

Attachment A: Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Monday, March 23, 2026

Meeting was held in-person with virtual option for public via Zoom

Members or Alternates Present In-Person

Jenna Hahn	Adams County – City of Commerce City
Michele Riccio	Adams County
Eden Teklemariam (Alternate)	Adams County – City of Northglenn
Jim Katzer	Arapahoe County
Brent Soderlin	Arapahoe County – City of Littleton
Tom Worker-Braddock	Arapahoe County – City of Aurora
Alex Hyde-Wright	Boulder County
Jean Sanson	Boulder County – City of Boulder
Colton Rohloff	Clear Creek County
Justin Begley (Vice Chair)	Denver, City & County
David Gaspers	Denver, City & County
David Krutsinger (Alternate)	Denver, City & County
Chris Hudson (Alternate)	Douglas County – Town of Parker
Zeke Lynch (Alternate)	Douglas County
Larry Nimmo (Alternate)	Douglas County – City of Castle Pines
Christina Lane	Jefferson County
Rocky Macsalka (Alternate)	Jefferson County – City of Wheat Ridge
Kellee Van Bruggen	Jefferson County – City of Arvada
Mike Whiteaker	Jefferson County – City of Lakewood
Miguel Aguilar	Weld County – Town of Erie
Jacob Riger	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Marissa Gaughan (Alternate)	CDOT Division of Transportation Development
Jessica Myklebust	CDOT Region 1
Jordan Rudel (Alternate)	CDOT Region 1
Jim Eussen (Alternate)	CDOT Region 4
Chris Quinn (Alternate)	RTD
Kyra Reumann-Moore (Alternate)	Regional Air Quality Council
Frank Bruno	Via Mobility
Brodie Ayers	Aviation Special Interest Seat
Lisa Sakata (Alternate)	Environmental Special Interest Seat
Carson Priest	Transportation Demand Management Special Interest Seat

Members or Alternates Present Virtually

Chris Chovan (Alternate)	Adams County – City of Westminster
Art Griffith	Douglas County
Tom Reiff	Douglas County – Town of Castle Rock
Evan Pinkham (Alternate)	Weld County
Aaron Bustow (Alternate)	Federal Highway Administration (ex officio)

Others Present: Joellen Meyer – CDOT, JoAnn Mattson – CDOT, DJ Beckwith – Douglas County Community Development, Ryan Arthur, Douglas County Department of Community Services, Denise Staley – Weld County, John Gardocki – CDOT, Mae Thompson – RTD.

DRCOG Staff Present: Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Josh Schwenk, Jenny Wallace, Karen Mashler, Sang Gu Lee, Greg MacKinnon, Nora Kern, Steph Piperno, Malorie Miller, Erik Braaten, Aaron Villere, Kaitlyn Service, Emily Lindsey, Todd Cottrell, Sheila Lynch.

Call to Order.

Vice Chair Justin Begley **called the meeting to order** at 1:32 p.m. with a quorum present.

Announcements or Public Comment.

Alvan-Bidal Sanchez announced that there were two people leaving TAC.

- Byran Weimer, representing Arapahoe County, retired after 42 years.
- Bill Sirois, representing RTD, is heading out west to California.

There was no public comment.

January 26, 2026, Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Summary.

The summary was accepted.

Action Items

2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Policy Amendment.

Josh Schwenk, Senior Planner with the Programming and Project Delivery team, presented the item.

The first amendment was related to the Colorado 119 project to add FASTER Safety funding. The second amendment added funds and seven new pool projects to the Clean Transit Enterprise project. The third amendment was to transfer funds between projects and years.

Tom Worker-Braddock **moved** to recommend to the Regional Transportation Committee. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Human Services Transportation Set-Aside and Section 5310 Project Recommendations.

Travis Noon, Manager of the AAA Business Operations team, presented the item.

Travis presented the recommended projects for fiscal year 2027. Travis outlined the source and purpose of the funds as well as the call for projects process. 11 organizations submitted proposals which were reviewed by an external panel. The recommended list included software development, operating and mobility management, and capital replacement vehicles. Two projects were not recommended due to eligibility or low scores.

Chris Hudson asked if any projects received less than the requested amounts. Travis noted that some of the smaller recommendations are the result of clarifying eligibilities.

Zeke Lynch **moved** to recommend to the Regional Transportation Committee. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously. Frank Bruno and Zeke Lynch **abstained**.

Livable Centers Set-Aside Project Recommendations.

Kaitlyn Service, Program Manager of the Regional Planning team.

