

Board update

Special Board meeting: January 7, 2026



Action item



[Appointments to the Front Range Passenger Rail District board](#)

Presenter: Jacob Riger, Transportation Planning and Operations director

Background: The Denver Regional Council of Governments has four seats on the Front Range Passenger Rail District Board, two of which expired on December 31, 2025. DRCOG staff received six applications from individuals interested in filling the open seats; after reviewing all applications, the Board's Nominating Committee recommended the seats be filled by two incumbents: Chris Nevitt of the City and County of Denver (the current chair of Front Range Passenger Rail District Board) and Deborah Mulvey of the City of Castle Pines (current chair of the Front Range Passenger Rail District Board's Government Affairs and Communications Committee). Once appointed by the Board, the representatives will serve four-year terms offset by two years from those of the other two DRCOG representatives.

Result: The Board appointed Nevitt and Mulvey to represent DRCOG on the Front Range Passenger Rail District Board.

Informational briefings



[Regional Housing Strategy update](#)

Presenters: Regan Fruh, senior planner, Regional Planning and Development; Tyler Bump, partner and director of strategic growth, and Lee Ann Ryan, senior project manager, EConorthwest

Background: In February 2025, DRCOG staff began developing a Regional Housing Strategy to build consensus and capacity for policies, programs and initiatives to address the region's housing needs. The Regional Housing Strategy will also help coordinate housing and transportation planning to leverage current and future regional investments.

Throughout the process, a steering committee and advisory group have provided guidance and technical expertise to the project team. The team also held meetings, listening sessions and focus groups with local government staff, industry experts and community members to solicit feedback.

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The engagement efforts, along with an environmental scan, revealed strong momentum across the region for addressing housing needs through measures such as affordability incentives and zoning updates, as well as innovations and opportunities that may be incorporated into the final strategy. The team has also studied successful implementation efforts in other regions.

During the first quarter of 2026, the project team is continuing to refine the structure of the Regional Housing Strategy, which is organized around five key components: purpose, vision, goals, pathways and implementation strategies. The document will outline why regional collaboration is critical, what success will look like, what outcomes the strategy will achieve, initiatives that will advance the outcomes and the tools needed to turn vision into action.

In the coming months, the team will meet with local jurisdictions, housing providers and regional partners to develop and stress-test implementation strategies, with the goal of having a draft Regional Housing Strategy ready to present to the Board by early summer.



[**Recommended investment priorities for the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan**](#)

Presenter: Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, program manager, Transportation Planning and Operations

Background: DRCOG staff received 133 candidate project submissions for the update of

the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan. Staff scored each project, then met with a Regional Review Panel to review submissions. The panel, which included a representative from each county transportation forum, provided perspectives from the forum process and identified additional considerations for evaluating submitted projects. DRCOG staff also met weekly with planning staff from the Colorado Department of Transportation and Regional Transportation District to review the submissions and create a [recommended list of project and program investment priorities](#).

To develop the list, the team first included projects that met the criteria to be automatically carried over from the current Regional Transportation Plan, with updates to scope, cost and staging period. The team next prioritized current projects that were resubmitted for continued inclusion in the plan. When evaluating new projects to include, the team considered each project's qualitative scores, as well as congestion mobility scores, Equity Index scores and geographic balance. Where appropriate, the team combined overlapping supportive projects.

The Transportation Advisory Committee approved the list of recommended projects at its December meeting. The list will go to the Regional Transportation Committee for consideration on January 20 before coming back to the Board for consideration on January 21.

