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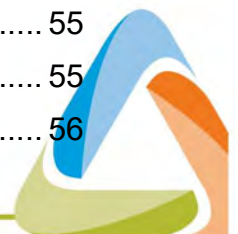
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## Abstract

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**Abstract:** The Unified Planning Work Program describes and facilitates coordination of all metropolitan transportation and transportation-related planning activities anticipated within the Denver region for the 2-year period October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027 (federal fiscal years 2026 and 2027).

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## Executive summary

### What is the Denver Regional Council of Governments?

The Denver Regional Council of Governments, commonly known as DRCOG, is an association of local governments and regional partners committed to protecting and enhancing the quality of life in the ten-county Denver, Colorado metropolitan area. DRCOG serves several functions for the region, including as a federally designated metropolitan planning organization. In this role, DRCOG coordinates regional transportation planning to address important regional needs in all or part of Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson and Weld counties.

### What is the Unified Planning Work Program?

The Unified Planning Work Program, also known as the UPWP, outlines the transportation planning work to be conducted in the region by DRCOG and its partner agencies over a two-year period. As the metropolitan planning organization for the Denver region, DRCOG develops the program as part of its federally required metropolitan transportation planning process. This document guides DRCOG's work over the two-year timeframe, ensures that transportation planning tasks are coordinated with partner agencies around the region, and provides transparency concerning DRCOG's work to partner agencies and the public. Federal regulations require any transportation planning tasks funded with federal transportation planning funds to be listed in an approved UPWP. The tasks in this document must also align with federal goals and priorities and be fiscally constrained within the revenue available to the region's planning partners.

### What information can be found in this document?

This document provides an overview of the federally funded metropolitan transportation planning work to be conducted by DRCOG, the Regional Transportation District, and the Colorado Department of Transportation in federal fiscal years 2026 and 2027 (October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2027). Due to the considerable number of tasks that are anticipated to be completed in the region, the UPWP breaks these planning activities out into categories to provide organizational structure to the document. The structure of this document is based on the following format:

- **Objectives** – Objectives make up the broadest category of work in the UPWP. These are high-level themes to organize the planning activities in the document. There are currently nine Objectives.
- **Activities** – Under each Objective is a varying number of Activities. An Activity is an independent category of work which supports the Objective. Each Activity also includes a list of participant agencies and notes which agency is the lead.
- **Tasks** – Each Activity has a bullet-point list of Tasks. A Task is an action staff takes as part of the Activity.



- **Deliverables** – Some (though not all) Activities include one or more Deliverables. A Deliverable is a discrete product such as a plan, report or tool that is produced as part of the Activity.

In addition to the work program, appendices are provided at the end of the document covering:

1. Appendix A – Additional information on planning projects not funded through federal metropolitan transportation planning funds.
2. Appendix B – Accomplishments from the prior UPWP, covering federal fiscal years 2024-2025.
3. Appendix C – The revenue and expenditure forecasts for the time period of this UPWP.

### **What are the key work tasks and activities listed in this document?**

There are a considerable number of tasks outlined in this document, and all of them are important for transportation planning in the region. Some of the key tasks to be completed over the next two years include an update to the Metro Vision plan which sets the high-level vision for the region, an update to the long-term Regional Transportation Plan, a new call for projects for the short-term Transportation Improvement Program and completion of the Regional Housing Strategy and updated Coordinated Transit Plan. The document also includes new tasks to improve our public engagement, improve safety and crash data, advance conversations around a potential regional funding initiative and improve coordination of human service and microtransit options.



# Introduction

## Purpose

The Unified Planning Work Program, also known as the UPWP, describes the proposed multimodal transportation planning activities to be conducted in the Denver region during federal fiscal years 2026 and 2027 (October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027). The UPWP is administered by the Denver Regional Council of Governments, commonly known as DRCOG, in accordance with federal requirements.

The UPWP is prepared biennially and serves as the basis by which federal urban transportation planning funds – collectively referred to as Consolidated Planning Grant funds – are spent in the region. Additionally, the UPWP is the management tool for scheduling, budgeting and monitoring the planning activities of participating entities.

## Background

DRCOG is the federally designated metropolitan planning organization for the region's transportation management area. As such, DRCOG is the recipient of federal Consolidated Planning Grant funds and is responsible for facilitating the metropolitan transportation planning process and for coordinating the activities of the other participating agencies that carry out UPWP activities. DRCOG works with local governments, regional agencies and the state to determine how the federal planning funds will be spent.

In June 2023, a [memorandum of agreement](#) between DRCOG, the Colorado Department of Transportation, commonly known as CDOT, and the Regional Transportation District, commonly known as RTD, was signed. The memorandum coordinates transportation decision-making in the region. The Regional Transportation Committee, made up of representatives from these three agencies, among others, assists the DRCOG Board of Directors in carrying out the transportation planning process. The three signatory agencies to the memorandum, working through the Regional Transportation Committee, have approved and maintain a guiding document called the [Framework for Transportation Planning in the Denver Region](#) that defines how the planning and decision making process works. As noted in the Framework, for actions related to DRCOG's role as the metropolitan planning organization, both the Regional Transportation Committee and Board of Directors must make identical actions to adopt a plan or policy. This ensures that the regional partners in the Regional Transportation Committee and local partners in the Board of Directors both have the opportunity to steer DRCOG's transportation planning work.

## Management of the UPWP

The UPWP is developed through a collaborative approach led by DRCOG and involves CDOT, RTD and local agencies throughout the region, as well as the Federal Highway



Administration, known as FHWA, and Federal Transit Administration, known as FTA. The intent is to capture the full scope of work to be completed by all partner agencies throughout the two-year timeframe. However, it is anticipated that occasional revisions to this UPWP will be necessary to account for changes in requirements, opportunities and priorities. Revisions to this document may occur as amendments or administrative modifications.

Amendments are significant changes to the UPWP which require approval by the DRCOG Board of Directors and formal federal approval. Once identified, amendments will be taken through the DRCOG committee structure for formal action. Once approved, the amended document will be forwarded to CDOT for concurrence followed by FHWA and FTA for approval. Revisions to the UPWP which require an amendment include:

- Changes to UPWP Activity descriptions which significantly alter the Activity scope (as defined by the DRCOG Transportation Planning and Operations Division Director or the DRCOG Executive Director), including changes to the lead agency, addition or removal of an identification of contracted work, and deliverables.
- Federal funding increases.
- Transfers of existing funding between UPWP Activities that exceed 10% of the overall UPWP budget.
- Changes identified as requiring an amendment action by FHWA or FTA or as required in federal law and regulation.

All other changes may be processed by DRCOG staff as administrative modifications. Administrative modifications do not require formal approval by the DRCOG Board of Directors but will still be provided as an informational item to the Board of Directors, CDOT, FHWA and FTA.

Updated copies of this document accounting for any revisions will be posted publicly to the DRCOG website. Additionally, according to state and federal requirements, staff will post reports to the website biannually documenting progress on the work elements included in this document. Reports will cover progress on tasks and deliverables scheduled within the relevant fiscal year. These reports will be reviewed with partner agencies to ensure sufficient progress is made and determine if any revisions to the UPWP may be needed.





# Planning process requirements and context

## Guidelines for planning activities

### *Federal transportation planning factors*

Metropolitan planning organizations are currently required to consider ten planning factors in the transportation planning process. These factors are outlined in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, signed into law in November 2021. This law carries forward the planning factors of its predecessor, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, signed into law in 2015. Per federal regulations (23 CFR 450.306(b)), the degree of consideration of these factors should be based on the scale and complexity of many issues, including transportation system development, land use, employment, economic development, human and natural environment, and housing and community development. The ten planning factors are:

1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity and efficiency.
2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.
4. Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and freight.
5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.
7. Promote efficient system management and operation.
8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
9. Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation.
10. Enhance travel and tourism.

Substantial work is anticipated during fiscal years 2026-2027 in consideration of these planning factors. Table 1 provides a summary of 2026-2027 UPWP Activities applicable to each of the ten planning factors.





**Table 1: UPWP activities promoting federal planning factors**

UPWP Activity	Economy	Safety	Security	Mobility	Quality of life	Connectivity	Efficiency	Preservation	Resiliency	Tourism
<b>1.1</b>										
<b>1.2</b>		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
<b>1.3</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>1.4</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>2.1</b>		X		X	X	X			X	
<b>2.2</b>	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	
<b>2.3</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
<b>2.4</b>	X			X	X	X	X		X	
<b>3.1</b>	X	X		X	X	X			X	X
<b>3.2</b>	X	X			X				X	X
<b>3.3</b>	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
<b>3.4</b>	X				X		X	X	X	
<b>4.1</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>4.2</b>		X			X		X	X	X	
<b>4.3</b>		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>4.4</b>	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	
<b>4.5</b>	X	X		X	X	X			X	X
<b>4.6</b>	X			X	X	X	X			
<b>4.7</b>	X	X		X	X	X			X	X
<b>4.8</b>	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
<b>5.1</b>					X				X	
<b>5.2</b>	X				X		X		X	
<b>6.1</b>		X		X		X	X	X	X	
<b>6.2</b>	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	
<b>6.3</b>		X		X		X	X	X	X	
<b>7.1</b>	X			X		X	X	X	X	
<b>7.2</b>	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
<b>7.3</b>		X	X							
<b>7.4</b>	X	X		X	X	X	X			

UPWP Activity	Economy	Safety	Security	Mobility	Quality of life	Connectivity	Efficiency	Preservation	Resiliency	Tourism
<b>7.5</b>	X	X		X		X	X			X
<b>8.1</b>	X			X	X	X				
<b>8.2</b>	X			X	X	X	X		X	X
<b>8.3</b>				X	X	X			X	X
<b>8.4</b>	X			X	X	X			X	
<b>8.5</b>	X			X	X	X			X	
<b>8.6</b>	X			X	X	X			X	
<b>8.7</b>	X			X	X	X		X	X	
<b>8.8</b>	X			X	X	X			X	X
<b>9.1</b>		X		X		X	X	X		
<b>9.2</b>	X				X				X	
<b>9.3</b>				X			X		X	
<b>9.4</b>							X	X		





### ***Planning priorities***

For the 2026-2027 UPWP, DRCOG staff held exercises both internally and externally to gather concerns and priorities from stakeholders involved in the tasks contained in the document. Presentations were given to internal staff as well as members of DRCOG's Agency Coordination Team, Transportation Advisory Committee, Regional Transportation Committee and Board of Directors. Themes emerged from the feedback gathered at these presentations concerning air quality emissions and resilience, housing and land use, safety, transit and funding. Several new and existing tasks are intended to make progress in these areas:

- **Air quality and resilience:** Included in the scope of this UPWP includes work to finalize DRCOG's Comprehensive Climate Action Plan under the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. Staff also anticipate completing the air quality conformity, environmental, and state-required greenhouse gas analyses associated with the update to the Regional Transportation Plan. Additionally, DRCOG's continued planning work around active transportation, Complete Streets and transit can help to improve air quality in our region.
- **Housing and land use:** Completion of the Regional Housing Strategy, which aims to connect housing and transportation in the Denver region, is anticipated to be completed during this UPWP's timeframe. An update to Metro Vision, the region's plan, is also anticipated to take place, allowing for an update to many of DRCOG's housing and land use goals and objectives.
- **Safety:** With the recent update to Taking Action on Regional Vision Zero, this UPWP is proposing moving to the next step with an update to the High Injury Network and regional crash profiles, to ensure they are drawn from up-to-date data. Completion of a Vision Zero Operational Toolkit is also included in this UPWP, along with white papers on improved crash reporting and analysis to identify and help close gaps in the active transportation network.
- **Transit:** Along with our continued efforts to plan and implement bus rapid transit in the region, the UPWP also includes tasks related to creating a trip exchange hub to allow human service transportation users to more easily book trips, as well as exploring coordination of the various microtransit systems being implemented throughout the region.
- **Funding:** DRCOG primarily distributes funding from state and federal sources, so has limited availability to control the flow of funds coming to the region. For this reason, the UPWP includes a task to explore the creation of a regional funding initiative to generate additional revenue locally. Additionally, a task to explore cost of service analysis can help local agencies determine development and infrastructure investments with the highest return on investment. Beyond these efforts to improve the funding situation of the region, DRCOG also commits

to continuing its regular programming process for the Transportation Improvement Program and its associated set-aside funding programs.