Kaitlyn presented an overview of the set aside program, selection process, and the recommended project list. Three projects were recommended to move forward.

Frank Bruno **moved** to recommend to the Regional Transportation Committee. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously. Christina Lane **abstained**.

2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Set-Aside Policy Document Amendment.

Josh Schwenk, Senior Planner with the Programming and Project Delivery team, presented the item.

Josh presented the changes to the policy document that shape the set-aside programs. The changes proposed included reflecting fiscal year 2028 funding, alignment and contracting adjustments to the Transportation Demand Management Set-Aside, edits to the eligibility and requirements of Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Set Aside, refinement of scoring to the Innovative Mobility and Community-based Transportation planning Set-Aside, and minor text revisions.

Alex Hyde-Wright asked about the revised requirements for the Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Set Aside asking if projects had to be compatible with transit and snowplow signal priority. Josh noted he would follow up.

Zeke Lynch proposed revisions to the recommendation focused on spacing requirements concerning eligibilities, striking that requirement. Jacob noted that Greg MacKinnon would be joining shortly and proposed continuing the discussion.

Jessica Myklebust asked about language removing FHWA from review panels. Josh noted that FHWA alerted them that they are forbidden from participating on selection panels but will continue to review eligibilities. Jessica also asked about the post-award process that had language that struck out CDOT. Josh responded that that change was specific to the TDM Set-Aside as they will be leading the contracting process; the other set-asides remain the same.

Jean Sanson asked about the revised project eligibilities removing pilots from the Innovative Mobility Set Aside. Josh noted that this was tied to the funding eligibility and DRCOG's ability to provide mobility on demand pilots.

Carson Priest offered thanks to DRCOG for taking on the contracting efforts and praise for connecting to the Way to Go Annual Plan.

Once Greg MacKinnon was able to connect, he addressed Zeke's recommendation and was comfortable removing the language but noted that the density of signals would remain an evaluation opportunity. Greg also addressed Alex's question, noting that transit signal priority is one of the highest initiatives in the strategic plan, but the plan does not address snowplows.

Zeke Lynch **moved** to recommend to the Regional Transportation Committee, with a modification. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Boundary Expansion.

Jacob Riger, Division Director of Transportation Planning and Operations, presented the item.

Jacob presented the proposed metropolitan planning organization boundary, noting the linkages between Clear Creek and Gilpin counties and the Denver front range communities. Jacob also noted the next steps for full implementation, including requests of the governor's office and agreement updates.

Alex Hyde-Wright asked if Clear Creek and Gilpin counties had previously participated in the subregional process for the TIP. Jacob noted they had not because they had not been eligible. Alex followed up asking about funding increases due to the change and Jacob noted that there would not be additional funding. Jacob added that the funding targets by subregion would be addressed later through the TIP, but any impacts to the existing subregional targets would be minimal.

David Krutsinger asked about any changes to the CDOT funding now going to DRCOG to manage. Jacob noted that 5310 funding flow or distribution would not change. David followed up confirming that Clear Creek and Gilpin would continue to have funding flowing to them and Jacob confirmed that was correct.

Brodie Ayers asked if all federal lands were excluded from the metropolitan planning organization boundary, or if it was only Rocky Mountain National Park. Jacob noted that RMNP was different enough to exclude, unlike Rocky Mountain Arsenal and Rocky Flats which are fully within the boundary.

Michele Riccio asked if there was any impact to the fiscally constrained Regional Transportation Plan. Jacob responded that there would not need to be any changes since the plan already accounts for projects in these areas.

Chris Hudson asked how long the efforts for this have been ongoing. Jacob noted this is the result of at least a year of collaboration and discussion, including lots of in-person and virtual collaboration and coordination like presentations to the county commissions, city and town councils, in person meetings with staff. Jacob emphasized this work is to ensure that all communities in the area are supportive or at least don't oppose the change.

Tom Worker-Braddock **moved** to recommend to the Regional Transportation Committee. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Informational Briefings

2029-2032 Transportation Improvement Program Policy Document Amendment Update.

Aaron Villere, Senior Planner with the Active and Emerging Mobility team, presented the item.

Todd Cottrell grounded the conversation in the larger conversations around amending the TIP Policy. The discussion at the meeting is to vet ideas that DRCOG staff have had, there is no action requested.

Active transportation count requirement

Aaron noted this recommendation is rooted in quantifying project impacts and benchmarking trends and provided an overview of the proposed requirement.

Jessica Myklebust asked for clarification on the facility types and if there was a trigger that kicked in this requirement. There was discussion on logical termini or distance. Jessica also recommended that this requirement not be in the IGA as it would add another step in a confusing process. Todd noted that Region 1 staff had a similar recommendation.

