Howard PI. | Widen from 5 to 6 lanes | Denver | \$23,400,000* | 2020-2029 |
| I-25 North (Segment 5) | State Hwy. 66 to Weld County Rd. 38 (DRCOG boundary) | Add 1 toll/managed lane each direction | Weld | \$175,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| I-25 North (Segment 4) | State Hwy. 7 to State Hwy. 66 | Managed lanes, State Hwy. 119 mobility hub, intelligent transportation systems, bicycle and pedestrian trail connections | Broomfield/ Weld | \$150,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| I-25 North | E-470 to State Hwy. 7 | Managed lanes, State Hwy. 7 interchange reconstruction and State Hwy. 7 mobility hub | Broomfield | \$200,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| I-25 North | 84th Ave. to 104th Ave. | Operational improvements, centerloading transit station at 88th Ave. and general purpose lane | Adams | \$230,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| I-25 Central Improvements | Santa Fe Blvd. to 20th St. | Safety, operations, multimodal mobility, transit,and community connections | Denver | \$645,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| I-25 | Speer Blvd./23rd Ave. | Bridge replacements with safety and multimodal mobility improvements | Denver | \$75,000,000 | 2020-2029 |

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| I-25 | Santa Fe Dr. (U.S. Route 85) to Alameda Ave. | Bridge replacement, intersection safety, and multimodal mobility improvements | Denver | \$35,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
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| I-25 | Belleview | Interchange reconstruction and pedestrian connections | Arapahoe | \$112,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| I-25 | El Paso County Line to north of Crystal Valley Pkwy. | Add 1 toll/managed-lane each direction | Douglas | \$300,000,000* | 2020-2029 |
| I-270 | I-25/U.S. Route 36 to I70 | New managed lanes | Adams | \$500,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| 1-270 | I-25/U.S. Route 36 and I-70 | New freeway "direct connects" at each end of I270 | Adams | \$300,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| I-70 Floyd Hill eastbound improvements | Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnel | TBD | Clear Creek | \$250,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| I-70 Floyd Hill westbound improvements | Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnel | TBD | Clear Creek | \$450,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| 1-70 | Eisenhower-Johnson Memorial Tunnels | Major rehabilitation of the Eisenhower-Johnson Memorial Tunnels | Clear Creek | \$142,000,000 | 2020-2050 |
| I-70 | Twin Tunnels to Empire Junction (U.S. Route 40) | Add 1 westbound peak period managed lane | Clear Creek | \$50,000,000* | 2020-2029 |
| I-70 | Kipling | Interchange reconstruction and pedestrian connections | Jefferson | \$80,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| I-70 | I-25 to Chambers Rd. | Add 2 new managed lanes | Denver/Adams | \$1,175,700,000* | 2020-2029 |
| State Hwy. 66 | Lyons to Hover | Operational/safety improvements from Lyons to Longmont | Boulder | \$5,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| State Hwy. 66 | Hover St. to Main St. (U.S. Route 287) | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Boulder | \$5,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| State Hwy. 83 (Parker Rd.) | State Hwy. 86 to E. Mississippi Ave. | Corridor planning/investment for multimodal mobility, operations and safety | Arapahoe/ Douglas | \$150,000,000 | 2030-2039 |

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| U.S. Route 6 | Wadsworth Blvd. | Interchange capacity | Jefferson | \$80,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
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| U.S. Route 85 | 120th Ave. | New interchange | Adams | \$100,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| U.S. Route 85 | 104th Ave. | New interchange | Adams | \$100,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| U.S. Route 85 | Louviers to milepost $191.75$ | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$59,000,000* | 2020-2029 |
| U.S. Route 85 | Sedalia to Daniels Park | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$35,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| U.S. Route 85 | Daniels Park to Meadows | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$32,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| U.S. Route 285 | Pine Valley Rd. (County Rd. 126)/Mt. Evans Blvd. | New interchange | Jefferson | \$40,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| U.S. Route 285 | Parker Ave. | New interchange | Jefferson | \$25,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| U.S. Route 285 | Shaffers Crossing to Kings Valley Dr. | Widen from 3 to 4 lanes (add 1 southbound lane) | Jefferson | \$60,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| U.S. Route 285 | Kings Valley Dr. | New interchange | Jefferson | \$15,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| U.S. Route 285 | Kings Valley Dr. to Richmond Hill Rd. | Widen from 3 to 4 lanes (add 1 southbound lane) | Jefferson | \$25,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Vasquez Blvd. | 60th Ave. | Intersection improvements | Adams | \$80,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
|  |  | CDOT projects total | \$4,246,000,000 |  |  |
| Regional system preservation, enhancement, and operations | Varies | Road resurfacing; traffic signals, optimization, communication, variable message signs; bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation; and other systematic repairs and preventative maintenance | Regional | \$11,408,841,041 | 2020-2050 |
|  |  | CDOT programs total | \$11,408,841,041 |  |  |

Denver Regional Council of Governments administered multimodal capital projects and programs

| 88th Ave. | I-76 northbound ramps to State Hwy. 2 | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$21,500,000 | 2020-2029 |
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| 104th Ave. | Colorado Blvd. to McKay Rd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$8,100,000 | 2020-2029 |
| 120th Ave. | U.S. Route 85 to E-470 | Widen to 4 lanes | Adams | \$24,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Broncos Pkwy./Easter/Dry Creek corridor improvements | Parker Rd. to Havana | Widen to 4 lanes; bridge, multimodal corridor and intersection improvements | Arapahoe | \$35,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| County Line Rd. | Phillips St. to University Blvd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$9,500,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Gun Club Rd. | State Hwy. 30 to 6th Ave. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes, includes stream crossing upgrade at Coal Creek, multimodal corridor improvements | Arapahoe | \$60,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Gun Club Rd. | Quincy to Aurora Pkwy. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes, multimodal corridor improvements, and transit service | Arapahoe | \$30,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| I-25 North | 104th Ave. to 120th Ave. | Shoulders; general purpose lanes; bridge | Adams | \$70,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| I-25 | Broadway | Interchange capacity | Denver | \$50,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| I-25 | Lincoln Ave. | Interchange capacity | Douglas | \$49,400,000 | 2020-2029 |
| I-25 | Happy Canyon Rd. | Interchange reconstruction | Douglas | \$30,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| I-25 | Meadows/Founders | Interchange reconstruction | Douglas | \$50,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| I-25 | Crystal Valley Pkwy. | New interchange and south frontage road | Douglas | \$80,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| I-225/Yosemite | DTC Blva. to I-25 onramp | Interchange and ramp reconstruction | Arapahoe | \$60,000,000 | 2020-2029 |

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| Indiana (State Hwy. 72) | W. 80th Ave. to W. 86th Pkwy. | Widen to 4 lanes | Jefferson | \$39,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
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| Kipling St. | Kentucky Ave. to I-70 | Multimodal corridor improvements | Jefferson | \$250,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| Lincoln Ave. | Oswego to Keystone | Multimodal corridor improvements | Douglas | \$24,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. | Havana St./Iola St. to Peoria St. | Widen 2 to 4 lanes; new 4-lane road | Denver | \$15,000,000* | 2020-2029 |
| Peña Blvd. | I-70 to 64th Ave. | Add 1 managed lane in each direction | Denver | \$139,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Peña Blvd. | 64th Ave. to E-470 | Add 1 managed lane in each direction | Denver | \$124,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| RidgeGate Pkwy. | Havana St. to Lone Tree eastern city limit | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$8,000,000* | 2020-2029 |
| Smoky Hill Rd. | Buckley Rd. to Picadilly St. | Safety, operational, and multimodal corridor improvements and transit service | Arapahoe | \$10,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| State Hwy 7 | 164th Ave. to Dahlia St. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$24,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| State Hwy. 30 | Airport Blvd. to Quincy Ave. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes, multimodal corridor improvements, and transit service | Arapahoe | \$175,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| State Hwy. 52 | Weld County Rd. 1 to Weld County Rd. 13 | Planning and Environment Linkages study outcomes - safety, operational and multimodal improvements | Weld | \$20,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| State Hwy. 66 | U.S. Route 287/Main Street to E. County Line Rd.(Weld County Rd. 1) | Capacity, operations and bicycle/pedestrian | Boulder | \$15,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| State Hwy. 66 | E. County Line Rd. (Weld County Rd. 1) to Weld County Rd. 19 | Widen 2 to 4 lanes, pedestrian improvements | Weld | \$35,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| State Hwy. 93 | State Hwy. 58 to State Hwy. 170 | Widen to 4 lanes and safety/transit improvements | Jefferson | \$200,000,000 | 2030-2039 |

