

**Attachment A**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**Transportation Advisory Committee**  
**Monday, June 24, 2024**  
**Meeting held virtually via Zoom**

**Members (or Voting Alternates) Present:**

Shawn Poe	Adams County – City of Commerce City
Kent Moorman	Adams County – City of Thornton
Chris Montoya (Alternate)	Adams County – City of Brighton
Brent Soderlin	Arapahoe County – City of Littleton
Bryan Weimer	Arapahoe County
Jeff Dankenbring	Arapahoe County – City of Centennial
Alex Hyde-Wright	Boulder County
Jean Sanson	Boulder County – City of Boulder
Michelle Melonakis	Boulder County – City of Lafayette
Bryce Hammerton (Alternate)	Broomfield, City & County
Jennifer Bartlett (Alternate)	Denver, City & County
David Gaspers	Denver, City & County
David Krutsinger (Alternate)	Denver, City & County
Justin Schmitz (Vice-Chair)	Douglas County – City of Lone Tree
Art Griffith	Douglas County
Chris Hudson (Alternate)	Douglas County – Town of Parker
Christina Lane	Jefferson County
Mike Whiteaker	Jefferson County – City of Lakewood
Maria D’Andrea	Jefferson County – City of Wheat Ridge
Kevin Ash	Southwest Weld County – Town of Frederick
Lisa Nguyen (Alternate)	Aviation Special Interest Seat
Jeff Boyd	Housing Special Interest Seat
Brad Revare	Non-Motorized Special Interest Seat
Wally Weart	Freight Special Interest Seat
Frank Bruno	Via Mobility
Carson Priest	Transportation Demand Management Seat
Jessica Myklebust	Colorado Department of Transportation Region 1
James Eussen (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation Region 4
Kyra Reumann-Moore (Alternate)	Regional Air Quality Council
Steve Cook (Alternate)	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Emma Belmont (Alternate)	Federal Transit Administration (ex-officio)
Bill Sirois	Regional Transportation District
Angie Rivera-Malpiede	Equity Special Interest Seat
Aaron Bustow	Federal Highway Administration (ex-officio)
Marissa Gaughan (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation Division of Transportation Development

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### **Additional Alternates Present:**

James Katzer (Alternate)	Arapahoe County
Zeke Lynch (Alternate)	Douglas County
Jonathan Webster (Alternate)	Denver, City & County
Dawn Sluder (Alternate)	Lakewood Rides
Mac Callison (Alternate)	Arapahoe County – City of Aurora
Kellee Van Bruggen (Alternate)	Adams County – City of Arvada
Jordan Rudel (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation Region 1

**Public:** Evan Pinkham, Jen Lambrick, Danny Herrmann, JoAnn Mattson, Dee McIntosh, Jenna Hahn, Steven Sherman, Chris Chovan, William Keenan

**DRCOG staff:** Andy Taylor, Maddy Nesbit, Cam Kennedy, Jacob Riger, Nora Kern, Aaron Villere, Steve Cook, Lauren Kirgis, Emily Lindsey, Brad Williams, Robert Spotts, Ala Alnawaiseh, Todd Cottrell, Sang Gu Lee, Kalie Fallon

### **Call to Order**

Vice Chair Justin Schmitz called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

### **Public Comment**

Jacob Riger thanked the committee for its flexibility today in meeting virtually. He welcomed Zeke Lynch representing Douglas County, Kyra Reumann-Moore representing the Regional Air Quality Council, and Steve Cook representing the Denver Regional Council of Governments, commonly referred to as DRCOG, who are serving as new alternate members.

### **May 20, 2024 Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Summary**

The summary was accepted.

### **Action Item**

#### *Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program*

Todd Cottrell, Project and Program Delivery Manager discussed that the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program have been found to comply with the current Transportation Improvement Program amendment procedures, as contained within the Board-adopted Policies for Transportation Improvement Program Development and conform with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality.

Mac Callison asked for more information regarding the Interstate 25 and Colorado State Highway 7 Interim Transit Improvements project. Jessica Myklebust replied that the funds for this project are for a new multimodal hub with a bus slip-ramp off of Interstate 25 at Colorado State Highway 7 as well as some parking, new fencing, and a large permanent water quality component.

