

Board of Directors

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Agenda Item #: 11

Discussion of the Active Transportation Plan

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

Update to DRCOG's Active Transportation Plan, which guides DRCOG's efforts to promote and invest in walking and bicycling for transportation.

Background

DRCOG's first Active Transportation Plan was adopted in 2019, establishing a vision and network for walking and bicycling across the region. Since that plan's adoption, the active transportation landscape in the region has evolved, including growth in shared micromobility programs and usage, successful implementation of e-bike incentive programs, and accelerated build-out of the region's bicycle network. Additionally, the region and the nation are facing a pedestrian safety crisis, with significant increases in fatalities and injuries for people walking.

In Spring 2024, DRCOG and its partners began development of a major update to the region's Active Transportation Plan to address these emerging challenges and opportunities. The plan has been developed in close consultation with the Active Transportation Advisory Group, which includes agency staff from DRCOG's member governments and partners including CDOT and RTD, as well as engagement with community partners. The following major project phases have been completed:

- Project kick-off: May 2024.
- Public and stakeholder engagement, phase one: June – August 2024.
- Regional active transportation network development: August 2024 – January 2025.
- Sidewalk and Bicycle+ guidance workshops: September – December 2024.
- Plan production: January – July 2025.
- Public and stakeholder comment period: July 31 – September 2, 2025.
- Committee and Board approval: October – December 2025. (In progress.)

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.



A draft of the plan was released for public comments for 32 days, primarily in the month of 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.

The Sidewalk Delivery Guide and Bicycle+ Program Guide are included for the Committee's information, but are not submitted for adoption—these resources are intended to be periodically updated by DRCOG staff in consultation with member governments and partners.

Action by others

[October 27, 2025](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee recommended adoption.

[December 16, 2025](#) – Regional Transportation Committee recommended adoption.

Previous discussion/action

[July 16, 2025](#) – Board of Directors

Recommendation

Move to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt the *Active Transportation Plan*.

Attachment(s)

1. Staff presentation
2. [Active Transportation Plan, 2025](#)
3. [Appendix A – State of the System Report, May 2024](#)
4. [Appendix B – Network Development Technical Criteria memo](#)
5. [Appendix C – Stakeholder and Public Engagement summary memo](#)
6. [Active Transportation Plan – Sidewalk Delivery Guide](#)
7. [Active Transportation Plan – Bicycle+ Program Guide](#)

For more information

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