### ***DRCOG Nondiscrimination and Accessibility***

Transportation planning activities must be consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and additional federal and state nondiscrimination statutes. Recent efforts include:

- A new nondiscrimination complaint procedures document in 2022.
- An updated Title VI Implementation Plan in September 2024.
- An updated Limited English Proficiency Plan in September 2024.
- An updated Americans with Disabilities Act Program Access Plan in September 2024.
- A new Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Plan in September 2024, including an update to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Insert.
- Ongoing efforts to ensure compliance with the state Technology Accessibility Standards.

The current versions of these documents are available on DRCOG's [nondiscrimination webpage](#) for public access.

### ***Federal quadrennial review comments***

Every four years FHWA and FTA perform a review of the metropolitan transportation planning process conducted by DRCOG, CDOT and RTD. The last review was completed in 2024. Recommendations from that review are incorporated in this document, as appropriate. In particular, the certification recommended additional information about planning activities provided in Appendix A, which are not funded under the Consolidated Planning Grant to ensure all federal requirements are met. This section has been revised to provide additional details about these projects.

### ***Relationship to air quality planning***

DRCOG's planning process is responsive to federal clean air legislation. Clean Air Act amendments were passed by Congress in 1990 and require that the Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan for metropolitan areas in nonattainment areas for criteria pollutants show conformity with state implementation plans for air quality.

Notably for the Denver region:

- 2008: The Environmental Protection Agency lowered the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ground-level ozone to 0.075 parts per million.
- 2012: The Environmental Protection Agency designated the Denver Metro/North Front Range Area as marginal nonattainment under the 2008 ozone standard.
- 2015: The Environmental Protection Agency lowered the standards for ground-level ozone to 0.070 parts per million.



- 2018: The area was designated as marginal nonattainment for the 2015 ozone standard.
- 2019: The Environmental Protection Agency reclassified the area as serious nonattainment of the 2008 standard.
- 2020: A state implementation plan for the 2015 ozone standard was developed and approved. Because the region did not attain the standard, a new state implementation plan was developed.
- 2022: An updated state implementation plan was adopted by the Air Quality Control Commission and has now received final approval from the state, Environmental Protection Agency, and FHWA.

Procedures to ensure interagency coordination are defined in the Framework for Transportation Planning in the Denver Region. An agreement was signed by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, CDOT, DRCOG, North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization, Regional Air Quality Council and Upper Front Range Transportation Planning Region in September 2022 that defines the specific roles and responsibilities. DRCOG is responsible for preparing transportation data to be used for air quality modeling associated with conformity determinations. The Air Pollution Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is responsible for conducting air quality modeling and mobile source emission calculations.

Air quality conformity has been demonstrated for both the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan. The Regional Transportation Plan explicitly lists air quality among the region's priorities. The plan includes the development of a bus rapid transit system, an expanded and well-connected trail network and Complete Streets provisions to serve all users. Additionally, the State of Colorado-required Greenhouse Gas Transportation Planning Standard requires DRCOG to incorporate a reduction in surface transportation greenhouse gas emissions into its transportation planning process. The current amended version of the Regional Transportation Plan, adopted in May 2024, was found to meet or exceed the reduction levels for each analysis year, as required by the standard.



## Status of DRCOG planning documents

Table 2 lists the most current status (as of August 2025) of DRCOG's major planning documents.

**Table 2: Major planning document status**

Document	Action date
<a href="#">Metro Vision</a>	Amended May 2024
<a href="#">2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan</a>	Amended May 2024
<a href="#">2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program</a>	Adopted April 2025 and amended regularly
<a href="#">Taking Action on Regional Vision Zero</a>	Updated April 2024
<a href="#">Regional Complete Streets Toolkit</a>	Adopted October 2021
<a href="#">Regional Multimodal Freight Plan</a>	Adopted May 2020
<a href="#">Denver Regional Active Transportation Plan</a>	Adopted January 2019
<a href="#">Transportation Demand Management Strategic Plan</a>	Adopted December 2023
<a href="#">Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Strategic Plan</a>	Adopted February 2023
<a href="#">Coordinated Transit Plan</a>	Amended May 2024
<a href="#">DRCOG Section 5310 Program Management Plan</a>	Amended May 2021
<a href="#">Title VI Implementation Plan</a>	Adopted September 2024
<a href="#">Americans with Disabilities Act Program Access Plan</a>	Adopted September 2024
<a href="#">Limited English Proficiency Plan</a>	Adopted September 2024
<a href="#">Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Plan</a>	Adopted September 2024
<a href="#">Public Engagement Plan</a>	Adopted August 2025





## Planning activities

This section details the work program to be conducted by DRCOG and its partner agencies in fiscal years 2026-2027. Nine Objectives outline the primary themes of the work that will be conducted. Within each Objective, several Activities describe specific topics to be worked on. Each Activity includes a description of that Activity's purpose, a list of Tasks to be completed, any discrete Deliverables to be produced and what year they are anticipated to be completed in, and a list of participant agencies (including the lead agency if more than one is involved).

### **Objective 1.0 Program administration and coordination**

Administer the core Metropolitan Planning Organization transportation planning program.

#### ***Activity 1.1 Direct program management***

Purpose: Effective administration of the DRCOG transportation planning process, including management of DRCOG planning staff and grants.

Tasks:

- Supervise and monitor staff work, including the management of internal systems and performance measurement.
- Prepare and maintain adequate records of correspondence, purchasing and contracts.
- Routine personnel, office and administrative activities.

Participants: DRCOG

#### ***Activity 1.2 DRCOG staff training and development***

Purpose: Provide DRCOG staff with the necessary training and development to perform their jobs efficiently and effectively.

Tasks:

- Provide staff with in-house and off-site training opportunities (such as webinars, conferences and classes).

Participants: DRCOG.

#### ***Activity 1.3 Unified Planning Work Program***

Purpose: Develop and maintain the Unified Planning Work Program in compliance with applicable federal laws.

Tasks:

- Maintain, report progress on and amend, as necessary, the 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program.





- Develop and adopt the 2028-2029 Unified Planning Work Program.

Deliverables:

2026

- Fiscal Year 2025 UPWP end-of-year report.
- Fiscal Year 2026 UPWP mid-year report.

2027

- Fiscal Year 2026 UPWP end-of-year report.
- Fiscal Year 2027 UPWP mid-year report.
- 2028-2029 UPWP.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), CDOT, RTD, and local governments.

**Activity 1.4 Metropolitan planning organization compliance**

Purpose: Conduct the metropolitan transportation planning process in compliance with applicable federal and state laws.

Tasks:

- Facilitate, participate in and support DRCOG's metropolitan planning organization committee structure.
- Adhere to existing, and incorporate new, as necessary, state and federal rules and regulations in and on the regional transportation planning process.
- Maintain DRCOG's nondiscrimination plans.
- Continue to implement outcomes of the 2024 joint FHWA and FTA Quadrennial Review of the metropolitan planning organization planning process.
- Review potential changes to the Denver region Metropolitan Planning Area boundaries (carryover from the 2024-2025 UPWP).

Deliverables:

2026

- Fiscal Year 2025 Title VI and Local Agency Assurances.
- Fiscal Year 2025 Nondiscrimination Status Report.

2027

- Fiscal Year 2026 Title VI and Local Agency Assurances.
- Fiscal Year 2026 Nondiscrimination Status Report.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), CDOT, FHWA, FTA, RTD.



## **Objective 2.0 Planning coordination and outreach**

Involve the public, local governments and stakeholders, and our regional partners in the planning process to address the transportation and development issues of the region and ensure outcomes that are consistent with Metro Vision goals and policies.

### ***Activity 2.1 DRCOG public engagement and outreach***

Purpose: Inform the public about DRCOG's plans, opportunities to participate and educational resources.

Tasks:

- Maintain, implement and evaluate engagement and outreach strategies identified in the Public Engagement Plan, including innovative strategies such as financial participation incentives, childcare, food for in-person public participants, and contracting with community-based organizations, as appropriate under federal guidelines and the Plan.
- Conduct meetings to gather public comment and inform the public regarding major planning products identified in the UPWP.
- Explore possibilities to aggregate and share community feedback across projects and programs.
- Research best practices for establishing a network of community-based organizations to improve engagement.
- Create and maintain various communications materials.
- Hold the Civic Academy, a program to educate participants about regional issues and empower them to participate in civic decision-making.
- Give presentations as requested.

Deliverables:

2026

- Annual Report of Public Engagement Activities.

2027

- Annual Report of Public Engagement Activities.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), CDOT, RTD, and local governments.

### ***Activity 2.2 Local government and stakeholder education, outreach and support***

Purpose: Provide education, outreach and support to local governments and other stakeholders.

Tasks:

- Meet with and educate local governments and other interested parties about the DRCOG planning process, federal regulations and associated documents.



- Facilitate educational opportunities for stakeholders involved in DRCOG's planning or technical processes to collaborate and exchange information.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), CDOT, RTD, and local governments.

### ***Activity 2.3 Regional coordination***

Purpose: Maintain the working relationship and coordination of planning efforts between DRCOG and its local governments, planning partners, and neighboring agencies to address issues and opportunities.

Tasks:

- Maintain communication, coordinate and exchange information with partners in and adjacent to DRCOG's region.
- Host, participate in, assist and monitor regularly scheduled meetings with planning partners.
- Monitor, participate, and assist with planning activities and implement or incorporate outcomes into DRCOG planning documents as appropriate.
- Apply for applicable funding opportunities that advance and help implement identified planning activities. Consultant or vendor services may be required.
- Participate in conversations with key regional stakeholders exploring and potentially implementing a regional funding initiative.
- Research best practices related to cost-of-service analyses and how they may be applied regionally within the context of metropolitan planning.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), CDOT, RTD

### ***Activity 2.4 Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Action Plan implementation assistance***

Purpose: Provide assistance, tools and resources to local agencies in implementing the mitigation measures identified in the Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Action Plan as required by the state [Greenhouse Gas Transportation Planning Standard](#) and [Colorado Senate Bill 21-260](#).

