



# Potential Metropolitan Planning Organization Boundary Expansion

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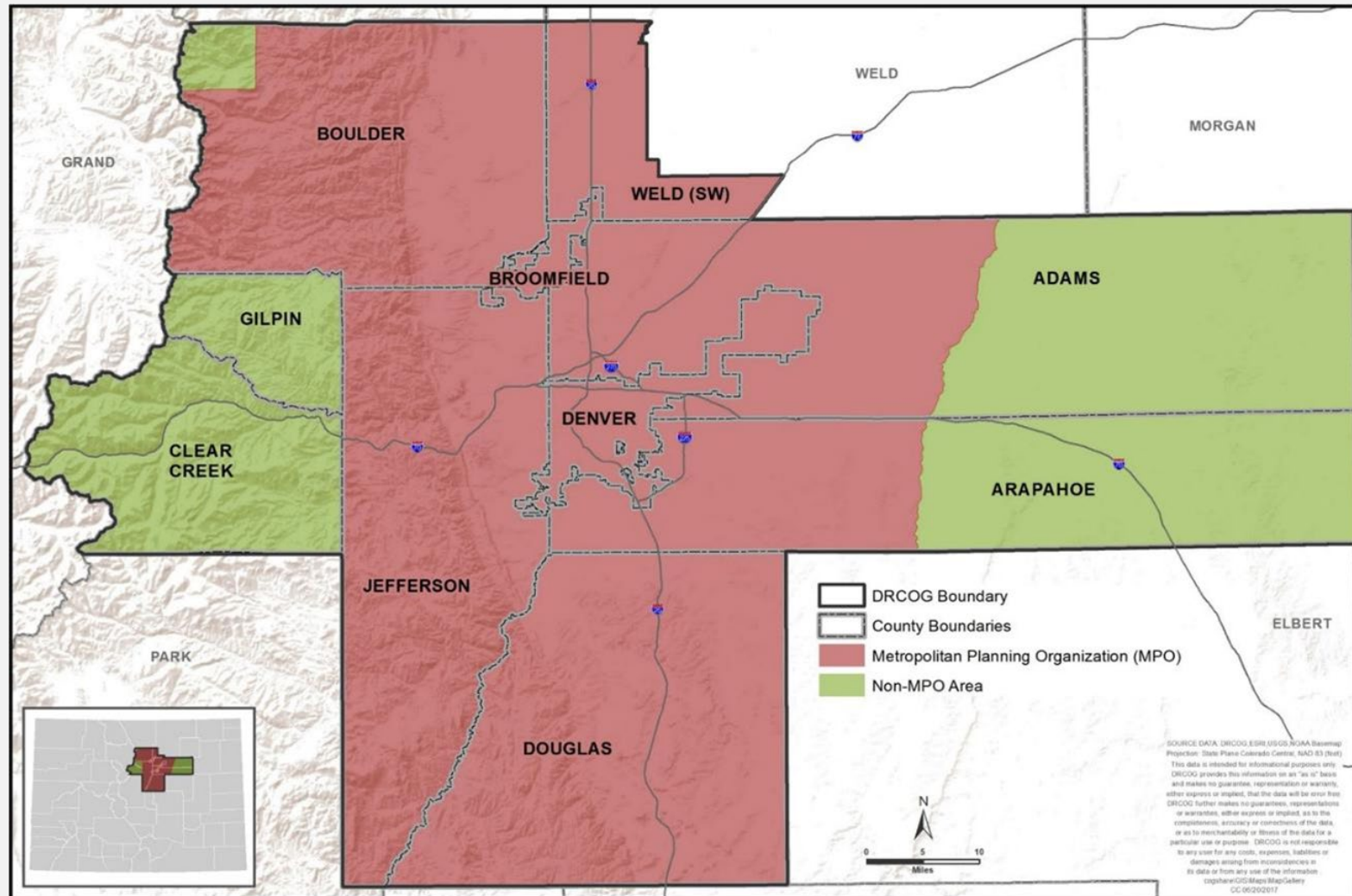
# Overview

- DRCOG is required to review its metropolitan planning area boundary after each decennial census.
- DRCOG can/must adjust its boundary to account for urbanized area geography changes and broader planning coordination.
- Accordingly, staff has been exploring with Clear Creek County and Gilpin County the potential to expand our boundary to include them.

# Context

- Clear Creek County and Gilpin County are already part of DRCOG's state-defined Transportation Planning Region.
- Also already DRCOG members and part of our Area Agency on Aging and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.
- Evergreen small urbanized area extends into Clear Creek County; federal regulations require adjusting boundary.
- Strong existing links between both counties and metro region: Interstate 70, workforce, recreation, others.
- Potentially low-cost, high-return strategy to strengthen regional planning coordination and streamline transportation planning.

