

Attachment A
Meeting Summary
Transportation Advisory Committee
Monday, July 28, 2025

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

Members (or Voting Alternates) Present:

Kent Moorman	Adams County – City of Thornton
Michele Ricco	Adams County
Chris Chovan (Alternate)	Adams County – City of Westminster
Jeff Dankenbring	Arapahoe County – City of Centennial
Mac Callison (Alternate)	Arapahoe County – City of Aurora
Brent Soderlin	Arapahoe County – City of Littleton
Phil Greenwald (Alternate)	Boulder County – City of Longmont
Michelle Melonakis	Boulder County – City of Lafayette
Jean Sanson	City of Boulder
Justin Begley	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
Kellee Van Bruggen	Jefferson County – City of Arvada
Rocky Macsalka (Alternate)	Jefferson County – City of Wheat Ridge
Mike Whiteaker	Jefferson County – City of Lakewood
Miguel Aguilar	Southwest Weld County – City of Erie
Jeff Boyd	Housing Special Interest Seat
Frank Bruno	Via Mobility Special Interest Seat
Jacob Riger	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Chris Quinn	Regional Transportation District
Colleen Kirby Roberts	Environmental Special Interest Seat
Kyra Reumann-Moore (Alternate)	Regional Air Quality Council
Angie Rivera-Malpiede	Equity Special Interest Seat
Jessica Myklebust	Colorado Department of Transportation Region 1
Jim Eussen (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation Region 4
Carson Priest	Transportation Demand Management Special Interest Seat

Members Attending Virtually or Additional Alternates Present:

James Katzer (Alternate)	Arapahoe County
Jonathan Webster (Alternate)	Denver, City & County
Jordan Rudel (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation Region 1
Larry Nimmo (Alternate)	Douglas County – City of Castle Pines
Zeke Lynch (Alternate)	Douglas County
Tom Reiff	Douglas County – City of Castle Rock
Wally Weart	Freight Special Interest Seat

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Frank Gray	Business Special Interest Seat
Mike Vanatta (Alternate)	Jefferson County
Evan Pinkham (Alternate)	Southwest Weld County
Doug Rex (Alternate)	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Aaron Bustow (Alternate)	Federal Highway Administration (ex-officio)

Public: John Gardocki, Ricky Light, Josie Thomas, Cory Schmitt, DJ Beckwith, Ryan Arthur, Jack Persin, Dee McIntosh, Ted Heyd, Rosemary Betros, Mackenzie Foss, Jeanne Shreve, Danny Herrmann, Mike King

DRCOG staff: Nora Kern, Cam Kennedy, Emily Lindsey, Cole Neder, Carolyn Klamm, Sang-Gu Lee, Aaron Villere, Pavlo Krokidis, Steph Piperno, Brad Williams, Erik Braaten, Ala Alnawaiseh, Jenny Wallace, Malorie Miller

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

Jacob Riger informed the committee that Phil Greenwald, an alternate for Boulder County, is about to retire from Longmont and stated there will be a happy hour after this meeting to celebrate his career. Additionally, Kellee Van Bruggen, who had been an alternate for Adams County, is now a member representing Jefferson County, and Jacob Riger has now taken over the membership position for DRCOG previously held by Ron Papsdorf. Furthermore, Rocky Macsalka and Brook Svoboda have been appointed new alternates for Jefferson County and Adams County, respectively. Lastly, several special interest seat members have had their membership terms renewed by the Regional Transportation Committee.

June 23, 2025 Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

The summary was accepted.

Action Items

2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program

Todd Cottrell, Project and Program Delivery Manager, discussed that the new 2026-2027 UPWP outlines activities to be conducted from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, and was prepared through a cooperative process with the Colorado Department of Transportation, Regional Transportation District, and local governments. The UPWP includes anticipated revenues of nearly \$20 million in funding across over 100 deliverables. Based on feedback, key priorities emerged for staff to address over the coming two years: air quality and resilience, housing and land use, safety, transit, and transportation funding. Staff considered this feedback in the creation of this UPWP.

David Krutsinger inquired about the typical reserve rate that DRCOG holds in a UPWP. Todd replied that, on average, it has been around \$5 million to \$6 million per year.

