

Special Board of Directors

Meeting date: November 5, 2025

Agenda Item #: 9

Discussion of the DRCOG Comprehensive Climate Action Plan

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

Overview of DRCOG's Comprehensive Climate Action Plan developed under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant and action on its approval.

Background

On April 19, 2023, the DRCOG Board voted unanimously to accept the role of lead agency for the US Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, a \$5 billion program funded through the Inflation Reduction Act. Through this program, DRCOG received a \$1 million Planning Grant to develop climate action plans in coordination with local stakeholders throughout the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Metropolitan Statistical Area.

The planning grant funds are designated for the completion of the following products:

- Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP), due March 1, 2024
- Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP), due December 1, 2025
- Status Report, due August 1, 2027

Staff presented an overview of the draft Comprehensive Climate Action Plan at the Board Work Session on October 1, 2025, in advance of the DRCOG Board considering adopting the plan in November.

The Comprehensive Climate Action Plan includes a climate pollution emissions inventory, climate pollution reduction targets, a low-income communities analysis, an overview of public and stakeholder feedback, and quantified climate pollution reduction measures.

Through a two-year planning process that included public, stakeholder steering committee, equity steering committee and the project management team's insights, a set of twelve voluntary strategies aimed at reducing climate pollution were identified. These interconnected strategies prioritize investment in the residential and commercial building sector, the transportation sector, the waste sector, and workforce development.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

[April 19, 2023](#) - Board of Director's approval for DRCOG lead agency role

[February 21, 2024](#) - Board of Director's adoption of Priority Climate Action Plan

[October 1, 2025](#) - Board Workshop presentation on Comprehensive Climate Action Plan



Recommendation

Move to adopt the Denver Regional Council of Governments Comprehensive Climate Action Plan to be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency by December 1, 2025.

Attachments

1. Staff Presentation
2. Link: [Draft DRCOG Comprehensive Climate Action Plan](#)
3. Updated tables for pages 126 and 127 of the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan
(Revised November 4, 2025)

For more information

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