

Transportation Advisory Committee

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DRCOG and CDOT Active Transportation Plans

Agenda item type: Discussion

Summary

A presentation on the background and progress to date of both DRCOG and the Colorado Department of Transportation's Active Transportation Plans.

Background

In the spring of 2024, both DRCOG and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) kicked off planning processes to update each agency's active transportation plan—while DRCOG is developing an updated plan focusing on the Denver region and DRCOG's programs and planning efforts, CDOT is developing a statewide plan, which includes but is not limited to the Denver region.

CDOT's statewide Active Transportation Plan aims set goals, policy recommendations, and action steps supporting walking, bicycling and human-powered transportation for all Coloradoans. To date, the project team has initiated planning and conducted public and stakeholder outreach, including a survey generating more than 3,000 responses. CDOT staff have also convened and hosted an initial meeting with a statewide Community Advisory Committee to inform the plan, and have held regular coordination meetings with DRCOG staff to align and share resources on our parallel planning efforts.

Using both stakeholder and public feedback, as well as new technical analysis, the CDOT Active Transportation Plan will create a tool to prioritize active transportation investments on the statewide network, which will be aligned with local and regional pedestrian and bicycle plans from across Colorado.

DRCOG staff will provide an overview of the regional Active Transportation Plan and efforts to coordinate with CDOT counterparts. CDOT staff will provide a more comprehensive update on the statewide Active Transportation Plan.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

[March 25, 2024](#) – DRCOG Active Transportation Plan update

Recommendation

None

Attachment(s)

1. DRCOG Active Transportation Plan Update presentation



2. CDOT Active Transportation Plan presentation

For more information

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Statewide and Regional Active Transportation Planning

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DRCOG Active Transportation Plan, 2025

DRCOG is updating the regional Active Transportation Plan, which will include a **vision for walking and bicycling** in the region.

The plan will **provide tools and guidance for local agencies** to implement projects in their respective jurisdictions.

The plan will also **identify actions** for DRCOG to undertake to support these activities.

Key elements of the Active Transportation Plan

1. Build **member and stakeholder capacity** and conduct **inclusive and substantive engagement**.
2. Update the regional **active transportation network**.
3. Develop guidance to accelerate completion of the **regional pedestrian network**.
4. Update guidance for **emerging micromobility** design and infrastructure.
5. Analyze the **economic benefits** of active transportation investments.
6. Assess **DRCOG programs and policies**.
7. Produce an **actionable plan**.

Timeline

- **Summer 2024:** initial outreach to the public, formation of stakeholder and advisory groups.
- **Fall/Winter 2024/2025:** Ongoing work with stakeholders to understand barriers to universal design and active transportation.
 - **Active transportation network development is underway!**
 - A Sidewalk Delivery Guide to accelerate pedestrian facility construction.
 - Design guidance for emerging micromobility modes.
 - Economic benefits analysis of active transportation investment.
 - Policy review.
- **Spring/Summer 2025:** Develop recommendations and deliver the plan!



Working with partners

- Biweekly coordination with CDOT counterparts.
- Mutual membership in plan advisory groups.
- Coordination of active transportation networks.



Thank you!

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