Tasks:

- Convene a workshop series with local agencies covering Mitigation Action Plan strategies.
- Consultant or vendor services may be required in the development of meetings, studies and reports.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), local governments, CDOT.



## **Objective 3.0 Land use and development planning**

Develop, refine and implement Metro Vision, and work to plan for future land use, growth and development pattern adjustments.

### ***Activity 3.1 Metro Vision plan – Collaboration and implementation assistance***

Purpose: Work with local and regional partners to maintain and implement Metro Vision.

Tasks:

- Maintain Metro Vision and amend as necessary to ensure consistency between Metro Vision and other regional initiatives.
- Conduct an update to the Metro Vision plan (carryover from the 2024-2025 UPWP).
- Work with local governments, stakeholders and regional partnership groups to implement Metro Vision outcomes and objectives.

Deliverables:

2026

- Amendments (if any) to Metro Vision.

2027

- Metro Vision update.
- Amendments (if any) to Metro Vision.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), local governments, CDOT, RTD.

### ***Activity 3.2 Metro Vision plan – Research and performance management***

Purpose: Research and share information that illustrates progress towards, and issues faced in achieving, plan outcomes.

Tasks:

- Collect data, analyze and report progress on Metro Vision implementation and outcomes.
- Build capacity and workflows to support regional and local scenario analysis, including impacts of alternative land use and development patterns.
- Compile information on local comprehensive and small-area plans. Consultant or vendor services may be required.
- Update community and legislative profiles.

Deliverables:

2026

- Metro Vision performance measure status report.



- Community and Legislative Profiles.
- Regional Data Briefs.

2027

- Metro Vision performance measure status report.
- Community and Legislative Profiles.
- Regional Data Briefs.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), local governments, CDOT, RTD, Department of Local Affairs.

### ***Activity 3.3 Livable centers small-area planning***

Purpose: Manage the Transportation Improvement Program set-aside program to assist local agencies in developing ways to achieve the outcomes in Metro Vision related to centers and nodes of communities throughout the region.

Tasks:

- Conduct solicitations and then contract with vendors or consultants for selected projects for the Livable Centers Small-Area Planning Transportation Improvement Program Set-Aside program.
- Manage the development of plans and projects.

Deliverables:

2026

- Small area plan(s).

2027

- Small area plan(s).

Participants: DRCOG (lead), local agencies, CDOT, RTD.

### ***Activity 3.4 Housing coordination planning***

Purpose: Integrate housing, transportation, and economic development strategies in the regional transportation planning process and Metro Vision.

Tasks:

- Maintain and amend, as necessary, the Regional Housing Needs Assessment to maintain relevant data and compliance with state standards and regulations.
- Consult with entities responsible for land use, economic development, housing and transportation, to identify goals, strategies, issues and opportunities.
- Review local plans to develop a Regional Housing Strategy integrating transportation and land use. Consultant or vendor services may be required.



- Conduct activities to implement tactics identified in the Regional Housing Strategy.

Deliverables:

2027

- Regional Housing Strategy.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), local governments, housing agencies, CDOT and other state government agencies, RTD.



## Objective 4.0    Multimodal planning

Develop, refine, and implement the Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan, as well as the various modal plans which help to implement its principles.

### ***Activity 4.1 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan***

Purpose: Maintain the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan.

Tasks:

- Update the Regional Transportation Plan. Consultant or vendor services may be required (carryover from the 2024-2025 UPWP).
- Initiate and participate in project development activities to implement the Regional Transportation Plan project and program investment priorities.
- Process amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan, as needed.
- Track progress on strategies identified in the state-required Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Action Plan.

Deliverables:

2026

- Amendments (if any) to the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Annual Mitigation Measures Status Report.

2027

- Updated Regional Transportation Plan.
- Amendments (if any) to the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Annual Mitigation Measures Status Report.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), CDOT, RTD, local governments, and other stakeholders and partner agencies.

### ***Activity 4.2 Federal performance measure reporting***

Purpose: Update, compile, and report on the implementation of federally required performance measures related to regional transportation planning processes, consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan.

Tasks:

- Compile data, set or revise targets, develop baselines, and update as necessary each federal transportation performance measure.
- Prepare or assist CDOT with preparing performance measure reports.
- Integrate performance measures into other DRCOG work products, as appropriate.



Deliverables:

2026

- Target reporting for federal transportation performance measures.

2027

- Target reporting for federal transportation performance measures.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), CDOT, RTD.

### ***Activity 4.3 Transportation corridor planning***

Purpose: Lead and coordinate corridor plans for priority regional multimodal corridors.

Tasks:

- Conduct solicitations and then contract with vendors or consultants for selected projects for the Transportation Corridor Planning Set-Aside.
- Develop engagement materials to communicate program goals and services.
- Lead and coordinate corridor plans.
- Analyze regional corridors to develop a priority corridor network which could benefit from regional support.

Deliverables:

2026

- Corridor Plan(s).

2027

- Corridor Plan(s).

Participants: DRCOG (lead), RTD, CDOT, local governments, community organizations.

### ***Activity 4.4 Community-based transportation planning***

Purpose: Lead or coordinate community-based transportation plans to improve identified transportation challenges and develop strategies to overcome them, consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan.

Tasks:

- Conduct solicitations and then contract with vendors or consultants for selected projects for the Community-Based Transportation Planning Set-Aside.
- Develop engagement materials to communicate program goals and services.
- Lead and coordinate plans.
- Support local governments in implementing recommendations identified throughout completed plans, as needed.





Deliverables:

2026

- Community-Based Transportation Plan(s).

2027

- Community-Based Transportation Plan(s).

Participants: DRCOG (lead), RTD, CDOT, local governments, community organizations.

**Activity 4.5 Active transportation planning**

Purpose: Monitor efforts, provide assistance and prepare products that support active transportation activities consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan.

Tasks:

- Update and begin implementation of the regional Active Transportation Plan (carryover from the 2024-2025 UPWP). Consultant or vendor services may be required.
- Prepare and publish updated Active Modes Crash Report.
- Convene, coordinate with and provide technical and planning assistance to regional active transportation stakeholders. Consultant or vendor services may be required.
- Develop, coordinate and conduct active transportation activities, as needed, including the implementation of a regional bicycle and pedestrian count program and network gap analyses. Consultant or vendor services may be required.
- Maintain an inventory of regional bicycle facilities.
- Monitor progress on active transportation projects funded through the Transportation Improvement Program.

Deliverables:

2026

- Active Transportation Plan update (carryover from 2024-2025 UPWP)
- Regional bicycle facility inventory.
- Annual report on status of Transportation Improvement Program-funded active transportation projects.
- Active transportation network gaps assessment.



2027

- Regional bicycle facility inventory.
- Annual report on status of Transportation Improvement Program-funded active transportation projects.
- Active Modes Crash Report update.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), RTD, CDOT, local governments.

#### ***Activity 4.6 Transportation demand management planning***

Purpose: Monitor efforts, provide assistance and prepare products that support transportation demand management services consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan.

Tasks:

- Implement the regional Transportation Demand Management Strategic Plan.
- Prepare a white paper on innovative transportation demand management initiatives in the Denver region.
- Conduct call for projects for the Transportation Demand Management Services Transportation Improvement Program set-aside program and monitor progress on previously funded projects.
- Convene, coordinate with, and provide technical and planning assistance with local and regional transportation demand management stakeholders.
- Develop, conduct and coordinate transportation demand management activities, as needed. Consultant or vendor services may be required.
- Maintain a regional transportation demand management strategies inventory.

Deliverables:

2026

- Annual report on status of Transportation Improvement Program-funded transportation demand management projects.

2027

- Annual report on status of Transportation Improvement Program-funded transportation demand management projects.
- Innovative Transportation Demand Management Initiatives in the Denver Region white paper.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), RTD, CDOT, Transportation Management Organizations and/or Associations, local governments.



#### **Activity 4.7 Complete Streets planning**

Purpose: Plan for Complete Streets in the Denver region and provide assistance to local agencies in implementing Complete Streets consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan.

##### Tasks:

- Continue implementing the Regional Complete Streets Toolkit, including prioritizing complete streets safety investments.
- Maintain the Regional Complete Streets Toolkit's Street Typology, as needed.
- Assist local agencies in locating, designing, and implementing Complete Streets improvements in their communities.

##### Deliverables

2026

- Multimodal Supportive Local Development Toolkit.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), RTD, CDOT, local governments.

#### **Activity 4.8 Regional freight planning**

Purpose: Monitor efforts, provide assistance, and prepare products that support freight activities consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan.

##### Tasks:

- Maintain the Regional Multimodal Freight Plan.
- Participate in the National Highway Freight Program project selection process and designate Critical Urban Freight Corridors, as needed, based on project selection.
- Participate in Freight Advisory Council meetings.
- Review critical urban freight corridors and identify opportunities for additional designations.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), CDOT, local governments.



## **Objective 5.0    Air quality**

Plan for improved air quality in the Denver region and conduct analyses to ensure the region meets federal air quality conformity standards.

### ***Activity 5.1   Air quality and conformity***

Purpose: Complete air quality conformity determinations associated with transportation facilities identified in the Transportation Improvement Program and the Regional Transportation Plan.

Tasks:

- Monitor legislation, measurement readings and trends impacting transportation air quality processes. Assist air quality agencies as needed.
- Assist with local and regional analyses of emissions and other air quality topics.
- Research improved methods for calculations of emissions and air quality measures.
- Prepare, update, perform and review conformity information associated with the Regional Transportation Plan, including any amendments.
- Participate in the development of the new ozone state implementation plan.
- Evaluate emissions impacts of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funded Transportation Improvement Program projects.

Deliverables:

2026

- Conformity Determination Reports for Regional Transportation Plan amendments (as needed).
- Annual Report on Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality-funded Transportation Improvement Program projects.

2027

- Conformity Determination Reports for Regional Transportation Plan amendments (as needed).
- Annual Report on Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality-funded Transportation Improvement Program projects.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), Air Pollution Control Division, Regional Air Quality Council, Air Quality Control Commission, RTD, CDOT.

### ***Activity 5.2   Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grant***

Purpose: Implement the Environmental Protection Agency planning grant for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the Denver region.



Tasks:

- Convene monthly stakeholder meetings with local agency staff.
- Conduct greenhouse gas emissions inventory and projections.
- Develop greenhouse gas reduction targets, quantified reduction measures, workforce planning analysis, benefits analysis, low income and disadvantaged communities benefits analysis and review of authority to implement recommendations.
- Develop comprehensive climate action plans.
- Consultant or vendor services may be required in the development of materials and deliverables.

Deliverables:

2026

- Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (carryover from 2024-2025 UPWP).

Participants: DRCOG (lead), Regional Air Quality Council, CDOT, RTD, local agencies.



## **Objective 6.0 Project programming**

Work to advance the Regional Transportation Plan's project and program priorities by effectively developing and managing the Transportation Improvement Program.

### ***Activity 6.1 Prepare Transportation Improvement Program***

Purpose: Prepare the Transportation Improvement Program by identifying projects to be funded with federal and state resources and other regionally significant projects.

Tasks:

- Conduct policy discussions and amend the Policies for Transportation Improvement Program Development for the development of the 2029-2032 Transportation Improvement Program.
- Conduct calls for projects and select projects for inclusion into the 2029-2032 Transportation Improvement Program.

