

Attachment A
Meeting Summary
Regional Transportation Committee
Tuesday, December 16, 2025
Virtual Meeting Only – Hosted on Zoom

Members (or Voting Alternates) Present:

Karen Benker	Regional Transportation District
Debra Johnson	Regional Transportation District
Michael Guzman	Regional Transportation District
Matt Larsen (Alternate)	Regional Transportation District
Shelley Cook	Colorado Department of Transportation
Juan Marcano	Colorado Department of Transportation
Elise Jones	Colorado Department of Transportation
Diane Barrett (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation
Colleen Whitlow (Vice Chair)	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Jeff Baker (Chair)	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Tammy Maurer	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Deborah Mulvey	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Jacob Riger (Alternate)	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Mike Silverstein	Regional Air Quality Council
Jeff Kullman	Michael Baker International
Skyler McKinley	The Auto Club Group (American Automobile Association)

Additional Alternates Present:

Heather Paddock (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation
Darius Pakbaz (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation
Bill Sirois (Alternate)	Regional Transportation District

Public: Ryan Arthur, Rich Havel, Rich Christy

DRCOG staff: Cam Kennedy, Steph Piperno, Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Josh Schwenk, Mahmudul Chayan, Pavlo Krokidis, Carolyn Klamm, Erik Braaten, Aaron Villere, Ala Alnawaiseh, Todd Cottrell, Emily Lindsey, Sang Gu Lee, Jenny Wallace, Brittney Compton, Amber Leberman

Call to Order

Chair Jeff Baker called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Public Comment

No public comment was received. Jacob Riger noted an emailed letter was received by DRCOG yesterday from a coalition led by Denver Streets Partnership regarding the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan and sent to RTC members and alternates.

October 14, 2025 Regional Transportation Committee Meeting Summary

The summary was accepted.

Action Items

Transportation Improvement Program Policy Amendments

Josh Schwenk, Senior Planner, discussed that the region's transportation planning process allows for Board-approved amendments to the current TIP on an as-needed basis. The projects to be amended have been found to conform to the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality.

Commissioner Shelly Cook moved to recommend to the Board of Directors the attached project amendments to the 2026-2029 TIP. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Active Transportation Plan

Aaron Villere, Senior Active Transportation Planner, stated that the Active Transportation Plan includes five major sections:

1. A discussion of how the plan fits into DRCOG's Metro Vision, Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan, and associated products.
2. An inventory of the most salient issues and trends for bicycling, walking, and rolling, concluding with a vision for active transportation in the Denver region.
3. A walking element that introduces the Pedestrian Focus Area component of the regional active transportation network.
4. A bicycle+ element that discusses micromobility and establishes the Short Trip Opportunity Zones and regional Active Transportation Corridors networks.
5. An implementation chapter that recommends actions for DRCOG staff to take, and performance measures for tracking progress.

The draft of the plan was released for public comments for 32 days, primarily in August 2025. During the public comment period, DRCOG staff received more than 80 comments, which were addressed in the final version of the plan. Based on feedback received, DRCOG staff made minor adjustments to the active transportation network and recommended actions in the plan itself, as well as significant revisions to the supplementary guidance resources to address challenges and opportunities raised by the Active Transportation Advisory Group and public feedback.

Director Deborah Mulvey inquired if the changes being made in electric vehicle transportation are being factored into the 10 priorities. Aaron responded that staff worked to provide updated design controls for emerging modes, as well as detailing emerging mobility trends. The Bicycle+ Program Guide discusses the various modes of electric micromobility transportation in finer detail.

Commissioner Elise Jones asked how the plan's goals are reflected in DRCOG's funding priorities. Aaron replied that it can be shown in the TIP, and during the last call, funding for dedicated active transportation projects was 11%. Jacob Riger added that the upcoming Active Transportation Plan presentation will address active transportation

from a long-range planning perspective, so this topic will come up again later this morning.