Kent Moorman moved to recommend that the Regional Transportation Committee approve the 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program for the Denver Region. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Public Engagement Plan Update

Carolyn Klammer, Planner, discussed the updated plan, which was the subject of a public hearing on June 18, 2025. Through the public comment period, DRCOG staff received several comments that were addressed in the final version of the plan. DRCOG staff added a section on how to use community data, added clarity on how to solicit participation, and added some additional tips. There were no public comments shared at the public hearing.

Angie Rivera-Malpiede asked about engagement outreach efforts for older adults in the region. Carolyn replied that the appendices section lists potential organizations that staff could connect with to engage the older adult community.

Jeff Dankenbring moved to recommend that the Regional Transportation Committee adopt the 2025 Public Engagement Plan. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Corridor Set Aside Selection

Nora Kern, Subarea and Project Planning Program Manager, discussed that staff recently conducted a call for letters of interest for the 2026 and 2027 funding for the program, anticipated to be \$1.5 million. Any local government or regional agency within the DRCOG Metropolitan Planning Organization boundary was eligible to submit a letter of interest. Five letters of interest were received. A selection panel reviewed the proposals. The panel considered six scoring criteria and scored all proposals on a scale of zero to five, with five being the highest possible score.

Phil Greenwald moved to recommend to the Regional Transportation Committee the selection of the Speer/Leetsdale/Parker Study for the Corridor Planning Program for fiscal years 2026 and 2027. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Discussion Item

2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update – Solicitation Process

Jacob Riger, Director of Transportation Planning and Operations, explained the two-track framework staff will use to develop the fiscally constrained project and program investment priorities for the 2050 RTP, which is essentially identical to the process used to develop the original 2050 RTP:

- County transportation forums: DRCOG would solicit investment priority projects through each forum.
- Interagency coordination process: DRCOG, CDOT, and RTD would similarly submit projects for evaluation for regional priorities. Additionally, they would

develop draft regional investment priorities through a series of workshops based on the Policy Framework and Desired Outcomes foundation.

Candidate projects would be evaluated using criteria encompassing the existing six RTP priorities, Metro Vision objectives, and federal performance measures.

Kent Moorman asked about the identifying priorities slide, which listed that those priorities will be identified by DRCOG, CDOT, and RTD, and inquired why subregional forums have not been included. Jacob replied that the three regional agencies will focus on big picture projects such as rapid transit, state highway projects, etc., while the county and local level will be focusing on local issues and needs. One does not preclude the other, and local or county jurisdictions can submit projects with a larger focus. Jacob also emphasized that all candidate projects submitted will be evaluated by a panel that includes representatives from the county transportation forums, along with staff from DRCOG, CDOT, and RTD.

Kent Moorman inquired what sort of funds – local, federal, etc.- these projects would be receiving. Jacob replied that these projects would be competing for federal and other “competitive” (regional) funding sources in the Regional Transportation Plan. Additionally, locally funded projects in the existing 2050 RTP could be submitted for regional funding through this process.

Jessica Myklebust asked about scoring criteria since some are ranked as high, medium, and low rankings, and others are ranked simply as yes or no. Jacob stated that not all criteria or projects are equally situated in terms of the ability to respond to address the scoring priorities. Some projects are fairly cut and dry; they either do something or they don't, while others address issues to varying degrees, which is why the evaluation criteria vary.

Colleen Kirby Roberts asked how the evaluation criteria are incorporated to add up to the 48 points. Jacob responded that some objectives, such as Metro Vision objectives, are standalone, while others draw out the six RTP priorities. The scoring rubric, when released, will make clear the point values and totals for all scoring criteria.

Justin Begley asked when the latest date is that a regional review panel member can be selected. Jacob responded that DRCOG needs panel members elected by the start of October, since the candidate project submittals are tentatively due October 10 and the panel will begin reviewing by mid-October.

Administrative Items

Member Comment/Other Matters

Jacob Riger stated that the draft Active Transportation Plan will be released later this week for the public comment review period. Once the link is active, it will be sent out to TAC.

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Adjournment

There were no additional comments, and the meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.