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| U.S. Route 6 | Heritage Rd. | New interchange | Jefferson | \$30,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
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| U.S. Route 85 (Santa Fe ) | C-470 to Bowles | Corridor planning/investment for multimodal mobility, operations and safety | Arapahoe | \$150,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| U.S. Route 287/120th Ave. | Midway Blvd. to Lowell Blvd. | Improve circulation, safety, active transportation access, business access, congestion and transit operations | Broomfield | \$15,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| U.S. Route 85 | Highlands Ranch Pkwy to north of County Line Rd. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Douglas | \$50,100,000* | 2020-2029 |
| Wadsworth Blvd. | 35th Ave. to 48th Ave. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Jefferson | \$31,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Wadsworth Blvd. | 17th Ave. to 35th Ave. | Multimodal corridor improvements | Jefferson | \$60,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
|  |  | DRCOG projects total | \$1,918,500,000 |  |  |
| TIP Set-Asides | Varies | Investment in transportation demand management, air quality, operations and technology and human services transportation | Regional | \$375,112,551 | 2020-2050 |
|  |  | DRCOG programs total | \$375,112,551 |  |  |

Regional Transportation District administered multimodal capital projects and programs

| Northwest Rail | Westminster Station to downtown Longmont | Implement peak period service plan | Adams/Boulder/ Broomfield/Jefferson | \$700,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
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|  |  | RTD projects total | \$700,000,000 |  |  |
| Base System and FasTracks Operations and Maintenance | Varies | On-going and preventative maintenance for transit vehicles and | Regional | \$27,287,056,566 | 2020-2050 |

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|  |  | facilities to operate RTD's FasTracks and base system. |  |  |  |
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| Base System and FasTracks Debt Service | Varies | Repayment of debt service for the construction of RTD's FasTracks and base system | Regional | \$6,423,902,502 | 2020-2050 |
|  |  | RTD programs total | \$33,710,959,069 |  |  |
| Regional bus rapid transit projects |  |  |  |  |  |
| New bus maintenance facility | TBD (RTD northern area) | Construction of a new bus maintenance facility in the RTD's northern area | TBD | \$50,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| 38th/Park BRT | Wadsworth to Colfax | Bus rapid transit service and supporting safety/multimodal improvements | Denver/ Jefferson | \$40,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| Alameda BRT | Wadsworth to R-Line | Bus rapid transit service and supporting safety/multimodal improvements | Arapahoe/ <br> Denver/ Jefferson | \$61,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Broadway/Lincoln BRT | Colfax to Highlands Ranch Pkwy. | Bus rapid transit service and supporting safety/multimodal improvements | Arapahoe/ Denver/ Douglas | \$61,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Colfax Ave. BRT | Union Station to I-225 | Bus rapid transit service and supporting safety/multimodal improvements | Adams/ <br> Arapahoe/ Denver | \$250,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Colfax Ave. Extension BRT | I-225 to E-470 | Bus rapid transit service and supporting safety/multimodal improvements | Adams/ Arapahoe | \$100,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Colorado Blvd. BRT | A Line to l-25 | Bus rapid transit service and supporting safety/multimodal improvements | Denver | \$35,000,000 | 2020-2029 |

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| Federal Blvd. BRT | 120th to Santa Fe/Dartmouth | Bus rapid transit service and supporting safety/multimodal improvements | Adams/ Denver | \$94,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
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| North I-25 BRT | Union Station to State Hwy. 119 | Bus rapid transit service and supporting safety/multimodal improvements | Adams/ <br> Broomfield/ Denver/ Weld | \$97,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| Speer/Leetsdale/Parker BRT | Colfax to I-225 | Bus rapid transit service and supporting safety/multimodal improvements | Arapahoe/ Denver | \$95,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| State Hwy. 119 BRT | Downtown Boulder to downtown Longmont | Bus rapid transit service and supporting safety/multimodal improvements, including a separated bikeway | Boulder | \$200,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| State Hwy. 119 Extension BRT | Downtown Longmont to I-25/State Hwy. 119 mobility hub | Bus rapid transit service and supporting safety/multimodal improvements, including the Firestone-Longmont Mobility Hub | Boulder/Weld | \$100,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
|  |  | Regional bus rapid transit total | \$1,183,000,000 |  |  |

## Corridor transit planning projects and program

| Regional mobility hubs | Varies | Construction of multimodal mobility hubs | Regional | \$200,137,636 | 2020-2050 |
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| Regional strategic transit | Varies | Invesment in regional transit services including Bustang, human services transportation, and rural transportation | Regional | \$200,137,636 | 2020-2050 |
| Castle Pines transit mobility corridor | Castle Pines to RidgeGate RTD Station | Transit corridor | Douglas | \$20,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| W. Colfax | Sheridan to Broadway/Lincoln | Transit corridor and supporting | Denver | \$26,573,077 | 2040-2050 |

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|  |  | safety/multimodal improvements |  |  |  |
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| Golden/Mines autonomous circulator | Downtown Golden, School of Mines, RTD W Line | Autonomous circulator | Jefferson | \$3,500,000 | 2020-2029 |
| RidgeGate Pkwy. transit mobility corridor | Mainstreet in Parker to Lone Tree City Center RTD Station | Transit corridor | Douglas | \$100,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| S. Boulder Rd. | Lafayette to Boulder | Multimodal corridor improvements | Boulder | \$75,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| State Hwy. 7 | Boulder to Brighton | Multimodal corridor improvements | Adams/ Boulder/ Broomfield | \$100,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| U.S. Route 36/28th St. and State Hwy.93/Broadway | U.S. Route 36/28th St. and State Hwy.93/Broadway | Transit corridor and supporting safety/multimodal improvements | Boulder | \$15,200,000 | 2030-2039 |
| U.S. Route 287 | U.S. Route 36 to Larimer County Line | Safety, operational and multimodal improvements | Boulder/ Broomfield | \$200,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
|  |  | Transit corridor planning total | \$940,548,349 |  |  |

Arterial safety/Regional Vision Zero/Complete Streets retrofits projects and program

| Arterial safety/ Regional Vision Zero/ Complete Streets retrofits set-aside | High-Injury Network and critical corridors identified in the Taking Action on Regional Vision Zero plan | Vision Zero, safety, and Complete Streets improvements | Regional | \$249,217,902 | 2020-2050 |
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| Brighton Blvd. | Race to York | Reconstruction, Vision Zero, safety and freight improvements | Denver | \$19,762,500 | 2040-2050 |
| Chambers Rd. | E. 56th Ave. to E. 40th Ave. | Vision Zero corridor improvements | Denver | \$16,712,500 | 2020-2029 |
| Colfax safety improvements | Wadsworth to Sheridan | Multimodal arterial safety | Jefferson | \$12,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Federal Blvd. multimodal improvements | 52nd Ave. to 120th Ave. | Bicycle/pedestrian/transit improvements; Turn lanes; bus/business access lanes | Adams | \$50,000,000 | 2020-2029 |

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| W. Mississippi Ave. | South Federal Blvd. to S. Broadway | Vision Zero and pedestrian improvements | Denver | \$18,600,000 | 2020-2029 |
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| Sheridan safety improvements | 52nd to Hampden | Vision Zero corridor improvements | Denver/ Jefferson | \$17,100,000 | 2020-2029 |
| State Hwy. 42 | Louisville and Lafayette | Safety and operational improvements | Boulder | \$50,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| U.S. Route 36 | Boulder to Lyons | Corridor safety improvements | Boulder | \$20,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| U.S. Route 85 operational and safety improvements | Weld County Rd. 2 to Weld County Rd. 10 | Safety and operational improvements | Weld | \$6,100,000 | 2020-2029 |
| U.S. Route 285 congestion mitigation improvements | Knox Ct./Lowell Blvd. (west) to Havana (east) | Speed and reliability corridor and Vision Zero improvements | Arapahoe/ Denver | \$88,200,000 | 2020-2029 |
|  |  | > Arterial safety/ Regional Vision Zero/Complete Streets retrofits total | \$547,692,902 |  |  |