Deliverables:

2027

- Amend the Policies for Transportation Improvement Program Development document.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), RTD, CDOT, local governments.

### ***Activity 6.2 Transportation Improvement Program set-asides***

Purpose: Reaffirm adopted policies, select projects, and maintain and monitor the Transportation Improvement Program set-asides to be funded with federal resources.

Tasks:

- Coordinate solicitations for existing set-asides and amend selected projects into the adopted Transportation Improvement Program and/or Appendix A of the UPWP.
- Review and revise the Policies for 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Set-Aside Programs, as necessary.
- Coordinate to ensure successful implementation of selected set-aside projects.
- Review and potentially revise set-aside programs for inclusion into the 2029-2032 Transportation Improvement Program.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), RTD, CDOT, local governments.

### ***Activity 6.3 Transportation Improvement Program management***

Purpose: Maintain and monitor the adopted Transportation Improvement Program by identifying projects to be funded with federal and state resources and other regionally significant projects.



Tasks:

- Amend the current Transportation Improvement Program as necessary and maintain current project information on DRCOG's website and in the Transportation Regional Improvement Projects and Survey database, known as TRIPS.
- Conduct appropriate project programming activities when revenues change.
- Provide financial and project coordination assistance to implementing agencies and project sponsors, including the processing of flex funding requests.
- Conduct activities with CDOT, RTD and local governments to continuously refine the intergovernmental agreement, contracting, and federal aid processes.
- Monitor the monthly status of projects and provide results through various means.
- Maintain, and update as necessary, the TRIPS project database and associated data.

Deliverables:

2026

- Amendments and administrative modifications, as necessary.
- Fiscal Year 2025 Projects Delayed Report.
- Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects.

2027

- Amendments and administrative modifications, as necessary.
- Fiscal Year 2026 Projects Delayed Report.
- Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), RTD, CDOT, local governments.



## **Objective 7.0    Transportation systems operations and safety**

Implement regional priorities through strategies to improve the safety and effectiveness of the existing transportation system, explore innovative solutions and protect air quality.

### ***Activity 7.1   Congestion management process***

Purpose: Administer the Denver region's congestion management process.

Tasks:

- Update the congestion management process databases annually.
- Update formulas, factors for delay calculations and evaluate new data sources and methodologies, as warranted.
- Prepare public information and outreach documents and presentations.
- Maintain performance tracking report on Transportation Improvement Program-funded roadway projects.
- Evaluate opportunities for innovative, integrated and multimodal solutions to congestion relief in the Denver region.

Deliverables:

2026

- Annual Report of Traffic Congestion in the Denver Region.

2027

- Annual Report of Traffic Congestion in the Denver Region.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), CDOT, RTD, Transportation Management Associations and public highway authorities.

### ***Activity 7.2   Regional transportation operations and technology***

Purpose: Provide a regional transportation operations perspective to the Metro Vision planning process, assure conformance with the Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture and lead inter-jurisdictional and interagency coordination on transportation technology deployment and day-to-day transportation system operations.

Tasks:

- Monitor, facilitate and participate in meetings, activities, efforts and committees for local, regional, state and national mobility technology efforts.
- Monitor transportation technology deployment to ensure compliance.
- Maintain and assist in the coordination of the DRCOG Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture.
- Incorporate technology and operations strategies into all applicable DRCOG activities and products, including maintaining and updating web maps on traffic signals and other applicable efforts.





- Conduct calls for projects and assist project sponsors for the Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Transportation Improvement Program set-aside program.
- Develop multi-agency and multimodal strategies to coordinate operations across jurisdictional boundaries.
- Prepare a concept of operations for a regional Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measure implementation.
- Prepare a concept of operations for Regional Situational Awareness Platform implementation.
- Prepare a concept of operations for Regional Performance Monitoring Data Archive Platform implementation.
- Consultant or vendor services may be required for coordinated operations strategies development and concept of operations development.

Deliverables:

2026

- Annual update to the DRCOG Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture.
- Updates (as needed) to the Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Strategic Plan.
- Project funding recommendations for the Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Transportation Improvement Program set-aside.

2027

- Annual update to the DRCOG Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture.
- Updates (as needed) to the Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Strategic Plan.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), FHWA, CDOT, RTD, public highway authorities, public safety agencies, local governments.

**Activity 7.3 Transportation security planning**

Purpose: Participate in and develop planning products and methods for security-related activities in the process to identify, evaluate and fund transportation projects.

Tasks:

- Participate on federal and state agency committees dealing with security, hazards, and transportation, as requested, including Colorado's North Central All-Hazards Region and the Denver Urban Area Security Initiative.
- Monitor and respond to federal rulemaking and guidance documents.



- Refine roles, establish and maintain relationships to existing documents and protocols, and determine further activities with local stakeholders.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), CDOT, RTD, local governments, Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (North Central Region and Northeast Region).

#### ***Activity 7.4 Transportation safety planning***

Purpose: Incorporate safety and crash data and analyses into transportation planning and public awareness activities; maintain and expand DRCOG's Regional Vision Zero Program and Regional Crash Data Consortium.

Tasks:

- Maintain and implement Taking Action on Regional Vision Zero.
- Update the High Injury Network and regional crash profiles.
- Develop Vision Zero Operational Toolkit.
- Geocode, quality check, disseminate, work to improve and house crash data.
- Prepare crash and safety analyses, white papers and policy briefs and respond to other requests for information, as necessary, for both internal and external users.

Deliverables:

2026

- Vision Zero Operational Toolkit.
- White papers and/or policy briefs on safety and crash data-related legislation.
- Updated High Injury Network.

2027

- Updated regional crash profiles.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), CDOT, Colorado Department of Revenue, local governments.

#### ***Activity 7.5 Innovative mobility planning***

Purpose: Initiate, participate in and support transportation technology and innovative mobility planning and strategic work in the Denver region, including implementing Mobility Choice Blueprint and work associated with the Advanced Mobility Partnership.

Tasks:

- Coordinate, implement and monitor emerging and innovative mobility programs and projects in the region.
- Convene and participate in committees and work groups associated with innovative and advanced mobility.



- Provide innovative mobility technical assistance, educational and information sharing opportunities, and planning support services to local and regional agencies, as needed. Consultant or vendor services may be required.
- Maintain and update shared micromobility data, inventory, StoryMap and Shared Micromobility in the Denver Region document, as needed. Consultant or vendor services may be required.
- Prepare a white paper on mobility hubs in the Denver region (carryover from the 2024-2025 UPWP).
- Solicit project proposals, manage and implement the Innovative Mobility Set-Aside. Consultant or vendor services may be required.

Deliverables:

2026

- Mobility Hubs in the Denver Region white paper (carryover from the 2024-2025 UPWP).
- Innovative mobility set-aside project(s).
- Update to shared micromobility inventory and StoryMap.

2027

- Innovative mobility set-aside project(s).
- Update to shared micromobility inventory and StoryMap.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), CDOT, RTD, local governments.



## **Objective 8.0    Public transportation planning**

Plan and operate rapid transit corridors, the regional bus network, and transit facilities.

### ***Activity 8.1   Regional transit and human service transportation planning and coordination***

Purpose: Improve regional transit access and mobility through increased planning and coordination.

#### **Tasks:**

- Maintain and update the FTA 5310 Program Management Plan.
- Maintain and finalize update to Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Transit Plan).
- Work with stakeholders to coordinate human service transportation.
- Compile ongoing service data to use for the travel model, plans, reports and other activities as needed.
- Continue development of the Ride Alliance trip exchange hub.
- Explore opportunities to improve regional coordination of microtransit systems.
- Manage program process, conduct calls for projects and track the Human Services Transportation set-aside program, which includes FTA 5310 and Older Americans Act funding.
- Participate in accountability committee discussions of reforms at RTD.

#### **Deliverables:**

2026

- FTA 5310 Project Management Plan update, if necessary.
- Coordinated Transit Plan update

2027

- FTA 5310 Project Management Plan update, if necessary.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), RTD, CDOT, Denver Regional Mobility and Access Council and others

### ***Activity 8.2   Regional bus rapid transit planning***

Purpose: Continue to evolve the Regional Bus Rapid Transit Partnership to implement the Regional Bus Rapid Transit Network identified in the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan.

#### **Tasks:**

- Facilitate meetings of the partnership to address shared design, funding, project development, service, fare, maintenance, branding, communication and other common issues across the Regional Bus Rapid Transit Network.



- Participate with appropriate stakeholders (CDOT, local governments, RTD and others) in visioning, planning and project development activities to implement Bus Rapid Transit on the corridors identified in the Regional Bus Rapid Transit Network.
- Complete the scope of the Build America Bureau Innovative Finance and Asset Concession grant and integrate outcomes and products into the Partnership's work and other DRCOG planning processes and products, as appropriate.
- Consultant services may be required to support the Partnership's work activities, and planning and project development activities.

Participants: DRCOG, CDOT, RTD, local governments, FTA.

### ***Activity 8.3 FasTracks review and assessment***

Purpose: Review and assess the status of FasTracks with respect to State Senate Bill 90-208 as directed by the DRCOG Board.

Tasks:

- RTD prepare FasTracks Change Report(s) for DRCOG.
- DRCOG complete the review and assessment of RTD FasTracks Change Report(s), as needed (If consultant assistance is required for DRCOG financial plan review of an RTD Change Report, RTD would provide funding for the financial consulting effort).
- Based on DRCOG review and assessment of RTD Change Report(s), take further action pursuant to State Senate Bill 90-208, and amend the Regional Transportation Plan, if needed.
- Provide RTD's annual FasTracks Status Report to the DRCOG Board (due annually to DRCOG by May 1st).

Deliverables:

2026

- FasTracks Change Report (if needed).
- DRCOG review and assessment of RTD Change Report(s), if submitted by RTD.
- If needed, subsequent State Senate Bill 90-208 action and Regional Transportation Plan amendment.
- RTD 2024 FasTracks Annual Status Report.



2027

- FasTracks Change Report (if needed).
- DRCOG review and assessment of RTD Change Report(s), if submitted by RTD.
- If needed, subsequent State Senate Bill 90-208 action and Regional Transportation Plan amendment.
- RTD 2025 FasTracks Annual Status Report.

Participants: DRCOG, RTD.

#### ***Activity 8.4 RTD local government planning process***

Purpose: Incorporate the input of local governmental jurisdictions into planning activities.

Tasks:

- Gather input from local government representatives for RTD's Five-Year Financial Forecast capital projects and annual service plan changes.
- Conduct coordinated public involvement efforts associated with RTD products such as environmental studies and other planning activities.

Participants: RTD (lead), local governments, DRCOG.

#### ***Activity 8.5 RTD financial planning***

Purpose: To prepare the RTD Five-Year Financial Forecast and FTA Program of Projects.

Tasks:

- Forecast revenues and expenditures.
- Evaluate the RTD base system and the FasTracks program.
- Process and monitor the status of flex funding requests from DRCOG.

Deliverables:

2026

- 2026-2030 Five-Year Financial Forecast for input into the Transportation Improvement Program.

2027

- 2027-2031 Five-Year Financial Forecast for input into the Transportation Improvement Program.

