

Board of Directors

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Community Based Transportation Planning Updates

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Summary

A brief overview of recently completed plans and studies through the Community Based Transportation Planning Set Aside Program of the Transportation Improvement Program.

Background

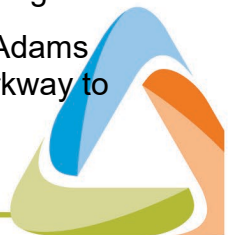
The Community Based Transportation Planning Set Aside is a technical assistance program of the Transportation Improvement Program that helps DRCOG member governments address mobility challenges for marginalized communities. DRCOG staff lead studies or planning efforts in close partnership with local governments and community organizations to develop community-informed solutions. In 2024, the DRCOG Board approved five new plans and studies, four of which DRCOG staff recently completed in partnership with local agencies:

[92nd Avenue Corridor Study](#) in Federal Heights. DRCOG led the 92nd Avenue Corridor Study in partnership with Federal Heights to address urgent safety and transportation issues on 92nd Avenue between Federal Boulevard and Pecos Street. During engagement, the community identified speeding and safety as their main concerns. The project team created a final plan that includes short-term improvements like paint and post chicanes, medians, and rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) to enhance crossings. Long-term recommendations include raised median islands, two roundabouts, a shared use path, and two pedestrian hybrid beacons.

[303 Artway and Montbello Loop Implementation Plan](#) in the City and County of Denver. For this community-led project, DRCOG partnered with the non-profit Radian, Montbello Organizing Committee, Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI), and Trust for Public Land to advance two community-generated projects, the 303 Artway (in Park Hill) and Montbello Loop, towards implementation. The final plan identifies short, medium, and long-term steps towards implementation that align the community-created projects with Denver's guidelines, programs, and projects. The recommendations also include planning level cost estimates and proposed cross-sections.

[Brighton Core City Circulation Plan](#). Bridge Street in Brighton is on DRCOG's High Injury Network, with 599 crashes from 2019 to 2023. DRCOG staff worked with the City of Brighton to conduct a safety and multimodal transportation study along Bridge Street between the South Platte River and 22nd Avenue, including a half-mile buffer around the study area. Recommendations from the plan include short and long-term changes to Bridge Street and some nearby cross-streets. Some short-term recommendations are integrated into Brighton's Transportation Preservation and Improvement Project (TPIP) starting as early as 2027. Long-term improvements include more intensive changes, like adding medians and landscaping.

[Pecos Corridor Study](#), in unincorporated Adams County. DRCOG staff partnered with Adams County to study multimodal transportation and safety along Pecos Street from 62nd Parkway to



84th Avenue. This street is a key connection within Adams County and experiences a high number of traffic crashes and lacks safe infrastructure for people walking, biking or catching the bus. The final plan includes a visionary design for Pecos Street with elements such as public art, widened detached sidewalks, raised driveway crossings, signalized mid-block crossings, protected bikeways, raised medians, enhanced bus stops and crossing improvements.

[Commerce City Microtransit Study](#). The Commerce City Microtransit Study is still ongoing and will conclude in June 2026. The goal of this study is to identify microtransit solutions for everyone living and/or traveling in the Core City part of Commerce City, where people often lack dependable transportation.

These five CBTP projects highlight both shared opportunities and common challenges. DRCOG staff and member governments successfully built relationships with community-based organizations and community members to shape these plans, resulting in recommendations aligned with community concerns and needs. Aligning studies with available funding sources is an effective strategy for advancing projects from planning to implementation. Engaging marginalized communities can also be complex and requires thoughtful, ongoing effort. Additionally, it is important to manage community expectations, particularly when plans involve long-term timelines.

Upcoming CBTP projects include:

- Sherrelwood Transportation Vision (Sherrelwood neighborhood)
- Northglenn First and Last Mile Plan
- 6th Avenue and Harlan Street Community Crossing Study (City of Lakewood)

Action by others

None.

Previous discussion/action

None.

Recommendation

None.

Attachment(s)

Staff presentation.

For more information

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