Active transportation projects and program

| Active transportation set-aside | Short-trip opportunity zones identified in the active transportation plan | Bicycle and pedestrian improvements | Regional | \$822,477,521 | 2020-2050 |
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| Bear Creek Trail | (not specified) | Upgrade trail for safe crossings and consistent cross section. Integrate intelligent transportation systems/artificial intelligence equipment. | Denver | \$31,200,000 | 2040-2050 |
| Clear Creek Greenway | Jefferson County Line to Loveland Ski Area | Clear Creek Greenway portion of Peaks to Plains trail system | Clear Creek | \$50,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| McCaslin Regional trail | Rock Creeky Pkwy. to State Hwy. 128 | Regional trail | Boulder | \$3,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Boulder to Erie Regional Trail | Boulder to Erie | Regional trail | Boulder | \$6,000,000 | 2020-2029 |

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| S. Platte River Trail | Northern Denver city limits (near 53rd Ave.) to southern Denver city limits (near Harvard Ave.) | Complete missing links and upgrade trail section | Denver | \$25,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
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| S. Platte River Trail | Northern Denver city limits (near 53rd Ave.) to southern Denver city limits (near Harvard Ave.) | Complete missing links and upgrade trail section | Denver | \$25,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Smith Rd. bicycle/pedestrian facilities | Peoria Street to Powhaton Rd. | New multiuse path | Adams | \$4,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| St. Vrain Greenway | Longmont to Lyons | Regional trail | Boulder | \$4,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
|  |  | Active transportation total | \$970,677,521 |  |  |


| Freight set-aside | Varies | Freight improvements including but not limited to bridge reconstructions, overpasses/underpasses, new bridges | Regional | \$75,836,451 | 2020-2050 |
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| 47th Ave./48th Ave. | I-25 to Pecos | Bridge reconstruction, new multimodal underpass and new bicycle/pedestrian bridge | Denver | \$45,225,000 | 2040-2050 |
| Alameda Pkwy. Bridge over I-225 | Between Potomac St. and Abilene St. | Bridge reconstruction | Arapahoe | \$20,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Peoria St. Bridge | Sand Creek | Bridge reconstuction | Adams | \$19,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Ward Rd./BNSF | I-70 frontage road north and Ridge Rd. | Multimodal grade separation | Jefferson | \$60,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
|  |  | Freight total | \$220,061,451 |  |  |

Table 3.2: Locally funded project and programs (Public review draft: August 2022)

| Local government funded projects and programs |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 6th Ave. | Airport Blvd. to Tower Rd. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$10,160,000 | 2020-2029 |
| 6th Ave. | Tower Rd. to 6th Pkwy. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$14,097,000 | 2020-2029 |
| 6th Ave. | 6th Pkwy. to Harvest Rd. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$13,194,030 | 2020-2029 |
| 6th Ave. | Harvest Mile Rd. to Watkins Rd. | New 6-lane road | Adams | \$19,200,000 | 2040-2050 |
| 6th Ave. | Watkins Rd. to Manila Rd. | New 4-lane road | Adams | \$19,200,000 | 2040-2050 |
| 6th Ave. | Manila Rd. to Schumaker Rd. | New 2-lane road | Adams | \$9,600,000 | 2040-2050 |
| 17th Ave. | Alpine St. to Ute Creek Dr. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Boulder | \$2,302,510 | 2020-2029 |
| 48th Ave. | Picadilly Rd. to Powhaton Rd. | New 6-lane road | Adams | \$40,706,040 | 2020-2029 |
| 48th Ave. | Powhaton Rd. to Monaghan Rd. | New 2-lane road | Adams | \$7,500,000 | 2020-2029 |
| 48th Ave. | Powhaton Rd. to Monaghan Rd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$7,500,000 | 2030-2039 |
| 48th Ave. | Imboden Rd. to Manila Rd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$4,800,000 | 2030-2039 |
| 56th Ave. | Havana St. to Peña Blvd. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Denver | \$15,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| 56th Ave. | Peoria St. to Peña Blvd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Denver | \$40,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| 56th Ave. | Peña Blvd. to Tower Rd. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Denver | \$17,300,000 | 2020-2029 |
| 56th Ave. | Genoa St. to Picadilly Rd. | Widen from 5 to 6 lanes | Denver | \$5,800,000 | 2020-2029 |
| 56th Ave. | Picadilly Rd. to E-470 | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$9,696,450 | 2020-2029 |

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| 56th Ave. | E-470 to Powhaton Rd. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$19,400,000 | 2020-2029 |
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| 56th Ave. | Powhaton Rd. to Imboden Rd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$24,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| 56th Ave. | Imboden Rd. to Schumaker Rd. | New 2-lane road | Adams | \$19,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| 58th Ave. | Washington St. to York St. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$10,346,093 | 2020-2029 |
| 64th Ave. | Tower Rd. to Denver/Aurora City Limits | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Denver | \$700,000 | 2020-2029 |
| 64th Ave. | Denver/Aurora city limit to Himalaya St. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$6,452,362 | 2020-2029 |
| 64th Ave. | Himalaya Rd. to Harvest Mile Rd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$39,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| 64th Ave. | Himalaya Rd. to Harvest Mile Rd. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$39,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| 64th Ave. | Harvest Mile Rd. to Powhaton Rd. | New 2-lane road | Adams | \$6,452,362 | 2020-2029 |
| 64th Ave. | Harvest Mile Rd. to Powhaton Rd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$10,934,700 | 2020-2029 |
| 64th Ave. | Powhaton Rd. to Monaghan Rd. | New 4-lane road | Adams | \$6,709,410 | 2020-2029 |
| 72nd Ave. | Simms St. to Kipling St. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Jefferson | \$20,000 | 2030-2039 |
| 96th Ave. | State Hwy. 2 to Tower Rd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$46,672,500 | 2030-2039 |
| 96th Ave. | Tower Rd. to Picadilly Rd. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$14,668,500 | 2030-2039 |
| 96th Ave. | 96th St. west of Northwest Pwky. to State Hwy. 128 | Add 2 toll lanes | Broomfield | \$39,370,000 | 2020-2029 |
| 104th Ave. | Marion St. to Colorado Blvd. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$6,276,340 | 2020-2029 |
| 104th Ave. | McKay Rd. to U.S. Route 85 | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$40,600,000 | 2020-2029 |

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| 120th Ave. | Sable Blvd. to E-470 | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$29,718,000 | 2030-2039 |
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| 120th Ave. | E-470 to Picadilly Rd. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$15,500,000 | 2030-2039 |
| 144th Ave. | U.S. Route 287 to Zuni St. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Broomfield | \$21,200,000 | 2020-2029 |
| 144th Ave. | Washington St. to York St. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$12,795,250 | 2020-2029 |
| 144th Ave. | York St. to Colorado Blvd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$10,433,050 | 2020-2029 |
| 152nd Ave. | Washington St. to York St. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$13,074,650 | 2030-2039 |
| Arapahoe Rd. | Waco St. to Himalaya St. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$20,400,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Arapahoe Rd. | Himalaya Way to Liverpool St. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$6,176,772 | 2020-2029 |
| E. Bromley Ln. | U.S. Route 85 to Sable Blvd. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$1,333,500 | 2020-2029 |
| E. Bromley Ln. | Tower Rd. to I-76 | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$1,853,032 | 2020-2029 |
| Broncos Pkwy. | Havana St. to Peoria St. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$8,134,350 | 2020-2029 |
| Broncos Pkwy. | Jordan Rd. to Parker Rd. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$6,934,200 | 2020-2029 |
| Buckley Rd. | 136th Ave. to Bromley Rd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$7,747,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Buckley Rd. | 118th Ave. to Cameron Dr. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$13,897,737 | 2020-2029 |
| C-470 eastbound: S. Kipling Pkwy. to I-25 | S. Kipling Pkwy. to Wadsworth Blvd. | Add 1 high-occupancy toll lane | Douglas/ Jefferson | \$45,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| C-470 westbound: S. Kipling Pkwy. to I-25 | Wadsworth Blvd. to S. Kipling Pkwy. | Add 1 high-occupancy toll lane | Douglas/ Jefferson | \$45,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| C-470 westbound: S. Kipling Pkwy. to I-25 | Colorado Blvd. to Lucent Blvd. | Add 1 high-occupancy toll lane | Douglas | \$80,000,000 | 2030-2039 |