# DRCOG metropolitan planning boundary





# DRCOG planning area

 **3.4**  
million people

 **Nine-plus**  
counties

 **2.4**  
million jobs

 **60%** of Colorado's  
population

Boulder

Weld

Broomfield

Gilpin

Clear Creek

Denver

Jefferson

Douglas

Adams

Arapahoe

 **59** member  
governments

 **5,288**  
square miles

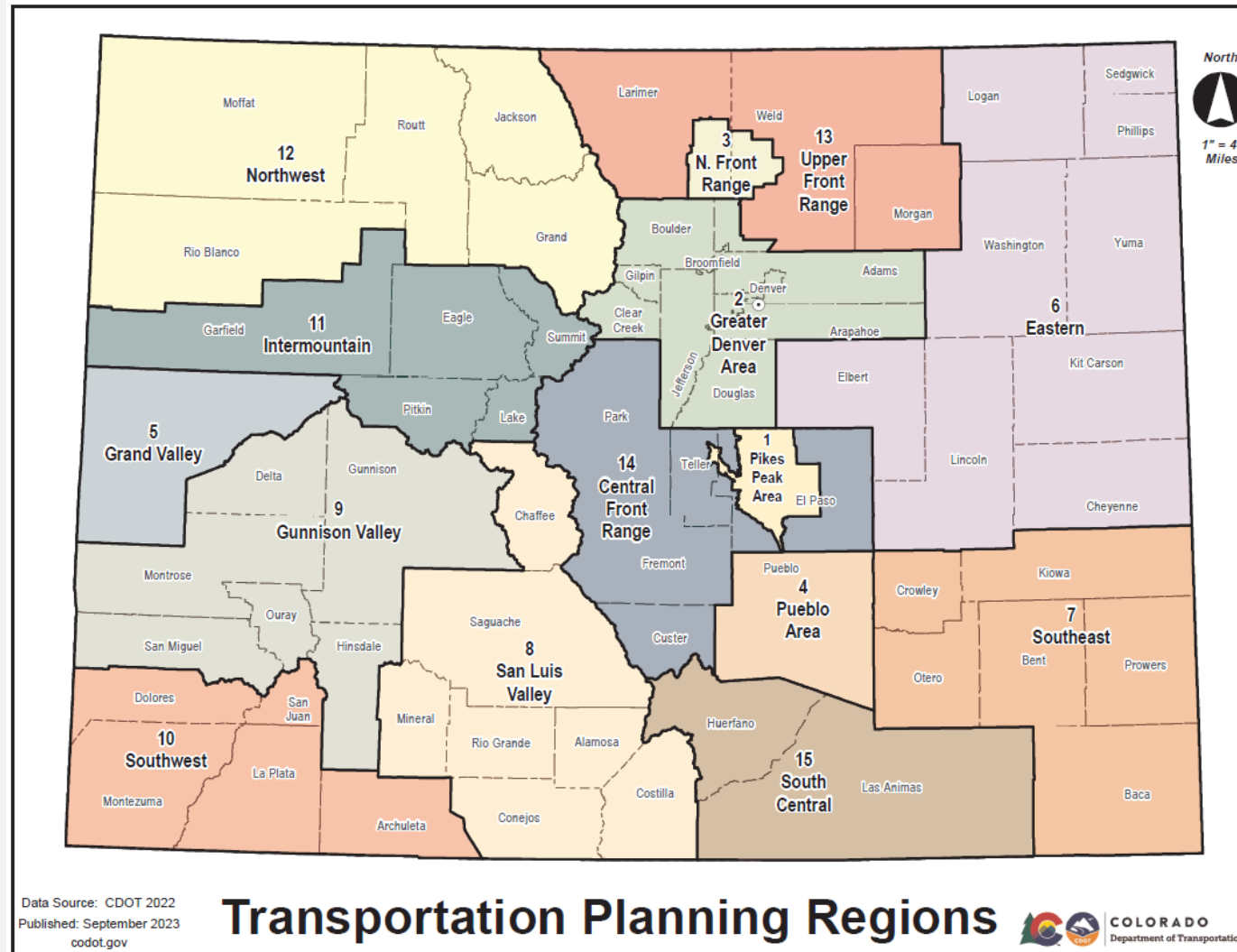
 Metropolitan Planning  
Organization boundary

 Area Agency on Aging  
boundary

 Council of Governments  
boundary



# DRCOG Transportation Planning Region



# Current activities and next steps

- Ongoing meetings and communications with both counties and local governments.
- Securing resolutions and/or support letters.
- Scheduling meeting with CDOT and RTD (“3C” planning partners) as federally required.
- DRCOG Board would ultimately vote on changes to the metropolitan planning area boundary (federal requirement).
- Governor approves adjusted boundary and Federal Highway Administration is notified (federal requirement).

# Thoughts/Questions?



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