

# Board Work Session Summary

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Meeting held via Zoom

## Members/Alternates Present

Richard Kondo, Chair	City of Northglenn
Julie Mullica	Adams County
Kathy Henson	Adams County
Jeff Baker	Arapahoe County
Rhonda Fields	Arapahoe County
Claire Levy	Boulder County
Austin Ward	City and County of Broomfield
Rebecca Lloyd	Clear Creek County
Kevin Flynn	City and County of Denver
Andy Kerr	Jefferson County
Sharon Davis	City of Arvada
Robert Andrews	City of Aurora
Nicole Speer	City of Boulder
Ann Taddeo	City of Brighton
Deborah Mulvey	City of Castle Pines
Tim Dietz	Town of Castle Rock
Charles Dukes	City of Commerce City
Craig Kim	City of Commerce City
Steve Conklin	City of Edgewater
Emily Baer	Town of Erie
Georgia Kofoed	Town of Georgetown
Jeslin Shahrezaei	City of Lakewood
Robert Reichardt	City of Littleton
Larry Strock	Town of Lochbuie
Marissa Harmon	City on Lone Tree
Judi Kern	City of Louisville
Colleen Whitlow	Town of Mead
John Diak	Town of Parker
Justin Martinez	City of Thornton
Sarah Nurmela	City of Westminster
Rachel Hultin	City of Wheat Ridge

Others Present: Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director, DRCOG; Michele Riccio, Adams County; Kent Moorman, Thornton; Tyler Bump, Lee Ann Ryan, ECONorthwest; and DRCOG staff.

Chair Kondo called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

## Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## Regional Housing Strategy Update

Tyler Bump, ECONorthwest, provided an update on the housing strategy to the directors. The update is focused on building a collaborative, region-wide approach to addressing housing needs across the Denver metro area through increased housing production, preservation of affordable housing, stronger regional coordination, and aligned infrastructure and transit planning. Stakeholders emphasized the importance of faster housing development processes, dedicated funding and financing tools, cross-jurisdictional partnerships, and flexible regional

agreements that still preserve local control. Discussion amongst members also highlighted the need to diversify housing types, support attainable homeownership opportunities, align housing with transit and climate goals, and create shared regional solutions rather than having cities compete independently for projects and funding. The strategy team is now moving into the implementation and governance phase, with a draft regional housing strategy expected in May/June and further board discussion planned for July.

### **Regional Transportation Operations and Signal Timing Briefs**

Greg MacKinnon provided an overview of the program to the Directors. DRCOG's long-running Regional Traffic Signal Timing Program began in 1989 to improve coordination between jurisdictions, reduce traffic delays, and lower vehicle emissions through synchronized traffic signal operations. The program has since upgraded nearly every regional signal system, installed hundreds of miles of fiber optic infrastructure connecting 95% of signals on the regional roadway system, and replaced thousands of traffic controllers to improve efficiency and reliability. DRCOG works collaboratively with local jurisdictions to optimize signal timing using traffic counts, coordinated cycle lengths, and manual performance evaluations to create smoother traffic flow and reduce stops, delays, fuel consumption, and emissions. New "signal timing briefs" will be included in future board packets to summarize project outcomes and highlighted the program's evolution toward more automated, data-driven, and regionally coordinated traffic operations through the Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Strategic Plan.

### **Seattle Peer Exchange Update**

Executive Director Rex provided a brief update to the Directors on the upcoming event. DRCOG's peer exchange trip already has 19 board members or alternates registered and additional spots still available. Travel and lodging details include discounted hotel accommodations at the Hilton Motif in Seattle, transportation guidance from the airport, covered meals during the event, and plans to distribute transit pass information. The agenda is still being finalized but will include presentations and panels focused on regional housing strategies, particularly lessons from the Puget Sound Regional Council and its approaches to housing, urban centers, and regional collaboration.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.