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| C-470 eastbound: S. Kipling Pkwy. to I-25 | Broadway to I-25 | Add 1 high-occupancy toll lane | Douglas | \$80,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
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| Canyonside Blva. | Crowfoot Valley Rd. to Hess Rd. | New 4-lane road | Douglas | \$16,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Chambers Rd. | E-470 to Arapahoe/Douglas County Line | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Douglas | \$12,500,000 | 2040-2050 |
| Chambers Rd. | Mainstreet to Lincoln Ave. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Douglas | \$16,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| Chambers Rd. | Hess Rd. to Mainstreet | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Douglas | \$10,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| Chambers Rd. | Crowfoot Valley Rd. to Hess Rd. | New 2-lane road | Douglas | \$19,500,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Chambers Rd. | Crowfoot Valley Rd. to Hess Rd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$17,500,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Chambers Rd. | Crowfoot Valley Rd. to Hess Rd. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Douglas | \$12,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| Chambers Rd./Bayou Gulch Rd. | Parker Rd. to Vistancia Dr. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$18,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| Chambers Rd./Bayou Gulch Rd. | Vistancia Dr. to southern boundary | New 2-lane road | Douglas | \$6,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Chambers Rd./Bayou Gulch Rd. | Vistancia Dr. to southern boundary | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$6,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| Chambers Rd./Bayou Gulch Rd. | Crowfoot Valley Rd.to Parker south town limit, new road | New 2-lane road | Douglas | \$5,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Chambers Rd./Bayou Gulch Rd. | Crowfoot Valley Rd. to Parker south town limit, widening | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$4,500,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Colorado Blva. | south of 168 th Ave. to 168th Ave. | New 4-lane road | Adams | \$23,500,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Colorado Blva. | 156th Ave. to south of 168th Ave. | New 4-lane road | Adams | \$23,500,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Colorado Blvd. | 144th Ave. to 156th Ave. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$23,500,000 | 2030-2039 |

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| E. County Line Rd. | 9th Ave. to State Hwy. 66 | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Boulder | \$9,779,000 | 2030-2039 |
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| Crowfoot Valley Rd. | Chambers Rd. to Stroh Rd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$11,500,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Crowfoot Valley Rd. | Macanta Rd./Canyonside Blvd. to Chambers Rd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$38,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Crowfoot Valley Rd. | Founders Pkwy. to Macanta Rd./Canyonside Blvd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$10,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Green Valley Ranch Blvd. | Chambers Rd. to Peña Blvd. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Denver | \$9,900,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Green Valley Ranch Blvd. | Peña Blvd. to Tower Rd. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Denver | \$1,700,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Gun Club Rd. | Yale Ave. to Mississippi Ave. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Arapahoe | \$10,899,140 | 2030-2039 |
| Gun Club Rd. | Yale Ave. to Mississippi Ave. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$10,899,140 | 2030-2039 |
| Gun Club Rd. | Quincy Ave. to 1.5 miles south of Quincy Ave. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$26,670,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Hampden Ave. | Picadilly Rd. to Gun Club Rd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Arapahoe | \$12,353,544 | 2020-2029 |
| Harvest Mile Rd. | 56th Ave. to 64th Ave. | New 3-lane road | Adams | \$6,452,235 | 2020-2029 |
| Harvest Mile Rd. | 56th Ave. to 64th Ave. | Widen from 3 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$7,760,970 | 2030-2039 |
| Harvest Mile Rd. | I-70 to 56th Ave. | New 6-lane road | Adams | \$15,900,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Harvest Rd. | 6th Ave. to I-70 | New 6-lane road | Adams | \$13,313,410 | 2020-2029 |
| Harvest Rd. | Alameda Ave. to 1st Ave. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$6,657,340 | 2020-2029 |
| Harvest Rd. | Mississippi Ave. to Alameda Ave. | Add new 6-lane road | Arapahoe | \$13,313,410 | 2020-2029 |

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| Harvest Mile Rd. | Jewell Ave. to Mississippi Ave. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$13,313,410 | 2030-2039 |
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| Hess Rd. | Canyonside Blvd. to Chamber Rd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$17,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Hilltop Rd. | Canterberry Pkwy. to Singing Hills Rd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$20,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Huron St. | 160th Ave. to State Hwy. 7 | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Broomfield | \$5,080,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Huron St. | 150th Ave. to 160th Ave. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Broomfield | \$8,572,500 | 2020-2029 |
| I-70 | Picadilly Rd. | Add new interchange | Adams | \$27,490,547 | 2020-2029 |
| I-70 | Harvest Mile Rd. | Add new interchange | Adams | \$39,566,215 | 2020-2029 |
| I-70 | Harvest Mile Rd. | Add new interchange | Arapahoe | \$39,566,215 | 2020-2029 |
| I-76 | Bridge St. | Add new interchange | Adams | \$25,400,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Imboden Rd. | 48th Ave. to 56th Ave. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$24,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Imboden Mile Rd. | 40th Ave. to 48th Ave. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$4,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Imboden Mile Rd./Quail Run Rd. | North of Quail Run Rd. to Imboden Rd./40th Ave. | New 4-lane road | Adams | \$24,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Jefferson Pkwy. | State Hwy. 128/96th St. to State Hwy. 93 north of 64th Ave. | New 4-lane road | Jefferson |  | 2020-2029 |
| Jefferson Pkwy. | Indiana St./State Hwy. $128$ | Add new interchange | Jefferson |  | 2020-2029 |
| Jefferson Pkwy. | Candelas Pkwy. | Add new interchange | Jefferson | \$259,080,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Jefferson Pkwy. | State Hwy. 72 | Add new interchange | Jefferson |  | 2020-2029 |
| Jefferson Pkwy. | State Hwy. 93 to 0.5 miles north of 64th Ave. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Jefferson |  | 2020-2029 |

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| Jewell Ave. | Himalaya St. to E-470 | Widen from 3 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$13,194,030 | 2020-2029 |
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| Jewell Ave. | E-470 to Gun Club Rd. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$4,848,860 | 2020-2029 |
| Jewell Ave. | Gun Club Rd. to Harvest Mile Rd. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$9,950,450 | 2020-2029 |
| Jewell Ave. | Harvest Rd. to Monaghan Rd. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$9,700,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Jewell Ave. | Monaghan Rd. to Watkins Rd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$14,400,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Lincoln Ave. | Peoria St. to 1st Ave. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Douglas | \$4,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Lincoln Ave. | 1st St. to Keystone Blvd. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Douglas | \$18,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Lincoln Ave. | Keystone Blvd. to Parker Rd. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Douglas | \$20,250,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Mainstreet | Canterberry Pkwy. to Delbert Rd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$28,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| Manila Rd. | Alameda Ave. to I-70 | New 4-lane road | Adams | \$5,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Manila Rd. | I-70 to 48th Ave. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$15,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| McIntyre St. | 52nd Ave. to 60th Ave. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Jefferson | \$6,500,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Monaghan Rd. | 56th Ave. to 64th Ave. | New 4-lane road | Arapahoe | \$25,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Monaghan Rd. | 26th Ave. to 56th Ave. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Arapahoe | \$26,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Monaghan Rd. | I-70 to 26th Ave. | New 4-lane road | Arapahoe | \$25,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Monaghan Rd. | Quincy Ave. to Yale Ave. | New 6-lane road | Arapahoe | \$22,860,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Nelson Rd. | 75th St. to Affolter Dr. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Boulder | \$5,198,110 | 2020-2029 |

