

Attachment A
Meeting Summary
Transportation Advisory Committee
Monday, August 26, 2024

***In-person meeting with Virtual Option for Public (Via Zoom)**

Members (or Voting Alternates) Present:

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| Jenna Hahn | Adams County – City of Commerce City |
| Kent Moorman | Adams County – City of Thornton |
| Michele Riccio | Adams County |
| Victor Rachael (Alternate) | Arapahoe County – City of Englewood |
| Bryan Weimer | Arapahoe County |
| Gerrit Slatter (Alternate) | Boulder County – City of Boulder |
| Sarah Grant (Chair) | Broomfield, City & County |
| Jennifer Hillhouse | Denver, City & County |
| David Gaspers | Denver, City & County |
| David Krutsinger (Alternate) | Denver, City & County |
| Zeke Lynch (Alternate) | Douglas County |
| Justin Schmitz (Vice-Chair) | Douglas County – City of Lone Tree |
| Tom Rieff | Douglas County – City of Castle Rock |
| Christina Lane | Jefferson County |
| Mike Whiteaker | Jefferson County – City of Lakewood |
| Kevin Ash | Southwest Weld County – Town of Frederick |
| Jeff Boyd | Housing Special Interest Seat |
| Hilary Simmons | Older Adults Special Interest Seat |
| Brodie Ayers | Aviation Special Interest Seat |
| Rick Pilgrim | Environmental Special Interest Seat |
| 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 |
| Doug Rex (Alternate) | Denver Regional Council of Governments |
| Bill Sirois | Regional Transportation District |
| Marissa Gaughan (Alternate) | Colorado Department of Transportation Division of Transportation Development |

Members Attending Virtually or Additional Alternates Present:

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| Phil Greenwald (Alternate) | Boulder County – City of Longmont |
| Michelle Melonakis (Alternate) | Boulder County – City of Lafayette |
| Aaron Bustow | Federal Highway Administration (ex-officio) |
| Wally Weart | Freight Special Interest Seat |
| Brad Revare | Non-motorized Special Interest Seat |
| Kellee Van Bruggen (Alternate) | Adams County – City of Arvada |
| Mac Callison (Alternate) | Arapahoe County – City of Aurora |
| Jim Kutzer (Alternate) | Arapahoe County |
| Chris Quinn (Alternate) | Regional Transportation District |

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| Jennifer Bartlett (Alternate) | Denver, City & County |
| Art Griffith | Douglas County |
| Larry Nimmo (Alternate) | Douglas County – City of Castle Pines |
| Chris Hudson (Alternate) | Douglas County – Town of Parker |

Public: Jesse Maruschak, Shawn Poe, Deanna McIntosh, Josie Thomas, Chris Chovan, Evan Pinkham, Tom Worker-Braddock, Nataly Handlos, Greg Filkin, Madi Sydnor, Jen Lambrick, JoAnn Mattson, Jeanne Shreve, Denise Beckwith, Jaime Hepner, Eugene Howard

DRCOG staff: Josh Schwenk, Max Monk, Cam Kennedy, Nora Kern, Todd Cottrell, Carolyn Klamm, Kalie Fallon, Jacob Riger, Steve Cook, Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Sheila Lynch, Cole Neder, Brad Williams, Ala Alnawaiseh

Call to Order

Chair Sarah Grant called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Public Comment

Jacob Riger welcomed Jenna Hahn (member) and Chris Chovan (alternate), who are now serving as new representatives for Adams County. Victor Rachael is a new alternate member for Arapahoe County, and Zeke Lynch now serves as an alternate for Douglas County. Lastly, Jacob Riger thanked Rick Pilgrim for his many years of service to DRCOG and the region and wished him well in his much-deserved retirement.

July 22, 2024 Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

The summary was accepted.

Action Items

Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Josh Schwenk, Senior Planner, discussed the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, which 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.

Kent Moorman 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.

Nondiscrimination Program Update

Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Regional Transportation Planning Program Manager, discussed that every three years, DRCOG prepares the Title VI Implementation Plan, Limited English Proficiency Plan, and Americans with Disabilities Act Program Access Plan and has developed a new Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Plan for its Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 grant program. Major updates include leveraging DRCOG's new Equity Index and incorporating new state accessibility requirements. The drafts of the four nondiscrimination plans were the subject of a public review and

comment period, including a public hearing conducted by the DRCOG Board of Directors on July 17, 2024.

