

Attachment A
Meeting Summary
Regional Transportation Committee
Tuesday, January 20, 2026

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

Members (or Voting Alternates) Present:

Karen Benker	Regional Transportation District
Debra Johnson	Regional Transportation District
Ian Harwick (Alternate)	Regional Transportation District
Brett Paglieri (Alternate)	Regional Transportation District
Shelley Cook	Colorado Department of Transportation
Diane Barrett (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation
Elise Jones	Colorado Department of Transportation
Colleen Whitlow (Vice Chair)	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Jeff Baker (Chair)	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Doug Rex	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Jacob Riger (Alternate)	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Mike Silverstein	Regional Air Quality Council
Erin Clark	Denver Housing Authority
Jeff Kullman	Michael Baker International
Skyler McKinley	The Auto Club Group (American Automobile Association)

Additional Alternates Present:

Jessica Myklebust (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation
Darius Pakbaz (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation
Bill Sirois (Alternate)	Regional Transportation District

Public: Jim Moody, Adrienne Razavi, Allison Cutting, Adriana Cuevas, Ashish Vaidya, Becky English, Chandler Sanchez, Kristin Smith

DRCOG staff: Cam Kennedy, Kathryn Rush, Erik Braaten, Todd Cottrell, Brad Williams, Cole Neder, Malorie Miller, Aaron Villere, Emily Lindsey, Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Jenny Wallace, Steph Piperno, Sheila Lynch, Sang-Gu Lee, Mahmudul Chayan, Josh Schwenk, Carolyn Klamm

Call to Order

Chair Jeff Baker called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Jacob Riger reviewed the current committee membership and welcomed the new members who have joined in recent months.

Public Comment

Jacob Riger announced that DRCOG has received over 50 written public comments on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan investment priorities agenda item, which have been shared with the RTC members and alternates. Additional comments are welcome

through the end of the day, and all comments will be included with the meeting materials posted online.

Kristin Smith spoke regarding the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update and stated that this plan does not align with DRCOG's stated goals. She said she would like to see more emphasis on public transit and less on car-centric designs.

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The summary was accepted.

Action Items

Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation Improvement Program First Year Delays

Brad Williams, Planner, stated that at the beginning of September, staff requested that CDOT and RTD conduct a comprehensive review of all DRCOG-selected projects receiving TIP funds in Fiscal Year 2025. CDOT and RTD reviewed all such project phases, identifying those that have not been initiated and therefore delayed. In early October, DRCOG staff notified first-year delayed project/phase sponsors and requested a discussion regarding the delay.

General Manager and CEO Debra Johnson moved to recommend to the Board of Directors the staff recommendation to continue each project. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update – Recommend Investment Priorities

Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Regional Transportation Planning Program Manager, announced that the call for candidate projects for the 2050 RTP closed October 17, and DRCOG staff received 133 applications, 109 through the subregional/county track and 24 through the interagency track. The candidate projects were scored by DRCOG staff using the six adopted RTP priorities and three Metro Vision themes.

The qualitative scores are only one consideration in the development of recommended investment projects and programs. The panel met three times in November to identify additional considerations DRCOG staff and the regional partners could consider in evaluating the candidate submittals. DRCOG staff had also been meeting weekly since late October with planning staff from CDOT and RTD to review all the information and combine that information with the draft financial plan to recommend a list of project and program investment priorities.

Director Karen Benker inquired if the RTD Board changes its five-year plan, when would that be incorporated into the 2050 RTP. Alvan responded that DRCOG accounts for changes in RTD's long-range financial plan, and that has been the basis for revenue estimates that are included in the 2050 RTP.

Director Benker also asked about whether completion of the N Line is included in the 2050 RTP's list of projects and financial plan. Jacob Riger and Bill Sirois responded that no specific revenues have yet been dedicated in the RTD financial plan. If that occurs, the 2050 RTP can be amended.

Commissioner Elise Jones asked about the perceived disconnect between the Metro Vision goals and RTP priorities and wished to understand more. Alvan replied that any project in the RTP is a priority, regardless of where it sits in a staging period; there is no greater funding commitment for a project in 2030 than for one in 2040. Jacob Riger noted the 2050 RTP investment priorities are multimodal in nature and reflect the many needs of a very diverse and growing region.