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| Pace St. | 5th Ave. to 17th Ave. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Boulder | \$3,827,780 | 2020-2029 |
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| Pecos St. | 52nd Ave. to 0.72 miles north of 52nd Ave. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$8,647,748 | 2020-2029 |
| Peña Blvd. | E-470 to Jackson Gap St. | Widen from 6 to 8 lanes | Denver | \$33,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Peña Blvd. | Gun Club Rd. | Interchange capacity | Denver | \$15,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Peña Blvd. | Jackson Gap St. west ramps to DEN terminal | Widen from 6 to 8 lanes | Denver | \$10,200,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Peoria St. | E-470 to 0.75 mile south of Lincoln Ave. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$7,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Peoria St. | 0.75 miles south of Lincoln Ave. to Mainstreet/ RidgeGate Pkwy. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$5,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Picadilly Rd. | 96th Ave. to 120th Ave. | New 6-lane road | Adams | \$49,022,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Picadilly Rd. | 82nd Ave. to 96th Ave. | New 6-lane road | Adams | \$21,590,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Picadilly Rd. | 70th Ave. to 82nd Ave. | New 6-lane road | Denver | \$11,400,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Picadilly Rd. | 56th Ave. to 70th Ave./Aurora city limits | New 6-lane road | Adams | \$20,353,020 | 2020-2029 |
| Picadilly Rd. | 48th Ave. to 56th Ave. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$13,568,680 | 2020-2029 |
| Picadilly Rd. | Smith Rd. to 48th Ave. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$22,496,780 | 2020-2029 |
| Picadilly Rd. | I-70 to Smith Rd. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$5,332,730 | 2020-2029 |
| Picadilly Rd. | Colfax Ave. to I-70 | New 6-lane road | Adams | \$12,904,724 | 2020-2029 |
| Picadilly Rd. | 6th Pkwy. to Colfax Ave. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$5,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Picadilly Rd. | State Hwy. 30 to 6th Pkwy. | New 4-lane road | Arapahoe | \$7,000,000 | 2020-2029 |

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| Plum Creek Pkwy. | Wolfensberger Rd. to I25 | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$5,080,000 | 2020-2029 |
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| Plum Creek Pkwy. | Gilbert St. to Ridge Rd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$5,080,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Powhaton Rd. | 26th Ave. to 48th Ave. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$40,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Powhaton Rd. | Jewell Ave. to 26th Ave. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$24,500,000 | 2040-2050 |
| Powhaton Rd./Harvest Mile Rd. | I-70 to 26th Ave. | New 4-lane road | Adams | \$12,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Powhaton Rd./Harvest Mile Rd. | I-70 to 26th Ave. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$8,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Powhaton Rd. | Smoky Hill Rd. to County Line Rd. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$3,491,230 | 2030-2039 |
| Quail Run Rd. | I-70 to 29th Ave./Quail Run Rd. | New 4-lane road | Adams | \$36,391,342 | 2030-2039 |
| Quail Run Rd. | 6th Ave. to I-70 | New 4-lane road | Adams | \$5,000,000 | 2040-2050 |
| Quebec St. | 132nd Ave. to 160th Ave. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$21,010,880 | 2020-2029 |
| Quebec St. | 120th Ave. to 128th Ave. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$8,432,800 | 2020-2029 |
| Quincy Ave. | Simms St. to Kipling Pkwy. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Jefferson | \$12,001,500 | 2020-2029 |
| Quincy Ave. | Irving St. to Federal Blvd. | New 2-lane road | Arapahoe | \$3,810,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Quincy Ave. | Plains Pkwy. to Gun Club Rd. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$13,335,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Quincy Ave. | Monaghan Rd. to Hayesmount Rd. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$18,935,700 | 2030-2039 |
| Quincy Ave. | Hayesmount Rd. to Watkins Rd. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$16,002,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Rampart Range Rd. | Waterton Rd. to Titan Rd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$10,000,000 | 2030-2039 |

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| Ridge Rd. | Plum Creek Pkwy. To State Hwy. 86 | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$3,810,000 | 2020-2029 |
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| Sheridan Pkwy. | Northwest Pkwy. to Preble Creek | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Broomfield | \$5,715,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Sheridan Pkwy. | Lowell Blvd. to Northwest Pkwy. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Broomfield | \$7,620,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Smoky Hill Rd. | Pheasant Run Pkwy. to Versailes Pkwy. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$33,909,000 | 2030-2039 |
| State Hwy 7 | Boulder County Line to Sheridan Pkwy. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Broomfield | \$6,604,000 | 2020-2029 |
| State Hwy. 7 | Sheridan Pkwy. to I-25 | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Broomfield | \$10,172,700 | 2020-2029 |
| State Hwy. 7 | Riverdale Rd. to U.S. Route 85 | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$16,319,500 | 2030-2039 |
| State Hwy. 30 | Stephen D. Hogan Pkwy. (6th Pkwy.) to Mississippi Ave. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Arapahoe | \$18,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| State Hwy. 58 | Cabela St. | Add new interchange | Jefferson | \$19,558,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Stephen D. Hogan Pkwy. (6th Pkwy.) | State Hwy. 30 to E-470 | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$34,904,680 | 2030-2039 |
| Stephen D. Hogan Pkwy. (6th Pkwy.) | E-470 to Gun Club Rd. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$4,848,860 | 2020-2029 |
| Stroh Rd. | Chambers Rd. to Crowfoot Valley Rd. | New 4-lane road | Douglas | \$14,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Stroh Rd. | Crowfoot Valley Rd. to J. Morgan Blvd. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$9,250,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Titan Rd. | Rampart Range Rd. to Santa Fe Dr. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$25,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Tower Rd./Buckley Rd. | 105th Ave. to 118th Ave. | New 4-lane road | Adams | \$8,801,100 | 2020-2029 |
| Tower Rd. | Peña Blvd. to 105th Ave. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$20,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Tower Rd. | 56th Ave. to Peña Blvd. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Denver | \$16,000,000 | 2020-2029 |

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| Tower Rd. | 48th Ave. to 56th Ave. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Denver | \$5,300,000 | 2020-2029 |
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| Tower Rd. | 45th Ave. to Green Valley Ranch Blvd. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Denver | \$2,500,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Tower Rd. | Colfax Ave. to Smith Rd. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$8,727,440 | 2020-2029 |
| Tower Rd. | 6th Ave. to Colfax Ave. | New 2-lane road | Arapahoe | \$25,820,370 | 2020-2029 |
| Tower Rd. | 6th Ave. to Colfax Ave. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$25,820,370 | 2030-2039 |
| U.S. Route 85 | Titan Rd. to Highlands Ranch Pkwy. | Widen from 4 to 6 lanes | Douglas | \$5,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Washington St. | 152nd Ave. to 160th Ave. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$37,300,000 | 2020-2029 |
| Waterton Rd. | State Hwy. 121 to Campfire St. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$16,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Watkins Rd. | Quincy Ave. to I-70 | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$54,673,500 | 2030-2039 |
| Wolfensberger Rd. | Coachline Rd. to Prairie Hawk Dr. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Douglas | \$7,500,000 | 2030-2039 |
| Yale Ave. | Monaghan Rd. to Hayesmount Rd. | Widen from 2 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$17,335,500 | 2030-2039 |
| York St. | 160th Ave. (State Hwy. <br> 7) to 168th Ave. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$7,493,000 | 2020-2029 |
| York St. | E-470 to State Hwy. 7 | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$10,668,000 | 2020-2029 |
| York St. | 152nd Ave. to E-470 | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$13,074,650 | 2030-2039 |
| York St. | 88th Ave. to 78th Ave. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$13,500,000 | 2020-2029 |
| York St. | 78th Ave. to State Hwy. 224 | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$12,800,000 | 2020-2029 |
| York St. | State Hwy. 224 to 58th Ave. | Widen from 2 to 4 lanes | Adams | \$20,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
|  |  | Local government projects total | \$3,195,863,948 |  |  |

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| System preservation, enhancement, and operations | Varies | Road resurfacing; traffic signals, optimization, communication, variable message signs; and other systematic repairs and preventative maintenance | Regional | \$17,025,350,550 | 2020-2050 |
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| Bridges \& culverts | Varies | Bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, and systematic repairs | Regional | \$3,367,673,315 | 2020-2050 |
| New non-regional roadway system | Varies | Construction of new arterials, collectors, and local roads | Regional | \$48,275,895,000 | 2020-2050 |
| Toll authority debt service | Varies | Repayment of debt service for the construction of toll facilities | Regional | \$1,850,678,088 | 2020-2050 |
|  |  | Local government programs total | \$70,519,596,954 |  |  |