Participants: RTD.



### **Activity 8.6 RTD base system planning**

Purpose: Provide base system-level planning for the rapid transit corridors, the regional bus network, and transit facilities.

Tasks:

- Continue oversight of base system planning process.
- Conduct other assorted engineering, planning, and environmental activities.
- Develop Comprehensive Operational Analysis to optimize services.
- Conduct long-term planning activities across a ten-year planning horizon.

Deliverables

2027

- Comprehensive Operational Analysis.

Participants: RTD (lead), DRCOG, CDOT.

### **Activity 8.7 Transit facility planning**

Purpose: Research and report on transit facilities.

Tasks:

- Participate in local jurisdiction land-use planning processes for station areas.
- Provide ongoing transit-oriented development education and outreach.
- Pursue joint development at RTD transit stations, as practical and legal.
- Monitor and evaluate transit signal priority implementation.
- Plan for mobility hubs at priority locations as identified in regional partnership discussions and plans.
- Conduct alternatives analysis and National Environmental Policy Act study for a new bus maintenance facility.
- Prepare and conduct data, studies and reports, as necessary and/or required.

Deliverables:

2026

- Mobility hub plan(s).

2027

- Mobility hub plan(s).
- Bus Maintenance Facility Alternatives Analysis and Environmental Study.

Participants: RTD (lead), CDOT, DRCOG, local governments.



### ***Activity 8.8 FasTracks program management and planning assistance***

Purpose: Oversee and manage engineering, planning, environmental, project controls and construction management activities for FasTracks (consultant or vendor services may be required).

#### Tasks:

- Continue engagement with key stakeholders on implementing remaining sections of FasTracks.
- Evaluate costs and requirements to complete remaining FasTracks corridors per legislative direction.

#### Deliverables:

2026

- Finishing FasTracks Report.

Participants: RTD and DRCOG.





## Objective 9.0 Planning data and modeling

Acquire and maintain data and tools to support the region's transportation and land use planning activities.

### **Activity 9.1 Develop and maintain geographic information systems**

Purpose: Research, develop and deploy geographic information systems tools and technologies that support UPWP activities.

Tasks:

- Develop, maintain and collect and update data, tools, applications and visualizations that allow all users to explore and consume any type of data collected.
- Coordinate the acquisition of regional datasets.
- Maintain internal processes and infrastructure in support of data, application and tool development.
- Prepare new web maps for appropriate planning efforts and products, as needed.
- Research, evaluate and integrate the state Linear Reference System into DRCOG's Geographic Information Systems data.
- Streamline online data product development, templates, and publication.

Deliverables:

2026

- Regional Data Catalog data offerings (updates, as needed).
- Web maps, as needed.
- 2024 Denver Regional Planimetric Project deliverables.

2027

- 2026 Denver Regional Aerial Photography Project deliverables.
- Regional Data Catalog data offerings (updates, as needed).
- Web maps, as needed.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), local governments.

### **Activity 9.2 Land use modeling and forecasting**

Purpose: Maintain, operate and enhance the land use modeling and forecasting tools.

Tasks:

- Collect, compile and purchase data to update and improve UrbanSim model inputs.
- Document, implement, automate and improve land use model workflows.



- Coordinate with the State Demography Office at the Department of Local Affairs in their updates to household and employment control totals.
- Coordinate with other metropolitan planning organizations and peer agencies using the UrbanSim model.
- Align UrbanSim with Focus model inputs.
- Prepare new forecast runs for Regional Transportation Plan updates, as necessary.
- Consultant or vendor services may be required in modeling improvements.

Deliverables:

2026

- Small-area forecast data on the Regional Data Catalog when reviewed and used in an amendment cycle (if any).

2027

- Small-area forecast data on the Regional Data Catalog when reviewed and used in an amendment cycle (if any).

Participants: DRCOG (lead), local governments, Department of Local Affairs.

***Activity 9.3 Transportation modeling and forecasting***

Purpose: Maintain, operate, expand and refine the transportation modeling and forecasting tools.

Tasks:

- Calibrate and validate the regional travel demand model. Consultant or vendor services may be required.
- Evaluate, improve and update the travel model networks and transportation information database as needed prior to model runs.
- Provide travel model data results in support of requests by planning partners, local governments and private firms.
- Align Focus with UrbanSim model inputs.
- Conduct modeling research and documentation.

Deliverables:

2026

- Focus model runs and output data files used for air quality conformity determinations and other studies, if needed.



2027

- Focus model runs and output data files used for air quality conformity determinations and other studies, if needed.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), CDOT, RTD.

#### ***Activity 9.4 Data collection and management***

Purpose: Obtain, maintain and distribute data to be used in the regional transportation planning process.

Tasks:

- Coordinate, collect and process local government, CDOT and RTD data and datasets.
- Maintain and update internal and publicly accessible datasets and tools.

Deliverables:

2026

- Annual local data inventory.
- Regional datasets from local data.

2027

- Annual local data inventory.
- Regional datasets from local data.

Participants: DRCOG (lead), CDOT, RTD, local governments.



## Appendix A: Other major planning activities

Tables 3 through 5 describe other major transportation planning activities that will be ongoing in the Denver region in fiscal years 2026-2027 but funded through means other than federal Consolidated Planning Grant funds. For local planning activities not funded through federal sources, an approximate estimate of the local cost is provided per federal guidelines. Note that some activities are planned to occur within this timeframe but are still in the initial planning stages and do not yet have cost estimates developed.

For projects with Transportation Improvement Program funding, additional project details can be found in the [TIP documents](#) or [TRIPS database](#). Table 5 outlines additional details for projects that are receiving federal awards for planning activities per federal guidance.

**Table 3: Planning activities funded through the TIP**

Sponsor	Description	Total TIP fundingFunding source
Adams County	120th Safety and Multimodal Corridor Study: US85 to Tower	Transportation Improvement Program—\$800,000
Adams County	Adams County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	Transportation Improvement Program—\$2,000,000
Adams County	McKay Operational Improvements: 104th to 96th – Precon	Transportation Improvement Program—\$2,000,000
Arapahoe County	Arapahoe County Transit and Micromobility Study	Transportation Improvement Program—\$1,145,000
Arapahoe County	Easter Trail Study: Cherry Creek Trail to Parker Rd	Transportation Improvement Program—\$200,000
Arapahoe County	High Line Canal Trail Underpass at Broadway – Precon	Transportation Improvement Program—\$5,154,000



Sponsor	Description	Total TIP fundingFunding source
Aurora	I225 & Alameda Bridge Replacement – Precon	Transportation Improvement Program– \$3,000,000
Aurora	13th Ave Multimodal Improvements: Yosemite to High Line Canal Trail – Precon	Transportation Improvement Program– \$1,500,000
Aurora	Aurora Multimodal Transportation Master Plan	Transportation Improvement Program– \$3,225,000
Aurora	Gun Club Multimodal Capacity Improvements: Quincy to Aurora Pkwy – Precon	Transportation Improvement Program– \$2,500,000
Aurora	Peoria St Bridge Replacement: Over Sand Creek - Precon	Transportation Improvement Program– \$3,000,000
Aurora	Smith Rd Multimodal Improvements: Peoria to Powhaton – Precon	Transportation Improvement Program– \$5,000,000
Boulder	Arapahoe Ave Multimodal Improvements: 28th to Foothills – Precon	Transportation Improvement Program– \$2,967,000
Boulder	Folsom Multimodal Study: Pine to Colorado	Transportation Improvement Program– \$1,450,000
Boulder County	Boulder Countywide Strategic Transit Plan	Transportation Improvement Program– \$1,500,000
Boulder County	Boulder County Vision Zero SRTS Action Plan	Transportation Improvement Program– \$450,000



Sponsor	Description	Total TIP fundingFunding source
Boulder County	CO7 Transit Service: Boulder to Brighton	Transportation Improvement Program— \$9,264,000
Boulder County	Lafayette to Boulder Protected Bikeway Feasibility Study	Transportation Improvement Program— \$425,000
Boulder County	S Boulder Rd BRT Study: Broadway/Table Mesa to CO7/119th	Transportation Improvement Program— \$500,000
Boulder County	SE Boulder County SuperFlex	Transportation Improvement Program— \$3,711,000
Broomfield	Broomfield FlexRide	Transportation Improvement Program— \$1,800,000
Broomfield	Broomfield Transit Needs Assessment & Pilot Project	Transportation Improvement Program— \$800,000
Castle Pines	I25/Happy Canyon Interchange - Precon	Transportation Improvement Program— \$4,800,000
CDOT	Federal Blvd Bus Rapid Transit: Englewood Station to Wagon Road Park-n-Ride - Precon	Transportation Improvement Program— \$64,228,000
Commerce City	64th Corridor Study: CO2 to Quebec	Transportation Improvement Program— \$250,000
Douglas County	Colorado Blvd Bike/Ped Bridge over C470 – Precon	Transportation Improvement Program— \$700,000



Sponsor	Description	Total TIP fundingFunding source
Douglas County	Douglas County Transit & Multimodal Feasibility Study	Transportation Improvement Program— \$600,000
Douglas County	Douglas County Transit Pilot Projects	Transportation Improvement Program— \$2,500,000
Denver	East Colfax Bus Rapid Transit: Civic Center Station to Yosemite	Transportation Improvement Program— \$280,479,000
Denver	Peña Capacity Improvements: I70 to E470 - Precon	Transportation Improvement Program— \$18,500,000
Denver	South Platte River Trail Improvements: Mississippi to Dartmouth - Precon	Transportation Improvement Program— \$5,000,000
<u>DRCOG</u>	<u>303 Artway and Montbello Loop Implementation Plan</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>
<u>DRCOG</u>	<u>92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Corridor Study</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>
<u>DRCOG</u>	<u>Brighton Core City Circulation Plan</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>
<u>DRCOG</u>	<u>City of Sheridan Housing and Transportation Strategies Study</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
<u>DRCOG</u>	<u>Downtown Boulder Garage Mobility Hub Concept Planning</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>
DRCOG	DRCOG Community Mobility Planning Set-Aside - Community-Based Transportation Plans	Transportation Improvement Program— \$1,250,000
DRCOG	DRCOG Community Mobility Planning Set-Aside - Livable Centers Small-Area Planning	Transportation Improvement Program— \$1,250,000
DRCOG	DRCOG Transportation Corridor Planning Set Aside	Transportation Improvement Program— \$1,500,000
<u>DRCOG</u>	<u>East Colfax Bus Rapid Transit Extension Corridor Plan: I225 to E470</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>