Director Darius Pakbaz moved to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt the *Active Transportation Plan*. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update – Investment Process

Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Regional Transportation Planning Program Manager, discussed the call for candidate projects for the 2050 RTP, which closed October 17, and DRCOG staff received 133 candidate project concepts, 109 through the subregional/county track and 24 through the interagency track. The projects were quantitatively scored by DRCOG staff against the six adopted RTP priorities and three Metro Vision themes. The investment strategy largely carries forward the existing identified priorities in the current adopted 2050 RTP, while including additional major, non-regionally significant projects funded programmatically.

Director Michael Guzman asked for more information about the Denver downtown two-way conversation feasibility design and construction on page 6. Alvan clarified that this is a strategy the City is interested in studying throughout downtown Denver, not a specific project location.

Director Mike Silverstein inquired if federal funding sources or amounts dictate the percentage of total funding directed to each project type category. Alvan responded that there are different project eligibility requirements with various funds DRCOG administers, and that many projects in the plan include several multimodal elements.

Commissioner Elise Jones inquired that since a lot of the public comments prefer investing funds into transit and bicycle infrastructure, is that reflected in the draft recommendations in terms of what is being proposed for funding? Alvan replied not only do many of the identified projects include multimodal elements, but the programmatic project funding categories also include significant multimodal investments.

Director Mulvey stated that this region is large and diverse, with different communities and different values. From urban to rural and everything in between, it is important that when developing this RTP, serving each community and working with the public and local officials is going to look different in each jurisdiction. That there is not a one size fits all approach to this.

Shared Micromobility in the Denver Region Update

Steph Piperno, Emerging Mobility and Transportation Demand Management Planner, discussed that DRCOG hosts a quarterly Micromobility Work Group, which supports

local, regional, state, and federal agency efforts and fosters collaboration with partner agencies. DRCOG staff coordinated and consulted with local partners to update the Shared Micromobility in the Denver Region document and developed a high-level overview outlining recommendations for local agency implementation. The presentation discussed the latest trends in shared micromobility ridership, including information from the regional shared micromobility data dashboard, and discussed upcoming changes or developments related to shared micromobility in the Denver region.

Informational Item

Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

Josh Schwenk, Senior Planner, attached to the packet this informational item, which is required by federal law. The report lists all surface transportation projects in the Denver region that received obligations of federal funds in the federal fiscal year 2025. A net total of \$380.8 million of federal funds was obligated in fiscal year 2025 for 88 transportation projects throughout the region.

Administrative Items

Member Comment/Other Matters

- Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Report

Director Pakbaz stated that the Transportation Commission is meeting tomorrow to discuss several budget elements, as well as the 10-Year Plan. Commissioner Cook added that at the Transportation Commission tomorrow, there is an action item to allocate \$3 million within the Office of Innovative Mobility to support the Front Range Passenger Rail District.

- Regional Transportation District (RTD) Report

General Manager and CEO Debra Johnson stated that the Kalamath Project was completed on November 25 as part of the Downtown Rail Reconstruction Project, which is continuing into 2026. A special holiday light rail service that operates every 15 minutes from 6 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. between I-25 Broadway and 30th Downing Stations has begun and will run from November 28 through January 3. On November 24, RTD launched Tap and Ride, which is a new fare payment option to provide a quick, secure, and convenient way for customers to pay their fare. From December 8 to January 5, RTD is seeking applications from organizations and government agencies that serve clients with immediate transit needs for a transit assistance grant.

Director Karen Benker stated last week that RTD, the Front Range Passenger Rail District, and other partners under the rail planning Intergovernmental Agreement held their first joint meeting to discuss a range of issues. Director Guzman stated that the fuel tanker that struck the Yale bridge has impacted services on the E and D lines, and RTD is working hard to try to get things mitigated before the new year, if possible. Director Guzman also encouraged people to take advantage of the Zero Fare New

Year's Eve service that commences on Dec 31 at 7 p.m. and goes until 7 a.m. on Jan 1, so people can celebrate safely and responsibly.

- Regional Air Quality Control (RAQC) Report

Director Silverstein stated that the Air Quality Control Commission in November heard from RAQC staff on its emission control strategy for the next several years to help improve the air quality in the region. Currently, RAQC is working on multiple approaches to develop the strategy.

Next Meeting – January 20, 2026

Adjournment

There were no additional comments, and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.