E-470 Public Highway Authority projects and programs

| E-470 | U.S. Route 85 to I-25 North | Widen 4 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$28,000,000 | 2030-2039 |
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| E-470 | I-76 to U.S. Route 85 | Widen 4 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$21,096,000 | 2030-2039 |
| E-470 | Peoria | Widen to 6 throughlanes plus turn lanes | Adams | \$21,096,000 | 2030-2039 |
| E-470 | Sable | New interchange | Adams | \$16,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| E-470 | 104th to I-76 | Widen 4 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$106,500,000 | 2020-2029 |
| E-470 | Peña to I-76 | Widen 6 to 8 lanes | Adams | \$27,700,000 | 2030-2039 |
| E-470 | I-76 | Add ramps for fully directional interchange | Adams | \$18,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| E-470 | 1-76 | Add ramps for fully directional interchange | Adams | \$15,822,000 | 2030-2039 |

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| E-470 | 112th Ave. | New interchange | Adams | \$15,822,000 | 2020-2029 |
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| E-470 | Peña | Add separated auxillary lanes | Denver | \$23,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| E-470 | I-70 to 104th | Widen 4 to 6 lanes | Adams | \$30,589,000 | 2020-2029 |
| E-470 | 88th Ave. | New interchange | Adams | \$102,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| E-470 | 48th Ave. | New interchange | Adams | \$19,885,000 | 2020-2029 |
| E-470 | 38th Ave. | New interchange | Adams | \$56,950,000 | 2020-2029 |
| E-470/I-70 interchange Complex | I-70 | Directional I-70 interchanges | Adams | \$74,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| E-470 | Quincy to I-70 | Widen 4 to 6 lanes | Arapahoe | \$83,100,000 | 2020-2029 |
| E-470 | Smoky Hill to I-70 | Widen 6 to 8 lanes | Arapahoe | \$41,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| E-470 | Parker Rd. to Smoky Hill | Widen 6 to 8 lanes | Arapahoe/ Douglas | \$109,000,000 | 2020-2029 |
| E-470 | I-25 South to Parker Rd. | Widen 6 to 8 lanes | Douglas | \$1,750,000 | 2020-2029 |
|  |  | E-470 Public Highway Authority projects total | \$811,310,000 |  |  |
| E-470 renewal and replacement program | Varies | Infrastructure renewal, replacement and maintenance items | Adams/ <br> Arapahoe/ Douglas | \$679,022,419 | 2020-2050 |
| E-470 ramp signalization and geometric improvements | Varies | Signalize ramp terminal intersections and geometric interchange improvements | Adams/ <br> Arapahoe/ Douglas | \$62,444,000 | 2020-2050 |
| E-470 pavement overlays | Varies | Pavement overlays needed before reconstruction associated with anticipated widenings | Adams/ <br> Arapahoe/ Douglas | \$25,618,000 | 2020-2050 |

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| E-470 multiuse trails | Varies | Trail projects anticipated to be linked with E-470 widenings | Adams/ <br> Arapahoe/ Douglas | \$28,600,000 | 2020-2050 |
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|  |  | E-470 Public Highway Authority programs total | \$795,684,419 |  |  |
|  |  | Projects total | \$13,185,847,025 |  |  |
|  |  | Programs total | \$119,429,696,602 |  |  |
|  |  | Investment total | \$131,543,848,204 |  |  |

Appendix B. Summary of Transportation Model Calibration and Validation

## Introduction

The Denver Regional Council of Governments maintains the Regional UrbanSim Socio-economic Model and the Focus regional travel demand modeling system. Outputs from the Focus Model are used in the MOtor Vehicle Emission Simulator model by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to calculate emissions of several pollutants:

- Greenhouse gasCO2
- Ozone precursors: Nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds
- Particulate matter 10 microns or less

The Focus Model simulates the millions of trips made throughout the region on a typical weekday. It considers virtually all the types decisions considered by people when making choices on where, when and how to travel, whether for a two-block walk to the store, or a cross-region drive to visit relatives. Currently, about 15 million trips made by individuals are made every weekday. The Focus Model sums all travel to forecast how many vehicles will be driven on major roads: travel speed and delay, how many people will walk, ride a bicycle or use transit to get to where they want to go. To realistically simulate each person's daily household travel, the Focus Model simulates the many choices each person makes through activity-based model components including:

1. Where to work.
2. Where to go to school.
3. How many automobiles are available in the person's household.
4. How many trips each person makes in a day, and for what purposes.
5. Which trips are chained together within home-to-home tours.
6. The location where each individual trip begins and ends.
7. The travel mode used for each trip.
8. Which roadways or bus routes were chosen to reach each destination.

In addition to the activity-based model components for household travel, the Focus model also incorporates three add-on gravity models for:

- Commercial vehicle trips by light, medium and heavy-duty vehicles. This model reflects nonhousehold vehicles used for everything from the hauling of large goods, construction materials and small packages to the provision of business and household services (e.g., electrical, plumbing, health care, landscaping). An estimated 1.7 million commercial vehicle trips are made within the region every day.
- External station trips starting or ending outside the DRCOG modeling area. This model represents trips that pass through the region (such as on I- 25 from Colorado Springs to Fort Collins) and trips between the inside of the Denver region and outside (such as between Denver and Summit County).
- Denver International Airport trips - for trips not fully captured by the activity-based model components. Denver International Airport is unique in terms of the types of trips and vehicles: drop-offs/pick-ups, rental cars, shuttle vehicles and employees.

An UrbanSim model is used to forecast household and employment levels by small-area transportation analysis zones. The Focus Model considers many characteristics of people, such as their age, gender, employment status and income, as well as how the region's demographics will change over time. It also considers characteristics of the built environment, such as transit stops and stations, household and employment density, bicycling facilities, shared-use paths, sidewalks and walkability. The Focus Model creates an origin and destination for each trip ( 15 million weekday trips in the 2020 base model). Specific groupings of origins and destinations were initially estimated based on detailed data from a 1998 survey called the Travel Behavior Inventory. In 2016, the Focus Model was recalibrated using more recent data sources including roadway counts, transit boardings, American Community Survey Census data and results from the following surveys:

- The Regional Transportation District's 2008 Regional On-Board Transit Survey - a questionnaire handed out to light rail and bus travelers to understand transit travel patterns and choice factors. The survey contains information on almost 24,000 transit trips.
- The 2010 Front Range Travel Counts Household Survey - a survey of over 12,000 households along the Colorado Front Range, including 7,000 in the Denver region, using a format similar to the 1998 Travel Behavior Inventory described above.

In 2020 and 2022, further refinements were made to the Focus Model based on additional results of the 2010 Front Range Travel Counts Survey, the 2016 Commercial Vehicle Survey and RTD's updated 2018 Regional On-Board Survey. (See the Calibration Report at: Link)
https://drcog.org/sites/default/files/resources/Focus\ 2.3.1\ Calibraton\ Report.pdf

The final trip assignment outputs of Focus were validated against traffic counts, operating travel speed observations, and RTD ridership data to make sure the overall regional travel patterns being forecasted were reasonable. (See the Validation Report at: Link)
https://drcog.org/sites/default/files/resources/Focus\ 2.3.1\ Validation\ Report.pdf

## Regional socioeconomic forecasts

DRCOG staff uses county-level forecasts of population, households and employment produced by the Colorado State Demography Office as the basis for future growth reflected in the Focus Model. Table 1 shows the population, household and employment forecasts by model staging years for the DRCOG full region and the metropolitan planning organization area.