Sponsor	Description	Total TIP funding Funding source
<a href="#"><u>DRCOG</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>East Midtown Centennial Small Area Plan</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>\$125,000</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>DRCOG</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Edgewater Sheridan Corridor Livable Center</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>\$100,000</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>DRCOG</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Fitzsimmons Innovative Transportation Solutions Study</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>\$300,000</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>DRCOG</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Florida Corridor Improvements Study</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>\$225,000</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>DRCOG</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Golden Docked Bike Share Feasibility Analysis</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>\$150,000</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>DRCOG</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Mobility Needs Assessment Framework for the Boulder County Housing Authority</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>\$150,000</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>DRCOG</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Near Miss Analytics</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>\$150,000</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>DRCOG</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Parker Microtransit Implementation Plan</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>\$150,000</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>DRCOG</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Pecos Street Corridor Study</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>\$450,000</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>DRCOG</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Sheridan Corridor Plan: 52<sup>nd</sup> to Hampden</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>\$250,000</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>DRCOG</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Transit Oriented Communities, Land Use, Housing Type Diversity Analysis and Housing Needs Assessment</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>\$140,000</u></a>
Erie	I25 Interchange Study: CO52 to Erie Pkwy	Transportation Improvement Program – \$500,000
Erie	CO52 Intersection Safety Improvements: WCR5 to WCR7 – Precon	Transportation Improvement Program – \$351,000
Erie	Erie FlexRide	Transportation Improvement Program – \$1,200,000
Golden	Golden Free Transit Program	Transportation Improvement Program – \$1,300,000
Golden	US6/Heritage Interchange - Precon	Transportation Improvement Program – \$9,500,000
Littleton	Bowles Corridor Study: Sheridan to Santa Fe	Transportation Improvement Program – \$750,000





Sponsor	Description	Total TIP fundingFunding source
Lone Tree	Lone Tree Mobility Hub at Sky Ridge Station	Transportation Improvement Program— \$26,600,000
Longmont	Longmont Main/21st Bike/Ped Improvements - Precon	Transportation Improvement Program— \$1,000,000
Louisville	CO42 Multimodal Improvements: Empire/Lock to CO7 - Precon	Transportation Improvement Program— \$8,500,000
Mead	Mead Trails & Open Space Master Plan Update	Transportation Improvement Program— \$325,000
Nederland	Nederland Multimodal Transportation Plan	Transportation Improvement Program— \$200,000
<u>Northeast Transportation Connections</u>	<u>Creating the Commerce City Connector</u>	<u>\$152,000</u>
<u>Northeast Transportation Connections</u>	<u>Northeast Denver Mobility Hub Study</u>	<u>\$190,000</u>
Parker	Parker Rd/Mainstreet Operational Improvements – Precon	Transportation Improvement Program— \$750,000
<u>RTD</u>	<u>FasTracks Central Corridor Extension Vision and Alternatives Analysis</u>	<u>\$964,000</u>
RTD	Light Rail Level Boarding Feasibility Study	Transportation Improvement Program— \$1,500,000
<u>Smart Commute</u>	<u>Using Data to Optimize FlexRide Services</u>	<u>\$252,000</u>
Thornton	88th Corridor Study: Pecos to Dahlia	Transportation Improvement Program— \$250,000

Sponsor	Description	Total TIP fundingFunding source
Thornton	104th Widening: Colorado to US85 – Precon	Transportation Improvement Program– \$5,750,000
Thornton	Thornton Multimodal Trail Study and Precon	Transportation Improvement Program– \$1,710,000
Weld County	Southwest Weld County Trail Alignment Study	Transportation Improvement Program– \$1,000,000

**Table 4: Planning activities funded through non-federal means**

Sponsor	Description	Funding source
Adams County	Functional Classification Plan	Local - \$175,000
Adams County	Bus Stop Amenities Project/Program	Local - Costs not yet known
Adams County	Microtransit Implementation	Local - \$ 1,100,000
Arvada	Bicycle Master Plan Update	Local - Costs not yet known
Arvada	CO72 Transportation Plan	Local - \$1,100,000
Bennett	North Truman	Local - \$750,000
Bennett	Kiowa-Bennett Road and Arapahoe County Road 6 Intersection Improvements	Local - \$500,000
Bennett	Edward Avenue South 79 Realignment	Local - \$750,000
Bennett	Mississippi Avenue Sight Distance Improvement	Local - \$50,000
Boulder County	Transportation Master Plan Report on Progress	Local - \$50,000
Brighton	Downtown Development Authority	Local - \$175,000
Brighton	Downtown Public Realm	Local - \$45,000
Brighton	Brownfields Grant	Local - Costs not yet known
Brighton	Comprehensive Plan Update	Local - \$300,000
Broomfield	Broomfield Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Mobility Plan Update	Local - \$750,000
Castle Rock	CO86 Corridor Study: Franktown to US85	Local - Costs not yet known



Sponsor	Description	Funding source
Castle Rock	Transportation Management Association Feasibility Study	Local - Costs not yet known
CDOT Division of Transit and Rail	Bustang Expansion Study	Statewide Planning and Research Program
CDOT Division of Transit and Rail	Connected Colorado	Statewide Planning and Research Program
CDOT Division of Transit and Rail	Intercity and Regional Bus Network Plan Update	Statewide Planning and Research Program
CDOT Division of Transportation Development	2050 Statewide Transportation Plan and associated 10-Year Plan Update	Statewide Planning and Research Program
CDOT Office of Innovative Mobility	Bus Electrification Study	Statewide Planning and Research Program
CDOT Region 1	I25 Segment 2 National Environmental Policy Act Study	Statewide Planning and Research Program
CDOT Region 1	I25: Speer and 23 <sup>rd</sup> Bridge and Interchange Project	Statewide Planning and Research Program
CDOT Region 1	I270 Corridor Environmental Impact Statement	Statewide Planning and Research Program
CDOT Region 1	I70 East Corridor Environmental Impact Statement Reevaluation	Statewide Planning and Research Program
CDOT Region 4	I76 and Weld County Road 8 Interchange 1601 Study	Statewide Planning and Research Program
Commerce City	Drainage Master Plan	Local - \$750,000
Commerce City	Intelligent Transportation Systems Plan	Local - \$275,000
Commerce City	Land Development Code	Local - \$500,000
Commerce City	Transportation Master Plan	Local - \$195,000
Denver	Lincoln Park-La Alma Area Plan	Local - Costs not yet known
Denver	Bike Network Verification and Facility Upgrade Project	Local - \$500,000
Denver	Southwest Area Plan	Local - \$400,000
Denver	Far Southwest Area Plan	Local - \$400,000
Douglas County	2050 Transportation Plan	Local - \$550,000



Sponsor	Description	Funding source
Erie	Neighborhood Speed Management Program (Planning Phase)	Local - \$75,000
Erie	Town of Erie Transit Plan	Local - Costs not yet known
Jefferson County	Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan	Local - \$50,000
Jefferson County	Enhanced Crossing Design Standards Policy	Local - \$25,000
Jefferson County	Safe Routes to School Partnership	Local - \$150,000
Jefferson County	Sidewalk Gap Analysis	Local - \$50,000
Jefferson County	South Golden Road Corridor and Area Plan	Local - \$680,000
Jefferson County	Transit Oriented Communities Corridor and Area Planning studies in support of House Bill 24-1313	Local - Costs not yet known
Littleton	Transportation Master Plan Update	Local - \$500,000
Littleton	Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update	Local - \$100,000
Littleton	Traffic Operations, Maintenance and Management Plan	Local - \$150,000
Littleton	Littleton Boulevard Subarea Plan	Local - \$1,000,000
Littleton	Elati Street Corridor Study	Local - \$ 235,000
Littleton	High Line Canal Trail Underpass Feasibility Study at Mineral Avenue	Local - \$150,000
Lone Tree	RidgeGate Parkway Bikeway Design Project	Local - \$250,000
Northglenn	City Comprehensive Transportation Plan	Local - \$350,000
Parker	Microtransit Feasibility and Analysis	Local - \$150,000
Parker	Open Space, Trails and Greenways Master Plan Update	Local - Costs not yet known
Thornton	Refining the transportation plan in Thornton's Weld County growth area.	Local - Costs not yet known
Thornton	Station Area Master Plan for the York/144th Station	Local - Costs not yet known
Thornton	Station Area Master Plan for the N Line Station near CO7	Local - Costs not yet known
Thornton	Standards and Specifications Update	Local - Costs not yet known

**Table 5: Planning activities funded through federal discretionary grants**



Sponsor	Description	End date	Resulting products	Funding source	Local match
Boulder	Boulder Safe Streets Implementation	Quarter 4 2029	Completed Construction and Demonstration Projects	Safe Streets and Roads for All - \$23,000,000	City funds - \$5,300,000
Brighton	Safe Streets and Roads for All Public Safety Dashboard and update to Vision Zero Plan	Quarter 4 2026	Public safety dashboard and an updated Vision Zero Safety plan	Safe Streets and Roads for All - \$400,000	City funds - \$100,000
CDOT R1	Removing the Highway Barrier: Equitably Restoring Colfax and Federal Mobility and Land Use	Quarter 3 2028	Preconstruction activities to remove a cloverleaf interchange barrier, reconnect neighborhoods, and reimagine land use opportunities.	Reconnecting Communities - \$2,000,000	Colorado Transportation Investment Office - \$400,000
<u>Commerce City</u>	<u>East 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue Multimodal Connections Study</u>	<u>Quarter 1 2027</u>	<u>Planning work and environmental study to reconnect Adams Heights neighborhood</u>	<u>Reconnecting Communities - \$1,600,000</u>	<u>Regional Priority Projects - \$200,000</u>  <u>City funds - \$200,000</u>
Denver	Safe Streets and Roads for All	Quarter 4 2026	Road Safety Audits	Safe Streets and Roads for All - \$562,000	City funds - \$144,000
Denver	Safe Streets and Roads for All Demonstration	Quarter 4 2029	Safety improvements in downtown neighborhoods	Safe Streets and Roads for All - \$6,000,000	City funds - \$2,000,000
Denver	Reconnecting Globeville	Quarter 4 2029	Pedestrian bridge, Bettie Cram bridge, greenway	Reconnecting Communities - \$35,000,000	City funds - \$20,000,000



Sponsor	Description	End date	Resulting products	Funding source	Local match
Denver	Sanderson Gulch	Quarter 4 2028	New bike crossings and stormwater improvements	PROTECT - \$4,000,000	City funds - \$2,000,000
Jefferson County	Safe Streets and Roads for All - Vision Zero Action Plan	Quarter 2 2027	County-wide Vision Zero Action Plan	Safe Streets and Roads for All - \$545,000	Jefferson County & City of Lakewood - \$136,250
Littleton	Connected Littleton Mobility Network	Quarter 4 2028	Corridor Cross Sections; List of Projects; Concept Design	RAISE - \$3,200,000	General Fund - \$640,000
RTD	Bus Stop Accessibility Study and Equity Analysis	Quarter 1 2026	Bus stop infrastructure accessibility assessment with strategy and prioritization for future improvements	FTA Areas of Persistent Poverty Program - \$500,000	Sales and Use Tax - \$50,000
RTD	Federal Boulevard Transit Oriented Development Implementation Plan	Quarter 4 2027	Transit oriented development existing conditions and implementation report	FTA Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning - \$2,000,000	\$0



## Appendix B: 2024-2025 accomplishments

This section discusses major activities completed as part of the 2024-2025 UPWP. Additional details are available in the Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 Mid-Year and End-of-Year Status Reports available on the [DRCOG website](#).

### Program administration and coordination

- Developed the new UPWP document.
- Updated Title VI Implementation Plan, Limited English Proficiency Plan and Americans with Disabilities Act Program Access Plan.
- Developed new Framework for Transportation Planning in the Denver Region.
- Developed equity index and project benefits and burdens analysis.
- Participated in the 2024 joint FHWA and FTA Quadrennial Review of the metropolitan planning organization planning process and addressed items resulting from the review.