Bill Sirois moved to recommend to the Regional Transportation Committee adoption of the Title VI Implementation Plan and the associated Limited English Proficiency Plan, Americans with Disabilities Act Program Access Plan, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Plan. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program Set-Aside Policy

Josh Schwenk, Senior Planner, mentioned that this document defines the policies and procedures for each of DRCOG's TIP set-aside programs into one document that can be easily referenced by interested applicants for DRCOG's various transportation funding programs. However, several important changes have occurred since the policy was first adopted that warrant updates to the policy:

- Regional Transportation Demand Management Strategic Plan has been adopted.
- Successful pilots of the Transportation Corridor Planning and Community-Based Transportation Planning programs leading to lessons learned for DRCOG-led planning programs.
- Intergovernmental agreements with the Colorado Department of Transportation and further development for the four new set-aside programs (Transportation Corridor Planning, Innovative Mobility, Livable Centers Small-Area Planning, and Community-Based Transportation Planning).
- Changes to state digital accessibility policy that impact website management.
- General refinement of project procedures and evaluation criteria.

To account for these changes, staff have worked to update the TIP Set-Aside Policy document.

Kent Moorman inquired about what would qualify as an administrative amendment compared to a more formal policy amendment. Josh Schwenk provided the example of rephrasing language, which might be an administrative change, while shifting the weight of scoring criteria would be a formal policy amendment.

Kent Moorman also inquired about the changes in the document regarding eligible project types and urban center definitions. Josh Schwenk replied that he would coordinate with the Set-Aside Manager to clarify the language on this issue.

Bryan Weimer asked about page 29 and the reference to a suggested funding minimum. Josh Schwenk replied that the minimum is \$100,000 federal funding and that staff would coordinate on this language and issue as well. Doug Rex added that all TAC members and alternates are welcome to reach out to staff with additional comments or suggestions so those can be reviewed and discussed before this item comes back to the committee as an action item.

South Boulder Road and Alameda Avenue Corridor Studies Final Reports

Nora Kern, Subarea and Project Planning Program Manager, discussed that the Alameda Avenue Corridor Study assessed multimodal transportation services and facilities, including the potential for future bus rapid transit (BRT), on Alameda Avenue from Wadsworth Boulevard to Sable Boulevard. This corridor is identified for BRT in the 2030-2039 staging period of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan. The South Boulder Road Corridor reviewed multimodal transportation on the corridor from the Broadway and Table Mesa Drive intersection in Boulder to South 120th Street in Lafayette. The corridor is identified for transit planning in the 2040-2050 staging period in the Regional Transportation Plan.

Bryan Weimer inquired about the cost of these two studies. Nora Kern replied that the Alameda study cost \$300,000 and the South Boulder Road study cost \$200,000.

Bryan Weimer also inquired about lessons learned. Nora Kern stated that one of the big takeaways was the value and challenge of regional studies. Many corridors have local projects that are ongoing or planned, so relating distinct near-term investments with a broader, longer term corridor study can be challenging for the public to distinguish.

Rick Pilgrim asked what the next step would be and if that step would be taken by DRCOG or Boulder County. Nora Kern replied that in this case, Boulder County would take the lead and look at potential options going forward since a follow up study is funded in the Transportation Improvement Program. For intersection and other smaller-scale projects identified, those would probably be led by the applicable jurisdiction. DRCOG also is available to assist as able and needed.

Doug Rex asked if a survey of member jurisdictions that were involved in this initiative could be done to see what lessons they learned, what they saw value in, and what ways things could be improved in the future. Nora Kern replied that debriefs have already been held as part of both studies. Additionally, a happy hour event is happening tomorrow and will provide another informal opportunity to dialog about lessons learned.

Gerrit Slatter inquired how the eligibility for funding for these plans is affected by whether they are or are not on the State Highway System. Nora Kern replied that the Corridor Planning Program is restricted to only projects identified in the Regional Transportation Plan. Accordingly, projects needed to be located on the Regional Roadway System, but not just the State Highway System, to be eligible. The corridor planning program is very intentional about implementing the corridor and project priorities contained in the Regional Transportation Plan.

Administrative Items

Member Comment/Other Matters

- Advanced Mobility Partnership Update

Carson Priest stated that the Advanced Mobility Partnership, commonly known as the AMP, met earlier this month and had a focused discussion on mobility hub efforts across the region and the state. CDOT, Transportation Solutions, and Smart Commute all discussed their ongoing efforts specifically.

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Bryan Weimer took the opportunity to mention that DOLA has released their maps for House Bil 24-1313, and the parking legislation (House Bill 24-1304), and comments are being accepted through September 9. Bryan encouraged those interested to submit comments.

Jessica Myklebust mentioned that CDOT is hosting its Strategic Highway Safety Plan meetings, and the first one on September 12 will be in-person; the next on October 2 will be virtual. Jessica Myklebust encouraged those who can attend to do so if able.

Next Meeting – October 28, 2024

Adjournment

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