TABLE 1: POPULATION, HOUSEHOLD, AND EMPLOYMENT FORECASTS

|  | Model Area | DRCOG | MPO |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2025 |  |  |  |
| Population | $3,655,852$ | $3,609,906$ | $3,583,810$ |
| Households | $1,513,712$ | $1,497,432$ | $1,486,067$ |
| Employment | $2,343,134$ | $2,320,916$ | $2,308,241$ |


| 2030 |  |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Population | $3,855,518$ | $3,805,523$ | $3,776,311$ |
| Households | $1,588,772$ | $1,570,673$ | $1,558,656$ |
| Employment | $2,467,276$ | $2,440,736$ | $2,427,554$ |
| 2040 |  |  |  |
| Population | $4,232,276$ | $4,174,425$ | $4,140,898$ |
| Households | $1,761,980$ | $1,740,370$ | $1,726,703$ |
| Employment | $2,733,137$ | $2,702,026$ | $2,687,621$ |
| 2050 |  |  |  |
| Population | $4,456,092$ | $4,386,631$ | $4,348,527$ |
| Households | $1,882,036$ | $1,854,938$ | $1,839,296$ |
| Employment | $3,000,648$ | $2,964,774$ | $2,948,769$ |

## Small area development forecasts

To provide household and employment data at a level of detail necessary for the travel model, the regional socioeconomic forecasts are disaggregated into 2,800 transportation analysis zones, as shown in Figure 1. The allocation of households and employment to transportation analysis zones is carried out within the UrbanSim model based on the dynamics of urban land markets and the simulated decisions of land developers and residential and commercial land customers. The UrbanSim model considers questions such as:

- What parcels of land are profitable for development, and for what uses?
- What is the level of transportation accessibility?
- Where should a firm locate to conduct its business in accordance with zoning regulations, and with suitable transportation access to workers, supplies and finished product markets?
- Does a family's current residence continue to meet its needs and be convenient to jobs, schools and other activities, or should the family move to a "better" location?
- What size and types of residence does a family need based on the number and ages of its members and its household income?
- Where are designated open spaces, parks and other undevelopable lands located?

The UrbanSim model outputs are used in a population synthesizer that creates a descriptive database record for each household in the region (about 1.4 million records for 2020) and each person (about 3.4 million records in 2020). Figure 2 shows a flowchart for the process of socioeconomic forecasting in the Denver region.


## Focus Model process overview

Figure 3 shows a simplified diagram of how the Focus Model components flow after the socioeconomic forecast has been completed.

First, travel time and cost information between zones are calculated by travel mode and time of day. Tours are the first travel elements to be created. Figure 4 shows a diagram depicting an example set of tours for a person in one day, including intermediate stops.

The model runs through a set of steps for each tour, including activity generation, location choice, mode choice and time of day choice model components. Then the model runs through a parallel set of model components for each trip within a tour.

A key use of the model is to estimate the travel patterns that result from before and after changes to model network facilities or inputs. Such changes can be made to population/employment, road/transit projects, cost of transportation fuels, fares, and services and many other model factors. The model is designed to estimate varying output values (e.g., traffic volume, delays and ridership) due to people in the model adjusting travel paths, travel modes, and travel demand due to the model changes mentioned above. This includes newly induced trips or trips to destinations further away. For a new transportation project(s) the model clearly depicts:

- Diversion of existing (assigned) trips between different roadway paths or transit routes.
- Mode shift of trips between driving, auto passenger, transit, walk and bicycle.
- Increase in traffic volume or transit ridership due to planned household and employment developments.
- Induced new trips or longer trips due to significant changes in travel time.
- Induced trips associated with changes in the location or timing of developments (new housing units or employment establishments), within the limits of state established demographic control totals.


## Model Elements



FIGURE 4: SAMPLE TOUR DIAGRAM


## Roadway and transit system

The most critical feature of the model is the representation of the transportation system. The roadway network is represented by over 25,000 directional road segments, described by location, length, number of lanes, functional classification and area type. High-occupancy vehicle and managed lanes also are represented as special links. Tollway links are assessed an additional cost impedance to reflect toll charges. The model also includes a fully detailed representation of transit facilities, including all bus and rapid transit lines, Park-n-Ride lots, bus stops, stations and walk access/egress routes. Bus routes follow the same roadway network as auto trips, and bus travel speeds are based on auto speeds. Bus rapid transit facilities use a formula to reflect less delay time than general purpose lane auto travel. Overall transit travel time also includes access, wait and transfer time. Rail speeds are developed based on transit schedule information. Capture areas for Park-n-Ride lots are quite broad, permitting trip-makers in the model to select the lot that produces the most convenient overall transit path to their destination. As part of the process of estimating roadway and transit use, minimum impedance travel paths are calculated using time, distance, fares, tolls and other operating costs.

## Model components

The most important model components are briefly described in the sections below, and Figure 5 lists all model components. Most model components are multinomial logit or nested logit models, which are statistical models that have two or more discrete choice outcomes.

FIGURE 5: KEY FOCUS MODEL COMPONENTS (ACTIVITY BASED MODEL COMPONENTS IN RED ITALICS)


## Roadway and transit skims (path selection)

Representative roadway and transit paths are initially used for all origin-destination transportation analysis zone pairs ( 2,800 zones by 2,800 zones) and each of the ten time-of-day periods. The paths consider travel time, travel cost and other factors. The time and cost matrices are used extensively in later model components such as location choice, mode choice and time of day choice.

## Denver International Airport/commercial vehicle/internal-external/external-external vehicle trips

After optimal paths are identified via the skims, three additional Compass Gravity Model components must be run to generate and assign:

1. Trips to and from Denver International Airport
2. External trips to, from and through the DRCOG region
3. Commercial vehicle trips.

## Regular workplace and school location

The work location choice model assigns all regional workers a regular work location transportation analysis zone and point. Characteristics of the worker and their home location are used in combination with other characteristics to determine the relative attractiveness of each transportation analysis zone.

The regular school location choice model assigns each student a regular school location associated with a transportation analysis zone. The model uses information about the student, such as income and age and information such as total school enrollment and distance from home to determine which schools will be attractive for students. There are four school location choice models by student grade level: preschool, kindergarden-8th grade, 9th-12th grade and university. Four separate models are used to reflect the widely differing characteristics of school location decision making associated with each of the four grade ranges. The models are all multinomial logit with the choice being the location of the school zone.

## Auto availability choice

The auto availability choice model is a multinomial logit model that selects number of automobiles available for each household in the region. The choices range from zero cars to 4-plus cars. The model uses information about households such as income, household size and household accessibility to work and school to determine how many autos are available to households.

## Tour models

After the Focus Model has assigned the long-term decisions about work and school locations and auto availability, it forecasts daily activities of chained trips that start and end at home, known as tours.

The daily activity pattern model determines which combinations of up to seven purposes (work, school, escort a family member, personal business, shopping, dining and social or recreational) a person will make tours or stops along a tour.

The exact number of tours model determines how many tours of each type each person will make in his or her day. The tour types predicted for each person include: work, school, escort, personal business, shop, meal and social recreation.

The work tour destination type model determines whether a person making a work tour will travel to his or her usual work location, or somewhere else, perhaps to meet with clients or customers, or for offsite training. If the regular workplace is selected, this information is entered into the tours table in the database.

Work-based subtour generation determines whether someone will leave their regular workplace and return during the middle of the day. For example, a person may be eating out, running errands or attending meetings. After this point, the Focus Model treats work-based subtours similarly to homebased ones.

In reality, a person might consider the interactions of destination, mode and departure time choices together in creating an itinerary for the day's travel and activities. Despite its complexity, the Focus Model needs to have some simplifying assumptions to make its mathematical relationships and software workable. Tour time of day simulation is one such simplification, allowing destination and mode choices to be modeled as if the time of travel is known (so the right time and cost matrices can be used) as an initial guess. The simulated times of days are based on observed survey distributions. The later tour time of day choice confirms whether the initially simulated time of day was reasonable, or whether a shift earlier or later might be justified.

The tour primary destination choice model selects the destination of tour based the development (e.g., jobs and households) located within the zone. It then assigns a point within each zone as the final destination.

After the tour destination is known, the tour main mode choice model predicts the main travel mode used on the tour. The mode chosen is based on the impedances associated with each mode from the tour origin to the tour destination, zonal characteristics such as density, travel mode facilities, and demographic person characteristics. The tour main mode is used for most of the distance of the tour, but not necessarily for all trips. For example, if a parent is driving a child to school, the return trip would, necessarily, be driving alone. In other cases, stops along a tour might be close enough that walking or bicycling would be more attractive than a motorized tour mode. The tour and trip modes are related by rules of precedence used to simplify the Focus Model.