### Planning coordination and outreach

- Updated the DRCOG Public Engagement Plan.
- Revitalized DRCOG web properties through a website refresh project.
- Held two iterations of Civic Academy.
- Convened a workshop series with local agencies to identify gaps in local knowledge and expertise related to implementing Mitigation Action Plan strategies.
- Conducted a regional parking utilization study to determine the feasibility of lowering parking standards.
- Began work on Smart Growth Parking Strategies.

### Land use and development planning

- Worked with local government partners to identify and support appropriate Metro Vision strategies, implementation measures and pilot initiatives.
- Selected projects and began development activities for Small Area Plans.
- Developed a Housing Transportation Coordination Plan that integrates housing, transportation, and economic development strategies in the regional transportation planning process.

### Multimodal planning

- Begin updating the Regional Transportation Plan document by refining new equity analysis methodology.
- Solicited proposals for corridor planning projects from local agencies and community groups, then led and coordinated corridor plans.





- Solicited proposals for community-based transportation plan projects from local agencies and community groups and selected initial project proposals.
- Updated the Regional Active Transportation Plan.
- Conducted calls for projects for the Transportation Demand Management Services Transportation Improvement Program set-aside program.
- Began implementation of the Regional Transportation Demand Management Strategic Plan.
- Updated Regional Complete Streets Typology.
- Updated the Regional Multimodal Freight Plan.

## **Air Quality**

- Prepared highway and transit networks (DRCOG), updated planning assumptions, performed air quality conformity model runs (DRCOG and Air Pollution Control Division), and reviewed highway networks (CDOT) and transit networks (RTD) associated with amendments of the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Participated in the development of the new ozone state implementation plan.
- Developed priority and comprehensive climate action plans.

## **Project programming**

- Prepared and adopted the 2026- 2029 Transportation Improvement Program document.
- Coordinated solicitations for Transportation Corridor Planning, Community-Based Transportation Planning, Livable Centers Small-Area Planning, and Innovative Mobility set-asides and amended selected projects into the adopted Transportation Improvement Program.
- Developed Annual Listing of Obligated Projects for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024.
- Developed Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 Projects Delayed Reports.

## **Transportation systems operations and safety**

- Completed 2022 and 2023 Annual Report on Traffic Congestion in the Denver Region.
- Updated the DRCOG Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture.
- Prepared a concept of operations for a regional Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measure implementation.
- Began work on the Vision Zero Quick Build Toolkit.
- Selected projects for and kicked off Innovative Mobility Set-Aside projects.
- Began work on Mobility Hubs in the Denver Region white paper.





## Public transportation planning

- Conducted calls for projects for the Human Services Transportation set-aside program of the Transportation Improvement Program and FTA 5310 and Older Americans Act funding.
- Maintained and began updates to Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Transit Plan).
- Developed a Regional Bus Rapid Transit Partnership and awarded a Build America Bureau Innovative Finance and Asset Concession grant.
- 2025-2029 Five-year Financial Forecast adopted by Board of Directors.
- Prepared basic design plans to determine station locations, environmental impacts, and costs for Northwest Rail Corridor Starter Service.

## Planning data and modeling

- Coordinated the acquisition of regional datasets.
- Coordinated with the State Demography Office at the Department of Local Affairs in their updates to household and employment control totals.
- Update the travel model networks and transportation information database in association with the 2024 Regional Transportation Plan amendment cycle.
- Completed a calibration and validation of the regional travel demand model.



## Appendix C: Program financing tables

Tables 6 through 9 depict the anticipated revenues and expenditures of federal Consolidated Planning Grant funds for this UPWP.

**Table 6: Fiscal years 2026 and 2027 UPWP revenue sources**

Funding source	Federal funding	DRCOG cash match	RTD in-kind match	Total
DRCOG 2026 Consolidated Planning Grant	\$5,791,830	\$300,995	\$902,984	<b>\$6,995,809</b>
DRCOG 2027 Consolidated Planning Grant	\$6,550,387	\$340,416	\$1,021,248	<b>\$7,912,051</b>
DRCOG 2024 and 2025 Carryover	\$4,265,678	\$221,682	\$665,047	<b>\$5,152,407</b>
<b>Total Available Funding</b>	<b>\$16,607,895</b>	<b>\$863,093</b>	<b>\$2,589,279</b>	<b>\$20,060,267</b>





**Table 7: Fiscal year 2026 UPWP anticipated Consolidated Planning Grant expenditures (total expenditure includes Consolidated Planning Grant and cash match)**

	<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>DRCOG cash match</b>	<b>RTD in-kind match</b>	<b>Consolidated Planning Grant</b>
<b>2026-2027 UPWP Objectives and Activities</b>				
<b>Objective 1.0 Program administration and coordination</b>	<b>\$1,149,167</b>	<b>\$49,443</b>	<b>\$148,329</b>	<b>\$951,395</b>
Activity 1.1 Direct program management	\$409,181	\$17,605	\$52,815	\$338,761
Activity 1.2 DRCOG staff training and development	\$175,191	\$7,538	\$22,613	\$145,041
Activity 1.3 Unified Planning Work Program	\$233,805	\$10,059	\$30,178	\$193,567
Activity 1.4 Metropolitan planning organization compliance	\$330,991	\$14,241	\$42,723	\$274,027
<b>Objective 2.0 Planning coordination and outreach</b>	<b>\$1,178,193</b>	<b>\$50,692</b>	<b>\$152,075</b>	<b>\$975,426</b>
Activity 2.1 DRCOG public engagement and outreach	\$245,872	\$10,579	\$31,736	\$203,558
Activity 2.2 Local government and stakeholder education, outreach and support	\$390,668	\$16,808	\$50,425	\$323,434
Activity 2.3 Regional planning coordination	\$469,480	\$20,199	\$60,598	\$388,682
Activity 2.4 Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Action Plan implementation assistance	\$72,173	\$3,105	\$9,316	\$59,752
<b>Objective 3.0 Land use and development planning</b>	<b>\$1,228,902</b>	<b>\$52,874</b>	<b>\$158,621</b>	<b>\$1,017,408</b>
Activity 3.1 Metro Vision plan - Collaboration and implementation assistance	\$394,154	\$16,958	\$50,875	\$326,320
Activity 3.2 Metro Vision plan - Research and performance management	\$451,285	\$19,417	\$58,250	\$373,619
Activity 3.3 Livable centers small-area planning	\$116,375	\$5,007	\$15,021	\$96,347
Activity 3.4 Housing coordination planning	\$267,088	\$11,491	\$34,474	\$221,122
<b>Objective 4.0 Multimodal planning</b>	<b>\$1,370,599</b>	<b>\$58,970</b>	<b>\$176,910</b>	<b>\$1,134,719</b>
Activity 4.1 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan	\$638,890	\$27,488	\$82,465	\$528,937
Activity 4.2 Federal performance measure reporting	\$37,793	\$1,626	\$4,878	\$31,289
Activity 4.3 Transportation corridor planning	\$90,420	\$3,890	\$11,671	\$74,859
Activity 4.4 Community-based transportation planning	\$63,436	\$2,729	\$8,188	\$52,518
Activity 4.5 Active transportation planning	\$278,669	\$11,990	\$35,969	\$230,710
Activity 4.6 Transportation demand management planning	\$103,203	\$4,440	\$13,321	\$85,442
Activity 4.7 Complete Streets planning	\$91,293	\$3,928	\$11,784	\$75,581
Activity 4.8 Regional freight planning	\$66,895	\$2,878	\$8,635	\$55,383
<b>Objective 5.0 Air quality</b>	<b>\$347,477</b>	<b>\$14,950</b>	<b>\$44,851</b>	<b>\$287,676</b>

	Total expenditure	DRCOG cash match	RTD in- kind match	Consolidated Planning Grant
<b>2026-2027 UPWP Objectives and Activities</b>				
Activity 5.1 Air quality and conformity	\$257,903	\$11,096	\$33,289	\$213,518
Activity 5.2 Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grant	\$89,574	\$3,854	\$11,562	\$74,158
<b>Objective 6.0 Project programming</b>	<b>\$702,372</b>	<b>\$30,220</b>	<b>\$90,659</b>	<b>\$581,494</b>
Activity 6.1 Prepare Transportation Improvement Program	\$273,704	\$11,776	\$35,328	\$226,599
Activity 6.2 Transportation Improvement Program set-asides	\$136,894	\$5,890	\$17,670	\$113,335
Activity 6.3 Transportation Improvement Program management	\$291,774	\$12,554	\$37,661	\$241,560
<b>Objective 7.0 Transportation systems operations and safety</b>	<b>\$736,006</b>	<b>\$31,667</b>	<b>\$95,000</b>	<b>\$609,340</b>
Activity 7.1 Congestion Management Process	\$227,450	\$9,786	\$29,358	\$188,306
Activity 7.2 Regional transportation operations and technology	\$138,787	\$5,971	\$17,914	\$114,902
Activity 7.3 Transportation security planning	\$6,231	\$268	\$804	\$5,159
Activity 7.4 Transportation safety planning	\$319,515	\$13,747	\$41,241	\$264,526
Activity 7.5 Innovative mobility planning	\$44,022	\$1,894	\$5,682	\$36,446
<b>Objective 8.0 Public transportation planning</b>	<b>\$455,335</b>	<b>\$19,591</b>	<b>\$58,772</b>	<b>\$376,972</b>
Activity 8.1 Regional transit and human service transportation planning and coordination	\$163,354	\$7,028	\$21,085	\$135,241
Activity 8.2 Regional bus rapid transit planning	\$170,608	\$7,340	\$22,021	\$141,246
Activity 8.3 FasTracks review and assessment	\$15,596	\$671	\$2,013	\$12,912
Activity 8.4 RTD local government planning process	\$22,850	\$983	\$2,949	\$18,918
Activity 8.5 RTD financial planning	\$15,596	\$671	\$2,013	\$12,912
Activity 8.6 RTD base system planning	\$31,309	\$1,347	\$4,041	\$25,921
Activity 8.7 Transit facility planning	\$36,022	\$1,550	\$4,650	\$29,823
Activity 8.8 FasTracks program management and planning assistance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Objective 9.0 Planning data and modeling</b>	<b>\$1,523,908</b>	<b>\$65,566</b>	<b>\$196,698</b>	<b>\$1,261,644</b>
Activity 9.1 Develop and maintain geographic information systems	\$435,501	\$18,737	\$56,212	\$360,551
Activity 9.2 Land use modeling and forecasting	\$418,798	\$18,019	\$54,056	\$346,723
Activity 9.3 Transportation modeling and forecasting	\$485,590	\$20,893	\$62,678	\$402,020
Activity 9.4 Data collection and management	\$184,019	\$7,917	\$23,752	\$152,349
<b>Total fiscal year 2026 anticipated expenditures</b>	<b>\$8,691,961</b>	<b>\$373,972</b>	<b>\$1,121,915</b>	<b>\$7,196,074</b>

**Table 8: Fiscal year 2027 UPWP anticipated Consolidated Planning Grant expenditures (total expenditure includes Consolidated Planning Grant and cash match)**

