

**Attachment A  
Meeting Summary  
Regional Transportation Committee  
Tuesday, April 14, 2026**

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

**Members (or Voting Alternates) Present:**

Michael Guzman	Regional Transportation District
Karen Benker	Regional Transportation District
Debra Johnson	Regional Transportation District
Shelley Cook	Colorado Department of Transportation
Elise Jones	Colorado Department of Transportation
Colleen Whitlow (Chair)	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Doug Rex	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Nicole Speer	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Richard Kondo	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Mike Silverstein	Regional Air Quality Council
Erin Clark	Denver Housing Authority

**Additional Alternates Present:**

Sharon Davis (Alternate)	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Kiernan Maletsky (Alternate)	Regional Transportation District
Jacob Riger (Alternate)	Denver Regional Council of Governments

**DRCOG staff:** Carolyn Klamm, Todd Cottrell, Travis Noon, Kaitlyn Service, Sheila Lynch, Josh Schwenk, Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Erik Braaten, Cole Neder, Malorie Miller.

**Call to Order**

Chair Colleen Whitlow called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**March 17, 2026 Regional Transportation Committee Meeting Summary**

Director Nicole Speer noted her attendance was not included in the meeting summary. With this correction, the summary was accepted.

**Action Items**

*2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Policy Amendments.*

Josh Schwenk, Senior Planner, Programming and Project Delivery, reminded the committee that the region's transportation planning process allows for Board-approved amendments to the current TIP on an as-needed basis. Typically, these amendments

involve the addition or deletion of projects, or adjustments to existing projects, and do not impact funding for other projects.

The first amendment was related to the Colorado 119 project to add FASTER Safety funding. The second amendment added funds and seven new pool projects to the Clean Transit Enterprise project. The third amendment was to transfer funds between projects and years. The projects to be amended have been found to conform with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality.

Commissioner Jones moved to recommend to the Board of Directors the attached project amendments to the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

*Human Services Transportation Set-Aside and Section 5310 Project Recommendations.*

Travis Noon, Manager of the AAA Business Operations team, presented the item. Travis presented the recommended projects for fiscal year 2027. Travis outlined the source and purpose of the funds as well as the call for projects process. 11 organizations submitted proposals which were reviewed by an external panel. The recommended list included software development, operating and mobility management, and capital replacement vehicles. Two projects were not recommended due to eligibility or low scores.

Commissioner Jones moved to recommend to the Board of Directors the attached project funding recommendations. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

*Livable Centers Set-Aside Project Recommendations.*

Kaitlyn Service, Program Manager of the Regional Planning team, presented the item. Kaitlyn presented an overview of the set aside program, selection process, and the recommended project list. Three projects were recommended to move forward.

Director Davis initially moved to recommend to the Board of Directors the attached project funding recommendations. However, since Director Davis is an alternate, the motion was re-done, with Director Speer recommending approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

*2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Set-Aside Policy Document Amendment.*

Josh Schwenk, Senior Planner with the Programming and Project Delivery team, presented the item. Josh presented the changes to the policy document that shape the set-aside programs. The changes proposed included reflecting fiscal year 2028 funding, alignment and contracting adjustments to the Transportation Demand Management Set-Aside, edits to the eligibility and requirements of Regional Transportation Operations

and Technology Set Aside, refinement of scoring to the Innovative Mobility and Community-based Transportation planning Set-Aside, and minor text revisions.

Director Kondo moved to recommend to the Board of Directors the attached document amendments. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

*Metropolitan Planning Organization Boundary Expansion.*

Jacob Riger, Division Director of Transportation Planning and Operations, presented the item. Jacob presented the proposed metropolitan planning organization boundary, noting the linkages between Clear Creek and Gilpin counties and the Denver front range communities. Jacob also noted the next steps for full implementation, including requests of the governor's office and agreement updates.

Jacob was asked about potentially expanding the MPO boundary to the east to match the DRCOG planning boundary. Jacob affirmed the potential appeal of doing so, but noted that the areas east of Kiowa Creek in Adams and Arapahoe Counties are very rural, low-density areas and would be much more difficult to justify including under the applicable federal criteria.

Commissioner Cook moved to recommend to the Board of Directors the expansion of DRCOG's metropolitan planning organization boundary to include the geography of Clear Creek County and Gilpin County. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### **Administrative Items**

*Member Comment/Other Matters*

- Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Report
- Regional Transportation District (RTD) Report
- Regional Air Quality Control (RAQC) Report

Representatives of each agency reported on current activities and accomplishments, and upcoming efforts of note.

- Other Matters

Doug Rex welcomed Kiernan Maletsky to the Regional Transportation Committee.

Jacob Riger clarified that recent polling conducted to change the committee's meeting date and time will not begin with the May meeting as DRCOG staff and Board members will be in Seattle for a peer exchange with Puget Sound Regional Council. Instead, the new day and time, likely the first Tuesday of the month from noon to 1:30, will begin with a future committee meeting sometime this summer.

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*Adjournment*

There were no additional comments, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.