Given the known tour origin, destination and mode from previous models, the tour arrival and departure time model predicts the time arriving at the primary destination of the tour and the time leaving the primary destination, both to within one-hour periods.

## Trip models

After the tour-level models are run, a series of trip-level models are run. The first trip level model is the intermediate stop generation model, which determines the number of intermediate stops on each tour, if any.

As with the tour models, there is a trip time of day simulation component to simplify the location and mode choices that are modeled next.

The intermediate stop location choice model selects the zone for each intermediate stop. The locations of all intermediate stops on tours are modeled one at a time, first for stops from home to the primary activity and then for stops from the primary activity to home.

The trip mode choice model determines the mode of travel for all trips. The tour mode is used in combination with skim data, zonal data, and person data to determine the modes for each trip on these tours.

Given the origin, destination and mode of each trip, the trip time of day choice model predicts the time each intermediate stop will occur. The trip time of day choice model has 24 alternatives corresponding to each hour period.

After the trip models have been run, the following information is known for every trip internal to the region:

- Origin and destination zone and point location.
- Trip purpose (work, school, escort, personal business, shop, social recreation).
- Trip mode (driving alone, shared ride of two individuals, shared ride of three or more individuals, walk to transit, drive to transit, walk, bicycle, school bus).
- Trip time of day (one of 24 hours).
- Which tour the trip is part of.
- Which person made the trip.
- What household the person who made the trip belongs to.

The write trips to TransCAD component assembles the individual records for auto and transit trips into origin-destination trip tables (matrices) that Transportation Computer Assisted Design can use for assignment. These trip tables are then combined with those developed for DEN, commercial vehicle, internal-external, external-internal and external-external trips developed earlier.

## Network assignment

Household vehicle, airport trips, internal-external trips, commercial vehicle trips and external-external trips are assigned to the roadway network via a "user equilibrium" algorithm. The user equilibrium process assigns the trips between each origin and each destination transportation analysis zone in such a way that, by the end of the process, no trip can reduce its travel time by changing its path. The process accounts for the congestion produced by all other trips in the region, each trip is following its minimum path. High-occupancy vehicles are loaded simultaneously with single-occupant vehicles. During this process, TransCAD keeps track of which vehicles are eligible to use high-occupancy vehicle facilities, and which might need to pay a toll to use high-occupancy/toll lanes, such as the reversible I-25 express lanes north of downtown Denver. The model also accounts for the effect of toll costs in roadway route choice by converting toll costs into equivalent time cost using an estimated value of time for automobile tripmakers.

Transit assignment is performed separately, using an all-or-nothing algorithm that does not account for the possibility that high demand or crowding on some transit routes may motivate some riders to shift to other routes. RTD has special modeling tools that allow them to use Focus Model forecasts for more detailed operational planning.

Finally, the model is run through several iterations, feeding back the output speeds from roadway assignment to the input stages that require them as input (among them, the trip distribution stage) until the output speeds and the input speeds match closely enough.

## Core model outputs

Final core model results for the base validation year and future reporting years are presented below. Detailed output results are shown in Appendix A. Once comparisons were made of model results against the observed datasets, each model component was calibrated. The calibration involved changing the coefficients describing the mathematical models and travel and adding variables. Then the model was re-run, results compared again, and modifications made again. This process was repeated until satisfactory results were achieved.

The major regional level model results of the validation review for 2020 are shown in Table 3 and Table 4.

Note the 2020 values actually represent the time and travel patterns prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.
These tables demonstrate that the aggregate model results reflect the observed representative counts and transit boardings sufficiently well. When summed over the region, the links with observed traffic counts were observed to carry about 28.0 million vehicles per weekday. The sum of Focus Model estimates was within 1\% difference.

TABLE 3: SUM OF 2020 WEEKDAY OBSERVED TRAFFIC COUNTS AND MODELED VOLUMES

|  | 2019/2020 <br> Observed counts <br> sum of vehicle miles <br> traveled | Model link volume <br> sum of vehicle miles <br> traveled | Model |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | variation

TABLE 4: OBERSVED ESTIMATES AND MODELED 2020 TRANIST WEEKDAY BOARDINGS

|  | 2019 <br> observed <br> (estimate) | 2020 | Model |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RTD boardings | 373,000 | 393,000 | $5.4 \%$ |
| RTD trips | 261,000 | 264,000 | $1.1 \%$ |

## Air quality modeling

Formal air pollutant emissions modeling is conducted by the Colorado Air Pollution Control Division for transportation conformity purposes and by DRCOG for greenhouse gas emission analyses. DRCOG, the Air Pollution Control Division and other agencies work closely together in this effort, both in developing the modeling techniques, assumptions, and parameters and in executing the model runs. Modeled link speed and vehicle miles traveled results from the Focus Model are principal inputs to the MOtor Vehicle Emission Simulator air pollutant emissions model. The model produces estimates of the amount of emissions of greenhouse gases, carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds, oxides of nitrogen and particulate matter generated by motor vehicles. The results are then combined with numerous assumptions concerning meteorology and atmospheric chemical reactions to produce air pollutant concentration estimates.

Appendix C. Modeling summary table

Table 1 - Denver Regional Council of Governments Assumptions for the Entire Modeling Area and Data for Base and Future Years

|  | 2020 | 2050 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Population | 3,408,152 | 4,478,343 |
| Employment | 2,180,587 | 3,000,647 |
| Dwelling Units (Households) | 1,361,781 | 1,882,031 |
| Persons/Dwelling Unit (Household) | 2.50 | 2.38 |
| VMT by Roadway Type <br> -Freeway <br> -Expressway <br> -Principal <br> -Minor <br> -Other (Collectors, Centroid Connectors, Ramps) | $\begin{array}{r} 34,056,247 \\ 5,254,677 \\ 25,437,909 \\ 8,604,440 \\ 17,202,507 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 47,659,781 \\ 7,116,310 \\ 36,283,234 \\ 12,042,677 \\ 26,046,738 \end{array}$ |
| Total | 90,555,780 | 129,148,740 |
| Speed by Roadway Type (miles per hour) <br> -Freeway <br> -Expressway <br> -Principal <br> -Minor <br> -Other (Collectors, Centroid Connectors, Ramps) | $\begin{aligned} & 58.8 \\ & 43.2 \\ & 32.8 \\ & 29.3 \\ & 27.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 54.2 \\ 39.9 \\ 31.1 \\ 28 \\ 27.1 \end{gathered}$ |
| Total (Average Speed) | 37.7 | 35.7 |
| Lane Miles by Roadway Type <br> -Freeway <br> -Expressway <br> -Principal <br> -Minor <br> -Other (Collectors, Ramps) | $\begin{gathered} 2,157 \\ 540 \\ 4,293 \\ 2,893 \\ 10,823 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2,435 \\ 559 \\ 5,098 \\ 3,126 \\ 10,890 \end{gathered}$ |
| Total | 20,706 | 22,108 |

Appendix D. Memorandums of Agreement - Transportation Conformity Evaluation Conducted Under the 8-Hour Ozone Standard

Appendix E. U.S. Department of Transportation Conformity Finding


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Transportation Conformity Guidance for 2015 Ozone NAAQS Nonattainment Areas (EPA-420-B-18-023) June 2018: §93.109(c) (1) In such 8-hour ozone nonattainment and maintenance areas the budget test must be satisfied as required by $\S 93.118$ for conformity determinations made on or after:
    (i) the effective date of EPA's finding that a motor vehicle emissions budget in a submitted control strategy implementation plan revision or maintenance plan for the 8 -hour ozone NAAQS is adequate for transportation conformity purposes.

[^1]:    The DRCOG transportation management area boundary expansion into southwestern Weld County was approved by the governor on Feb. 21,

[^2]:    ${ }^{2}$ Transportation Conformity Guidance for 2015 Ozone NAAQS Nonattainment Areas (EPA-420-B-18-023), June 2018

[^3]:    ${ }^{3}$ Transportation Conformity Guidance for 2015 Ozone NAAQS Nonattainment Areas (EPA-420-B-18-023)- June 2018