<b>2026-2027 UPWP Objectives and Activities</b>	<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>DRCOG cash match</b>	<b>RTD in-kind match</b>	<b>Consolidated Planning Grant</b>
<b>Objective 1.0 Program administration and coordination</b>	<b>\$1,149,996</b>	<b>\$49,479</b>	<b>\$148,436</b>	<b>\$952,082</b>
Activity 1.1 Direct program management	\$409,457	\$17,617	\$52,851	\$338,990
Activity 1.2 DRCOG staff training and development	\$175,327	\$7,543	\$22,630	\$145,153
Activity 1.3 Unified Planning Work Program	\$233,972	\$10,067	\$30,200	\$193,705
Activity 1.4 Metropolitan planning organization compliance	\$331,241	\$14,252	\$42,755	\$274,234
<b>Objective 2.0 Planning coordination and outreach</b>	<b>\$1,179,018</b>	<b>\$50,727</b>	<b>\$152,182</b>	<b>\$976,109</b>
Activity 2.1 DRCOG public engagement and outreach	\$246,028	\$10,585	\$31,756	\$203,687
Activity 2.2 Local government and stakeholder education, outreach and support	\$390,938	\$16,820	\$50,460	\$323,658
Activity 2.3 Regional planning coordination	\$469,821	\$20,214	\$60,642	\$388,964
Activity 2.4 Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Action Plan implementation assistance	\$72,231	\$3,108	\$9,323	\$59,800
<b>Objective 3.0 Land use and development planning</b>	<b>\$1,229,771</b>	<b>\$52,911</b>	<b>\$158,733</b>	<b>\$1,018,127</b>
Activity 3.1 Metro Vision plan - Collaboration and implementation assistance	\$394,425	\$16,970	\$50,910	\$326,544
Activity 3.2 Metro Vision plan - Research and performance management	\$451,585	\$19,429	\$58,288	\$373,868
Activity 3.3 Livable centers small-area planning	\$116,470	\$5,011	\$15,033	\$96,425
Activity 3.4 Housing coordination planning	\$267,291	\$11,500	\$34,501	\$221,290
<b>Objective 4.0 Multimodal planning</b>	<b>\$1,521,624</b>	<b>\$65,468</b>	<b>\$196,404</b>	<b>\$1,259,753</b>
Activity 4.1 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan	\$639,361	\$27,508	\$82,525	\$529,327
Activity 4.2 Federal performance measure reporting	\$37,822	\$1,627	\$4,882	\$31,313
Activity 4.3 Transportation corridor planning	\$90,486	\$3,893	\$11,679	\$74,913
Activity 4.4 Community-based transportation planning	\$63,483	\$2,731	\$8,194	\$52,558
Activity 4.5 Active transportation planning	\$428,882	\$18,453	\$55,358	\$355,072
Activity 4.6 Transportation demand management planning	\$103,279	\$4,444	\$13,331	\$85,505
Activity 4.7 Complete Streets planning	\$91,365	\$3,931	\$11,793	\$75,641
Activity 4.8 Regional freight planning	\$66,946	\$2,880	\$8,641	\$55,425



	Total expenditure	DRCOG cash match	RTD in- kind match	Consolidated Planning Grant
<b>2026-2027 UPWP Objectives and Activities</b>				
<b>Objective 5.0 Air quality</b>	<b>\$347,736</b>	<b>\$14,961</b>	<b>\$44,884</b>	<b>\$287,891</b>
Activity 5.1 Air quality and conformity	\$258,099	\$11,105	\$33,314	\$213,680
Activity 5.2 Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grant	\$89,637	\$3,857	\$11,570	\$74,211
<b>Objective 6.0 Project programming</b>	<b>\$702,882</b>	<b>\$30,241</b>	<b>\$90,724</b>	<b>\$581,916</b>
Activity 6.1 Prepare Transportation Improvement Program	\$273,904	\$11,785	\$35,354	\$226,765
Activity 6.2 Transportation Improvement Program set-asides	\$136,994	\$5,894	\$17,683	\$113,417
Activity 6.3 Transportation Improvement Program management	\$291,984	\$12,563	\$37,688	\$241,733
<b>Objective 7.0 Transportation systems operations and safety</b>	<b>\$736,535</b>	<b>\$31,689</b>	<b>\$95,068</b>	<b>\$609,778</b>
Activity 7.1 Congestion Management Process	\$227,615	\$9,793	\$29,379	\$188,443
Activity 7.2 Regional transportation operations and technology	\$138,861	\$5,974	\$17,923	\$114,963
Activity 7.3 Transportation security planning	\$6,234	\$268	\$805	\$5,161
Activity 7.4 Transportation safety planning	\$319,770	\$13,758	\$41,274	\$264,737
Activity 7.5 Innovative mobility planning	\$44,055	\$1,895	\$5,686	\$36,473
<b>Objective 8.0 Public transportation planning</b>	<b>\$455,690</b>	<b>\$19,606</b>	<b>\$58,818</b>	<b>\$377,266</b>
Activity 8.1 Regional transit and human service transportation planning and coordination	\$163,485	\$7,034	\$21,102	\$135,349
Activity 8.2 Regional bus rapid transit planning	\$170,738	\$7,346	\$22,038	\$141,354
Activity 8.3 FasTracks review and assessment	\$15,608	\$672	\$2,015	\$12,922
Activity 8.4 RTD local government planning process	\$22,868	\$984	\$2,952	\$18,932
Activity 8.5 RTD financial planning	\$15,608	\$672	\$2,015	\$12,922
Activity 8.6 RTD base system planning	\$31,333	\$1,348	\$4,044	\$25,940
Activity 8.7 Transit facility planning	\$36,051	\$1,551	\$4,653	\$29,846
Activity 8.8 FasTracks program management and planning assistance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Objective 9.0 Planning data and modeling</b>	<b>\$1,499,928</b>	<b>\$64,534</b>	<b>\$193,603</b>	<b>\$1,241,790</b>
Activity 9.1 Develop and maintain geographic information systems	\$510,852	\$21,979	\$65,938	\$422,934
Activity 9.2 Land use modeling and forecasting	\$419,109	\$18,032	\$54,097	\$346,981
Activity 9.3 Transportation modeling and forecasting	\$385,806	\$16,599	\$49,798	\$319,409
Activity 9.4 Data collection and management	\$184,160	\$7,923	\$23,770	\$152,466
<b>Total fiscal year 2027 anticipated expenditures</b>	<b>\$8,823,181</b>	<b>\$379,617</b>	<b>\$1,138,852</b>	<b>\$7,304,712</b>

**Table 9: Total fiscal years 2026 and 2027 anticipated expenditures on other grant funds**

	<b>Total Consolidated Planning Grant expenditure</b>	<b>Surface Transportation Block Grant</b>	<b>Toll credits match</b>	<b>Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (100% federal)</b>	<b>Congestion Mitigation/ Air Quality (100% federal)</b>
<b>2026-2027 UPWP Objectives and Activities</b>					
<b>Objective 1.0 Program administration and coordination</b>	<b>\$2,299,163</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Activity 1.1 Direct program management	\$818,638	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 1.2 DRCOG staff training and development	\$350,518	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 1.3 Unified Planning Work Program	\$467,776	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 1.4 Metropolitan planning organization compliance	\$662,231	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Objective 2.0 Planning coordination and outreach</b>	<b>\$2,357,211</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Activity 2.1 DRCOG public engagement and outreach	\$491,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 2.2 Local government and stakeholder education, outreach and support	\$781,606	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 2.3 Regional planning coordination	\$939,301	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 2.4 Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Action Plan implementation assistance	\$144,404	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Objective 3.0 Land use and development planning</b>	<b>\$2,458,673</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Activity 3.1 Metro Vision plan - Collaboration and implementation assistance	\$788,579	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 3.2 Metro Vision plan - Research and performance management	\$902,870	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 3.3 Livable centers small-area planning	\$232,845	\$2,000,000	\$500,000	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 3.4 Housing coordination planning	\$534,378	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Objective 4.0 Multimodal planning</b>	<b>\$2,892,224</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>	<b>\$275,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Activity 4.1 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan	\$1,278,251	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 4.2 Federal performance measure reporting	\$75,616	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 4.3 Transportation corridor planning	\$180,906	\$600,000	\$150,000	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 4.4 Community-based transportation planning	\$126,919	\$500,000	\$125,000	\$ -	\$ -

	Total Consolidated Planning Grant expenditure	Surface Transportation Block Grant	Toll credits match	Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (100% federal)	Congestion Mitigation/ Air Quality (100% federal)
<b>2026-2027 UPWP Objectives and Activities</b>					
Activity 4.5 Active transportation planning	\$707,551	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 4.6 Transportation demand management planning	\$206,482	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 4.7 Complete Streets planning	\$182,657	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 4.8 Regional freight planning	\$133,841	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Objective 5.0 Air quality</b>	<b>\$695,213</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$660,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Activity 5.1 Air quality and conformity	\$516,003	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 5.2 Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grant	\$179,211	\$ -	\$ -	\$660,000	\$ -
<b>Objective 6.0 Project programming</b>	<b>\$1,405,254</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Activity 6.1 Prepare Transportation Improvement Program	\$547,608	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 6.2 Transportation Improvement Program set-asides	\$273,888	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 6.3 Transportation Improvement Program management	\$583,758	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Objective 7.0 Transportation systems operations and safety</b>	<b>\$1,472,542</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$2,217,000</b>
Activity 7.1 Congestion Management Process	\$455,066	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 7.2 Regional transportation operations and technology	\$277,648	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,217,000
Activity 7.3 Transportation security planning	\$12,466	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 7.4 Transportation safety planning	\$639,285	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 7.5 Innovative mobility planning	\$88,077	\$2,000,000	\$500,000	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Objective 8.0 Public transportation planning</b>	<b>\$911,025</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>\$225,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Activity 8.1 Regional transit and human service transportation planning and coordination	\$326,839	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 8.2 Regional bus rapid transit planning	\$341,346	\$900,000	\$225,000	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 8.3 FasTracks review and assessment	\$31,204	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -



	Total Consolidated Planning Grant expenditure	Surface Transportation Block Grant	Toll credits match	Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (100% federal)	Congestion Mitigation/ Air Quality (100% federal)
<b>2026-2027 UPWP Objectives and Activities</b>					
Activity 8.4 RTD local government planning process	\$45,718	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 8.5 RTD financial planning	\$31,204	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 8.6 RTD base system planning	\$62,642	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 8.7 Transit facility planning	\$72,073	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 8.8 FasTracks program management and planning assistance	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Objective 9.0 Planning data and modeling</b>	<b>\$3,023,836</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Activity 9.1 Develop and maintain geographic information systems	\$946,353	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 9.2 Land use modeling and forecasting	\$837,908	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 9.3 Transportation modeling and forecasting	\$871,397	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activity 9.4 Data collection and management	\$368,179	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total fiscal year 2026 and 2027 anticipated expenditures</b>	<b>\$17,515,142</b>	<b>\$6,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$660,000</b>	<b>\$2,217,000</b>
Anticipated unused 2026-2027 contract funds (carryover to fiscal year 2028-2029)	\$2,545,125				
<b>Total funding available</b>	<b>\$20,060,267</b>				





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