

Board update

Board meeting: March 18, 2026

Action items



[Power Ahead Colorado
Jurisdictional Support
Subaward Round 2 policy](#)

Presenter: Gregory Miao,
program manager, Power Ahead Colorado

Background: In 2025, Power Ahead Colorado's Building Policy Collaborative awarded \$26.2 million in Jurisdictional Support Subawards to 27 member governments across the region. Upon completion of Round 1 of the Jurisdictional Support Subawards, Denver Regional Council of Governments staff met with local government partners and the Power Ahead Colorado Technical and Oversight committees to solicit feedback on how best to use the remaining \$8.5 million budgeted for the Jurisdictional Support Subaward program.

Local government staff and committee members expressed a desire for some of the funds to be used for set-aside programs that would provide additional support to member governments participating in the Building Policy Collaborative. DRCOG staff proposed allocating \$2 million to create three new set-aside programs in facilitation and research services, utility engagement, and regional building operations and technology.

Staff proposed using the remaining \$6.5 million for a competitive second round of subawards, with a goal of incentivizing new participation, increasing impact for existing awardees by allocating extra funding where needed, and allowing for more innovative and ambitious applications.

Staff have outlined 10 eligible uses for the second round, augmenting the five uses from Round 1 with five new uses. In contrast to the jurisdiction-specific formula used to determine subaward amounts in Round 1, funding levels for Round 2 will be based on a simple three-tier system, and jurisdictions will specify their intended funding level when submitting an application. Applicants will be evaluated based on the proposed project's feasibility and replicability, innovation, ability to reduce climate pollution, demonstrated need and benefits to low-income or vulnerable communities.

DRCOG staff hope to open Round 2 to applications on April 1, convene a scoring panel to review applications in June, and present the panel's recommendations to the Power Ahead Colorado committees and Board in July.

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Result: The Board approved the Jurisdictional Support Subaward Round 2 policy.



[Power Ahead Colorado incentives policy](#)

Presenter: Mac Prather, program manager, Power Ahead Colorado

Background: After researching the market and gathering feedback from stakeholders, DRCOG staff drafted an incentives policy to outline how to allocate and administer the \$40 million in financial incentives available through the Power Ahead Colorado program to encourage the adoption of high-efficiency electric building technology across the region.

The proposed policy defines who is eligible to receive financial incentives, including residential property owners and renters, multifamily and commercial building owners, contractors and service providers, and distributors. It also establishes incentive ranges for three types of projects: cold-climate air-source heat pumps (\$300 to \$3,000 per unit), heat pump water heaters (\$300 to \$2,500 per unit) and installations (\$100 to \$500 per installation). The policy outlines a process for adjusting incentive levels in response to factors such as utility or government rebate changes and fluctuating technology costs. Staff must submit proposed changes for approval by DRCOG’s executive director, notify the Board and endeavor to give stakeholders at least 30 days of advance notice before the change takes effect.

In addition, the proposed policy details how staff will monitor and adjust the program to ensure

broad participation across the region, and commits staff to regularly report to the Board and relevant committees on financial performance, geographic distribution, contractor participation and market uptake.

Result: The Board approved the Power Ahead Colorado incentives policy.



[Discussion of state legislative issues: new bills for consideration and action](#)

Presenter: Rich Mauro, director of legislative affairs

Background: The 2026 Colorado General Assembly convened on January 14. Throughout the legislative session, DRCOG staff and lobbyists compile bills of interest with comments and recommended positions for Board consideration. Mauro offers opportunities for the Board to take new positions on bills and provide feedback on established positions.

Result: The Board took positions on the following bills:

House Bill 26-1102 | Funding for Colorado DRIVES Account

Position: Oppose

Current status: House floor

House Bill 26-1237 | Transportation Safety Modifications

Position: Support

Current status: Senate Transportation and Energy

Joint Budget Committee Bill LLS 26-0850.01 | Eliminate General Fund Transfer to Multimodal Transportation Fund

Position: Oppose

Current status: Joint Budget Committee draft

Joint Budget Committee Bill LLS 26-0849.01 | Retail Delivery Fee Revenue Allocation

Position: Amend

Current status: Joint Budget Committee draft

Bills on which the Board revised its previous positions:

House Bill 26-1018 | Long-Term Care Services for Nursing Home Residents

Position: Support

Current status: House Appropriations

House Bill 26-1107 | Health Care in Regulated Facilities

Position: Support

Current status: Senate Health and Human Services

Bills on which the Board previously took positions:

House Bill 26-1065 | Transit and Housing Investment Zones

Position: Support with amendments

Current status: House Appropriations

House Bill 26-1001 | Housing Developments on Qualifying Properties

Position: Oppose

Current status: Passed both chambers

Senate Bill 26-001 | Workforce Housing and Housing Tax Credit

Position: No position

Current status: Passed both chambers

Informational briefings



[Sheridan Corridor Safety Study final report](#)

Presenter: Nora Kern, program manager, Transportation Planning and Operations

Background: In October 2024, DRCOG staff initiated the Sheridan Corridor Safety Study to explore ways to reduce serious and fatal crashes along Sheridan Boulevard between Interstate 76 and U.S. Route 285. Staff and consultants worked with stakeholders along the corridor to conduct robust community engagement, analyze data on crashes and other existing conditions, collect traffic counts, and conduct site visits.

The study's [final report](#), published in January, encompasses both corridor-wide and location-specific recommendations. The corridor-wide recommendations include larger efforts such as adding new medians or hardened centerlines, repaving and restriping, installing traffic safety cameras, and widening or adding sidewalks. The study team also developed targeted recommendations for 26 intersections along the corridor that have the highest number of crashes. All recommendations identify a lead

agency for next steps, a general timeline and possible funding sources.

DRCOG staff are currently working with stakeholders along the corridor to identify early-action and maintenance projects, get report recommendations added to internal processes and explore grant funding opportunities. Staff will also convene a meeting of police departments from communities along the corridor to share the report's findings.



[Ride Alliance Trip Exchange hub update](#)

Presenter: Malorie Miller, senior planner, Transportation Planning and Operations

Background: In July 2024, DRCOG received a Stage 1 grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation program to upgrade and pilot the Ride Alliance Trip Exchange hub. The Trip Exchange hub, initially developed under previous grant funding opportunities, makes it easier for older adults

and individuals with disabilities to request and receive transportation by coordinating trip requests across the region, reducing trip denials, simplifying client access and streamlining providers' reporting processes.

The latest work on the Trip Exchange hub enhanced the platform and integrated four transportation providers. In late 2025, DRCOG staff piloted the Trip Exchange hub for the first time to test its functionality with actual clients, providers and trips. The pilot included more than 50 successful one-way trips; participating transportation providers included the DRCOG Area Agency on Aging, Via Mobility Services, the Regional Transportation District FlexRide and the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization's RideNoCo project.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has given DRCOG approval to extend the project through June 30, with a goal of developing a public-facing interface where clients can book trips directly. Staff will continue to gather feedback from stakeholders and look for new funding opportunities to keep the project moving forward.