Colton Rohloff asked if there would be any requirements for baseline data on the project. Aaron noted that past TIP applications have asked for some baseline data and an estimation of future use.

Justin Begley noted that the timing for data collection is more likely to be 12 months, but depends on seasonality of implementation. Justin also added that Denver is trying to stand up more post-evaluation data collection. Justin closed out his comments asking for some examples of how the post-evaluation data could be used. Aaron responded around the robustness of the DRCOG travel model and better contextual factors are a couple examples.

Aaron reminded the committee about the count program and resources offered by DRCOG that can support local agencies.

Michele Riccio proposed some parameters around logical spacing for longer corridors to set the expectations.

Brodie asked about the count assets available at DRCOG and how scalable it could be if DRCOG were to handle the requirement. Aaron responded that DRCOG staff have six mobile counters available and noted that staff resources had not been strained yet.

Zeke Lynch supported the previous comments on seasonality requirements and added that the change in use from the count data might not be adequate as there might already be people using particular facilities. Zeke also touched on the safety, experience and qualitative aspects beyond the raw count data.

Jessica Myklebust asked about construction funding eligibilities and ensuring that project fiscal constraint impacts were considered. Todd responded that likely this recommendation would lean on local funds or DRCOG's count resources as support.

Tom Worker-Braddock proposed the time requirements be extended to 18 months to account for seasonality.

Routine provision of accessible travel routes

Aaron noted this recommendation is rooted in feedback received through the Active Transportation Plan and provided an overview of the proposed requirements.

Justin Begley asked for clarification on whether this requirement would apply to only active transportation projects, or any project impacting those facilities. Aaron responded that it would be any project where there would need to be a basic level of access and service. Justin followed up asking if the Regional Complete Streets Toolkit would become the new floor, but Aaron noted it would be PROWAG as the Toolkit points to guidance. Todd added that these standards should already be implemented.

Chris Hudson suggested this requirement could be piloted in the next TIP cycle to determine the benefits as this requirement would add another layer to a complex process.

Tom Worker-Braddock noted general agreement and support for the requirement but expressed concern around specifying exact dimensions that might mean regional requirements overriding a local jurisdiction's requirements. Todd noted some history around exact dimensions previously being included in the TIP. Aaron followed-up noting the facilities this recommendation would likely impact would not be local streets.

Jean Sanson expressed confusion on the intent versus the impacts of the recommendation and proposed a survey to local governments to identify what the issue might be to continue the discussion.

Jessica Myklebust proposed this requirement start at a logical phase of project development in the next call so there aren't any impacts to projects already in the construction phase. Jessica also expressed concern about losing safety components in project scopes to meet this new active transportation requirement.

David Krutsinger noted the example of bus rapid transit projects that aren't impacting full corridors but locations around stops and asked if this provision would require improved facilities along the full corridor.

Michele Riccio noted that there are additional definitions at the local level for rural and mountain and proposed flexibility in applying definitions. Aaron expressed appreciation for the comment and noted that a future update to the street typology may also be in the works for better alignment and asked for confirmation or clarification. Alvan-Bidal Sanchez added his concurrence that an update to the typology is being considered after the RTP adoption, so in the next year or two.

Walk Audit requirements.

Aaron noted this recommendation is rooted in saving project time, budget, and improve outcomes and provided an overview of the recommendations.

Todd Cottrell noted his history with examples of projects that have been delayed for years and seen cost increases that might have missed something for the project scope and tied this recommendation to project readiness.

Justin Begley noted Denver's consideration of federalizing projects and expressed support for the recommendations but noted a project sponsor's ability to undertake the work. Justin encouraged staff to continue the conversations and survey local governments.

Zeke Lynch asked if DRCOG staff could provide examples of what challenges might be pitfalls to project sponsors. Todd Cottrell expressed support for listing out some common pitfalls.

Kyra Reumann-Moore expressed the Regional Air Quality Council's desire to align the updates to the TIP Policy with key air quality planning activities and encouraged DRCOG to place a high value on TIP projects that minimize emissions.

Jacob Riger expressed thanks for the robust conversation.

Administrative Items

Member Comment/Other Matters.

Alvan-Bidal Sanchez reminded members that the April TAC meeting was being rescheduled a week earlier to April 20 to avoid a conflict with the Colorado Transportation Symposium. He also acknowledged the hiccups to committee process as the result of the vacant Division Assistant position and thanked members for their patience.

Next meeting – April 20, 2026.

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.