Commissioner Shelley Cook moved to recommend to the Board of Directors adoption of the recommended investment priorities for the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2026 Federal Safety Targets

Carolyn Klamm, Planner, stated federal regulations require state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations to set targets and report on progress towards achieving the targets for several performance areas in support of a performance-based approach to transportation planning and programming. The region has the option of supporting the state's targets established by CDOT or establishing its own targets for the metropolitan planning organization area. As in previous years, staff are proposing that the region set its own safety targets. When the Board adopted Taking Action on Regional Vision Zero in 2020, the region committed to a target of zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries. This Vision Zero target was reflected in the May 2024 amendment to Metro Vision that revised the performance target to zero traffic fatalities by 2040. The proposed 2026 safety targets continue this practice.

Director Skyler McKinley moved to recommend the Board of Directors adopt the 2026 safety targets for the metropolitan planning organization area. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Discussion Item

Taking Action on Regional Vision Zero – Minor Update Kickoff

Kathryn Rush, Senior Planner, discussed that in Fall 2025, DRCOG staff kicked off a minor update to Taking Action on Regional Vision Zero. The objectives for this update are to:

- Update the Regional High Injury Network, Regional Crash Profiles, and other crash data analysis elements of the plan using more recent crash data. The current plan used 2013-2017 crash data; it will be updated with 2020-2024 crash data.

- Add high-risk networks to the plan to support more proactive improvements and systemic projects. These high-risk networks would identify roadway segments that are high risk for Regional Crash Profile crash types, such as pedestrian crashes.
- Add the Vision Zero target that was adopted in 2024 and other elements that have been flagged as missing by the U.S. Department of Transportation feedback through DRCOG's regional Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) applications. This includes a description of how progress will be measured.

The minor update is being guided by participants in the Regional Vision Zero Working Group, which meets on a bi-monthly basis.

Director Mike Silverstein inquired about whether enforcement is playing a key role in the Regional Vision Zero work. Kathryn responded that enforcement is a priority, and staff hope to have a dedicated working group related to enforcement activities, specifically automated enforcement, within the next year. Safety plays a key role in the system, be it making roads safer, lowering speeds, and related strategies.

Administrative Items

Member Comment/Other Matters

- Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Report

Director Jessica Myklebust stated that the Transportation Commission reviewed the 10-Year Plan for Regions 1 and 4, the public comment portal will be open soon and will accept comments for 30 days and encouraged everyone to review the plan and provide their own comments on the draft projects list.

- Regional Transportation District (RTD) Report

General Manager and CEO Johnson stated last Saturday, RTD increased transit service due to the football game between the Broncos and the Buffalo Bills, as well as the basketball game between the Nuggets and the Wizards. RTD has been working closely with our sporting partners to ensure service delivery aligns with stadium operations and anticipated needs. The Access on Demand program modifications are now in effect after the RTD Board approved them in September, and subsequently, a significant outreach was conducted notifying people before the changes took effect. The General Repair Mechanic Apprenticeship Program was launched in November, and mentees will have an 18-month course to attain 66 competencies in eight areas, with a completion of 288 hours of classroom instruction, and once they finish the program, they will have a guaranteed general repair mechanic job lined up. Lastly, RTD's Transit Police Department received an Agency Trilogy Award from the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association in recognition of going through challenging programs designed to develop essential skills.

Director Benker stated that the RTD Board will focus on the budget as well as revenue in the coming months. Additionally, the Board Retreat is on February 7 and will be dedicated to developing the work plan for the year.

- Regional Air Quality Control (RAQC) Report

Director Silverstein stated that this is a slow moment for the RAQC, and he has no news to report today.

Director McKinley stated how much he appreciated the agenda items tied to the conversation regarding safety, which is fundamental to all forms of transportation. Safety is tied to budgets, and this year, Representative Smith is introducing a bill designed to change all statutory references from accident to crash, and encourages those interested in supporting the bill to reach out and help make this language change a reality.

Executive Director Doug Rex wanted to take the opportunity to welcome the new members to the RTC, especially Commissioner Elise Jones, who previously served as the DRCOG Board Chair, and stated his enthusiasm for her return to DRCOG in this capacity.

Next Meeting – February 17, 2026

Adjournment

There were no additional comments, and the meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.