Kent Moorman inquired about the location of the Interstate 25 Greenland Wildlife Overpass. Jessica Myklebust stated that is located in the Interstate 25 Gap project area, near Larkspur.

Bryan Weimer moved to recommend to the Regional Transportation Committee the attached project amendments to the *Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program*. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### **Discussion Items**

#### *Transportation Improvement Program Status Report*

Todd Cottrell, Project and Program Delivery Manager, presented the second quarter 2024 status report and its format. The status reports show transportation improvement program project status and delay information. Staff plans to post an updated report on the Transportation Improvement Program section of the drcog.org website on a quarterly basis.

#### *Edgewater Community-Based Transportation Plan Update*

Nora Kern, Subarea and Project Planning Program Manager reminded the committee that in 2022, the Denver Regional Council of Governments, commonly referred to as DRCOG, selected the Edgewater School Transportation Plan as one of two pilot projects for the new community-based transportation planning program. Through this program, DRCOG leads studies or planning efforts to support the region in addressing mobility challenges for historically marginalized communities. The goal of this plan is to address safety and traffic concerns around Lumberg and Edgewater Elementary schools. The final plan includes an overview of existing transportation operations and infrastructure at and around the two schools; an extensive community engagement process; and proposed projects, programs, and improvements to the operations at each school.

Shawn Poe inquired about the schedules for implementing the recently selected community-based transportation planning projects. Nora Kern replied that staff is working with each sponsor to adjust the timing of each plan to fit local priorities and DRCOG staff resources.

Bryan Weimer asked about the solution regarding traffic and drop-off locations on these residential streets since Lumberg Elementary School is in a residential area. Nora Kern replied that the recommendation from staff was to have an organized traffic pattern, so that is why the street was made one way to encourage better traffic flow and to encourage people to walk, bike, or take the bus.

Vice Chair Justin Schmitz inquired how the pilot project was implemented, was it a contract from DRCOG or a city initiative? Nora Kern stated that DRCOG hired a consultant, Y2K Engineering, and the consultant created the designs and made recommendations, but the projects will be implemented by the City of Edgewater.

#### *Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts Program*

Aaron Villere, Senior Active Transportation Planner, discussed that during the past year, using funding provided in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program,

DRCOG staff have taken steps to further expand the Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts Program. These steps have been taken in pursuit of the following programmatic goals:

1. Support evaluation of TIP-funded projects.
2. Augment the capacity of member governments to collect active user counts.
3. Track multi-year use trends in bicycling and walking activity, especially in areas and corridors identified in the Active Transportation Plan.
4. Support development and implementation of the ongoing major update to the Active Transportation Plan.
5. Support piloting of Regionwide Bicycle Count Estimation efforts.
6. Measure special event traffic.

Mac Callison inquired if staff would develop strategies to help create a consistent database for looking at sampling, day of the week, best practices, and other applicable components of a count program. Aaron Villere stated that staff is developing materials to provide basic program management and vendors are providing guidance on the equipment; coupled with research done at the national level to create best practices for deployment, time of week, and other factors.

Mac Callison asked if there is a way to separate traditional bikes from e-bikes. Aaron Villere replied that the equipment cannot tell the difference; video or manual observation would be needed to tell for sure. However, there might be a way to look at some metrics like a wheelbase with the equipment for educated speculation.

Bryan Weimer asked if there is a way to determine a work trip versus a recreational trip. Aaron Villere stated the equipment cannot, but the equipment can hopefully assist with updating DRCOG's travel model which does look at work versus recreational trips.

### **Informational Item**

*Fiscal Year 2024 Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation  
Discretionary Grant Informational Form*

Jacob Riger, Manager, Multimodal Transportation Planning, reminded the committee that the United States Department of Transportation published a Notice of Funding Opportunity for \$50 million in available grant funding for the Fiscal Year 2024 Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation, commonly referred to as SMART, discretionary grant. The SMART discretionary grant program was established to provide grants to eligible public sector agencies to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced SMART community technologies and systems to improve transportation efficiency and safety. In response, DRCOG received two submittals from two agencies.

### **Administrative Items**

*Member Comment/Other Matters*

Jacob Riger reminded the committee that Bike to Work Day is coming up on Wednesday, June 26 and encouraged everyone to spread the word, register, and participate. Vice Chair Justin Schmitz echoed that sentiment.

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Adjournment

There were no additional comments and the meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.